

The forerunner of the division was formed in the winter of 1939-40 as the 1. Kavallerie-Division from the 1. Kavallerie-Brigade, which had taken part in the campaign in Poland. The 1. Kavallerie-Division participated in the western campaign in May 1940 and was transferred to the eastern front in June 1941. It was reorganized as the 24. Panzer-Division at Ohrdruf in November 1941, and was moved in March 1942 to the Guer area in France for training. In May 1942 the division was transferred to the southern sector of the eastern front, where in January 1943 the greater part of the division was destroyed at Stalingrad. Remnants of the division were assembled at Stalino and Rostov in February 1943 and transferred to Lisieux, France, where the division was reorganized. In August 1943 it was transferred to central Italy, where it secured this area after the capitulation of Italy. The division returned in October 1943 to the southern sector

of the eastern front where it participated in defense against Russian attacks in the Nikopol, Krivoi Rog, Krasnograd, Dneprodzerzhinsk, and Znamenka areas. Although no records of this division dated later than December 31, 1943, are available, situation maps of Lage Ost show that in January and February 1944 it defended the area south of Krivoi Rog and in March and April it withdrew to Jassy via Voznesensk and Balta. From April to August it took part in position defense in the Jassy area, and from August 1944 to January 1945 in defensive actions in the Busko and Dukla areas of Poland, the Nagykörös and Eger areas of Hungary, and the Krupino area of Slovakia. In January 1945 the division moved to Rastenburg, East Prussia, and defended the Heiligenbeil and Braunsberg (Braniewo) areas from February to April 1945.

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| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht der 1. Kavallerie-Division. The conversion of the 1. Kavallerie-Division to the 24. Panzer-Division, Nov 23 - 29, 1941, and its training in Ohrdruf, Thuringia, and in Guer, France, after its transfer in March 1942. The 24. Panzer-Division was subordinate to the I. and IX. A.K., AOK 1 and 7 (H.Gr. Res.-Ausb. u. wirtschaftlich dem XXV. A.K. unterstellt), successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Bruno Ritter von Hauenschild. /This item was filmed on Roll 83, frames 214-230, with records of the 1. Kavallerie-Division. It is listed in Guide No. 41.7 | Nov 11, 1941 - Apr 29, 1942 | 17741/1 | | |
| Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 3, Teil 1; Ic, IIa, III, Tätigkeitsberichte. Orders relating to the transfer of the division from Paris, May 9 - 10, via Oppeln, Ratibor, Zhitomir, Kiev, Krolevets, Glukhov, Rylsk, and Lgov to northeast of Kursk, Jun 1 - 7, 1942; map exercises with the area of operations in the Tim, Shchigry, and Voronezh sector; and afteraction critiques concerning these exercises. Activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches and the Judge Advocate, Apr 30 - Jun 21, 1942, with a register of officers' duty assignments, and combat and ration strength reports. | Apr 25 - Jun 22, 1942 | 24857/2 | 804 | 1 |
| Ia, Ic, IIa/b, III, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 3, Teil 1. Activity report of the Operations Branch, Jul 8 - Sep 20, 1942, and division orders concerning the release of the division from the Voronezh bridgehead, the securing of the Ostrogozhsk-Rossosh sector south of the Don River, offensives near Kalach, south to the Chir River, and toward the Volga River, attempts to encircle Stalingrad, attacks on the northwest suburbs of Krasny | | | | |

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| Oktyabr and Barrikady, fighting in the northern part of Barrikady, and the clearing and taking over of an area along the Volga River. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches and the Judge Advocate, Aug 17 - Oct 25, 1942; reports concerning enemy unit identification and losses of men and equipment; interrogation summaries; combat, ration strength, and casualty reports; and directives pertaining to preparations for winter warfare. The division was subordinate to the XLVIII. Pz.K. and the LI. A.K. under the command of Gen.Maj. Bruno Ritter von Hauenschild, Sep 9, 1942, Oberst Freiherr von Broich, Sep 14, 1942, and Gen. Maj. Arno von Lenski. | Jul 8 - Oct 25, 1942 | 24857/4 | 804 | 236 |
| Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 3, Teil 1; Ic, IIa/b, III, Tätigkeitsberichte. Orders concerning the reorganization and release of the division from the Volga sector to take over the defensive sector at the Metallurgical Works in Stalingrad and formation of Gruppe von Schwerin on Nov 4 to aid in this defense until Nov 17, 1942. Also, activity reports of the Operations Branch, Sep 20 - Oct 31, 1942, the Intelligence and Personnel Branches and the Judge Advocate, Oct 26 - Nov 15, 1942; afteraction critiques of the battles around Stalingrad; directives relating to combat tactics, march readiness, and preparations for winter warfare, rosters of personnel granted awards and decorations; and combat and casualty reports. | Oct 27 - Nov 17, 1942 | 24857/5 | 804 | 600 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3, Teil 2. The removal of the division from Stalingrad to block the Russian breakthrough of the Rumanian sector on the Don front near Buzinovka; its participation in operations in the Kalach, Skvorin, and Klatskaya areas; and its unsuccessful attempts to form bridgeheads in the Gumrak and Karpovka areas to contact AOK 6 in Stalingrad. The division was subordinate to AOK 6, XIV. Pz.K., and the LI. and XI. A.K., successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Arno von Lenski. | Nov 18, 1942 - Jan 12, 1943 | 25567/1 | 804 | 926 |
| Ia, Anlagenband 5 z. KTB 3, Teil 2; Ic, IIa/b, III, Tätigkeitsberichte. Division and group orders, reports on the organization of Gruppe Lenski, and combat and ration strength, intelligence, and weekly reports. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches and the Judge Advocate, Nov 16, 1942 - Jan 10, 1943. | Nov 16, 1942 - Jan 12, 1943 | 25567/2 | 804 | 1001 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht 1. Transfer of remnants of the 24. Panzer-Division from Stalino to Lisieux, France, the reforming of the division in Normandy, | | | | |

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| Feb 21 - 27, 1943, under Stab Forster (Gen.Maj. Forster, Arko. 117 with the LXXXI. A.K.), and participation in training exercises, coastal defense, and security against enemy airborne landings, sabotage, and espionage in northern France. The division was subordinate to the LXXXI. A.K. under the command of Oberst Freiherr von Edelsheim. | Feb 21 - Mar 31, 1943 | 29505/1 | 805 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. TB 1; Ic, Ib, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte. Division orders concerning the reorganization and training of the division and the mission of task forces and alert units. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence, Supply, and Personnel Branches. | Mar 1 - 31, 1943 | 29505/2 | 805 | 14 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht 2. The division's tactical commitments, training activities, maneuvers, and the reorganization of its task forces and alert units. The reorganization of the division was to be completed in July or August 1943. | Apr 1 - 30, 1943 | 30792/1 | 805 | 60 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht 3 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, W.u.G., IVa-b, V, FPM, IIa/b, III, Tätigkeitsberichte. Orders concerning training, map exercises, and reorganization of the division in the Lisieux area. | May 1 - 31, 1943 | 31650 | 805 | 74 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht der Panzeraufklärungsabteilung 24. | Jun 1 - 30, 1943 | 32244/1 | 805 | 142 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht des Restkommandos der 24. Panzer-Division, Gruppe New York. The assembly of division units not encircled at Stalingrad, in the Stalino, Rostov, Novgorodskoye, Taganrog, and Dnepropetrovsk areas for movement by train from Verkhne-Dneprovsk to Lisieux in northern France. | Jan 13 - Feb 15, 1943 | 32244/2 | 805 | 147 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht 4. Training, map exercises, maneuvers, mission, commitment, and billeting problems of units in the Lisieux and Falaise areas. | Jun 1 - Jul 31, 1943 | 34018/1 | 805 | 157 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht und Anlagen des Restkommandos der 24. Pz.Div. Orders and messages pertaining to the assembly and organization of all division units, not encircled at Stalingrad, in the Rostov and Stalino areas for transfer from the Ukraine via Ohrdruf to the Lisieux area at the end of Feb 1943. | Jan 10 - Feb 24, 1943 | 34045/1-2 | 805 | 204 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch. The disarming of the Italian Army; the securing of prisoner-of-war camps, war plants, railroad and military installations, and passes; | | | | |

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| defense against enemy landings and partisan warfare; control of Italian transportation facilities; occupation of the major cities in the area north of Rome from Florence to Padua; and Operation "Trotha" (occupation of Padua and the arrest of General Gariboldi, Commanding Officer of the Italian 8th Army, who was later moved to Munich). The division was subordinate to the II. SS-Pz.K. and the LI. Gebirgskorps, under the command of Gen.Maj. Maximilian Freiherr von Edelsheim. | Sep 8 - 30, 1943 | 34801/1 | 805 | 402 |
| Ia, Anlagen 1-134 z. KTB. Daily activity reports and situation maps. | Sep 8 - 30, 1943 | 34801/2-3 | 805 | 461 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht. Transfer of the division from Lisieux, Bernay, Flers, Falaise, and Montfort via Hagenau, Karlsruhe, Ulm, Augsburg, Munich, Salzburg, Villach, and Littai to Reggio, Modena, and Verona; training activities in the Bologna and Modena areas; and the Italian capitulation, Sep 8, 1943. | Aug 1 - Sep 8, 1943 | 34821/1 | 806 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. TB. Afteraction reports and situation maps. | Aug 1 - Sep 8, 1943 | 34821/2 | 806 | 26 |
| Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht unterstellter Einheiten. | Aug 1 - Sep 8, 1943 | 34821/4 | 806 | 293 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagen 1 - 90. Operations during Russian attacks in the Nikopol, Krivoi Rog, Krasnograd, Dneprodzerzhinsk, and Znamenka areas. Also, commitment, march, attack, and disengagement orders, daily operations reports, and weekly status reports. | Nov 1 - 30, 1943 | 40217/1 | 806 | 375 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Daily activity reports and radio messages. | Nov 1 - 15, 1943 | 40217/2 | 806 | 693 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Corps orders and daily reports and radio messages of the division and its subordinate units concerning their operations in the Krasnograd, Dneprodzerzhinsk, and Znamenka areas. | Nov 15 - 30, 1943 | 40217/3 | 807 | 1 |
| Ic, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte. Enemy operations, tactical situation, and losses of men and equipment; and counterintelligence activity and troop entertainment. Also, an activity report of the Personnel Branch. | Nov 1 - 30, 1943 | 40217/5 | 808 | 1 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch. Operations during Russian offensives in the Zaporozhe, Nikopol, and Dnepropetrovsk areas. | Dec 1 - 31, 1943 | 40654/1 | 808 | 8 |

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| Ia, Anlagen 1-83 z. KTB. Combat orders, daily activity reports, and situation reports and messages. | Dec 1 - 31, 1943 | 40654/2 | 808 | 53 |
| Ia, Sonstige Unterlagen z. KTB. Daily activity and situation reports and radio messages. | Nov 30 - Dec 20, 1943 | 40654/4-5 | 808 | 251 |
| Ia, Unterlagen z. KTB. Afteraction reports and radio messages. | Dec 21 - 31, 1943 | 40654/6 | 809 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlage I z. KTB, Transportbewegung "Halma". Orders and reports pertaining to Operation "Halma" (transfer of the division from Italy to Russia) including orders to entrain at Lucca, Mantua, and Ancona beginning Oct 6 and to reach the detraining area at Uman, Talnoe, and Kirovograd between Oct 17 and 27 via Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland. | Oct 3 - 27, 1943 | 41570/2 | 809 | 705 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Division orders, daily reports, messages, and maps pertaining to the division's operations and pacification action in the central sector of Italy and its transfer to the southern sector of the eastern front. | Oct 1 - 31, 1943 | 41570/3 | 810 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Division orders, activity reports, and messages. | Oct 1 - 31, 1943 | 41570/5 | 810 | 307 |
| Ia, Unterlagen z. KTB. Afteraction reports and situation overlays. | Oct 17 - 27, 1943 | 41570/6 | 810 | 403 |
| Ia, Unterlagen z. KTB. Afteraction reports and messages pertaining to operations southeast of Kirovograd along the Ingulets River. | Oct 28 - 31, 1943 | 41570/7 | 810 | 807 |