

This division was formed as the 78. Infanterie-Division from reservists in Ulm, Wehrkreis V, in August 1939. In September 1939 it was transferred to Kehl and Altenhun for border security duty along the Rhine River, and, in December of the same year, to the Black Forest area between Hechingen and Freudenstadt for training. In May 1940 it was scheduled to participate in the western campaign; however, because of an epidemic of erysipelas (Rotlaufseuche) among the horses, the division remained in the Black Forest area until May 25, 1940, when it was transferred to the Bitburg area and marched through Luxembourg and eastern Belgium to Sedan and Rheims, France. It performed occupation duty and training in France until April 1941 when it was transferred to southern Poland for training and preparation for the Russian campaign. On June 22, 1941, it participated in offensives in the central sector of the eastern front, crossing the Bug River and advancing to Bialowieza, Slonim, Baranovichi, Sloboda, Berezino, Staryy Bykov, Yelnya, Vyazma, Gzhatsk, Ruza, and Mozhaisk on the Moskva River. It suffered heavy losses during the winter of 1941-42 in operations along the Moskva River and in retreat to the

Gzhatsk area. In the latter part of December 1942 the division was transferred to Smolensk for rehabilitation and reorganization. It was redesignated the 78. Sturm-Division on January 1, 1943, and its regiments were renamed Sturm-Regimente. In February 1943 the division was transferred to the Orel area, between Kromy and Fatezh, and in the summer of the same year it was engaged in the Kursk offensive. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than July 4, 1943, the situation maps of Lage Ost show that the division was transferred in the fall of 1943 to the Orsha area, defended this area until April 1944 and the Vitebsk area in May and June 1944. Reformed as the 78. Grenadier-Division in July 1944, it fought in the Mielec, Dabrowa Tarnowska, and Jaslo areas of Poland until October 1944, when the division was again redesignated as the 78. Volksgrenadier-Division. From October 1944 to January 1945 it took part in position defense in the Tarnow area. In January 1945 the division became the 78. Volkssturm-Division and fought in the Strumien, Ostrava, and Krnov areas until April 1945.

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Ia, Kriegstagebücher 2 und 3. Border security along the Rhine River between Kehl and Altenhun and transfer to the Black Forest area between Hechingen and Freudenstadt for training; lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties; and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the XXV. A.K. and to OKH as a reserve unit under the command of Gen.Maj. Curt Gallenkamp.	Oct 9, 1939 - Jan 15, 1940	W 175b,c	1094	1
Ia, Ib, Anlagen z. KTB, Ausbildung und damit zusammenhängendes. Orders and reports concerning border security and training, and reports on supply matters.	Aug 31, 1939 - Jan 5, 1940	W 175f	1094	95
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Training in the Black Forest area, transfer to the Bitburg area on the Luxembourg border on May 25, 1940; the march through Luxembourg and Bastogne, Belgium, to Sedan and Rheims, France; lists of officers' duty assignments; and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to OKH as a reserve unit and to the XXIX. A.K. during this period.	Apr 22 - Jun 14, 1940	W 873b	1094	256

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. March from Rheims to Épernay; lists of officers' duty assignments, combat and ration strength reports, and a short report concerning the epidemic of erysipelas (Rotlaufseuche) among the horses which prevented participation of the division in offensives in the western campaign. The division was subordinate to the XXIX. A.K. during this period.	Jun 15 - 21, 1940	W 873c	1094	310
Ia, Ib, Anlagen z. KTB, Taktische Befehle u. Ausbildung. Corps and division orders, directives, reports, and loading plans concerning training and transfers; and special supply reports.	Jan 1 - Jun 21, 1940	W 873d-g	1094	343
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Beilageband z. KTB. Activity report concerning operations in Épernay.	Jun 8 - 19, 1940	W 873i	1094	684
Ia, Anlagen 1-4 z. KTB 7, Befehle und Schreiben der vorgesetzten Dienststellen. Corps and division orders and reports.	Jun 22 - Oct 31, 1940	W 6203a- W 6203d	1094- 1095	689, 78
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte und Befehle als Anlage 5 z. KTB 7. Activity reports and orders concerning prisoners of war and refugees in Épernay.	Jun 20 - Oct 31, 1940	W 6203e	1095	120
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Occupation activities in the Marne Département, training in Le Havre for Operation "Seelöwe" (planned invasion of England), lists of officers duty assignments and casualties, and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the XXIX., I., and XXIX. A.K., successively, during this period.	Jun 22 - Oct 31, 1940	W 6391a	1095	211
Ia, Tätigkeitsberichte. Occupation duties in Épernay and training in the Mourmelon-le-Petit area.	Nov 1, 1940 - Apr 20, 1941	9015/1	1095	306
Ia, Anlagen z. TB, Taktische Befehle u. Ausbildung. Division orders, directives, and training reports.	Nov 1, 1940 - Apr 20, 1941	9015/2-4	1095	327
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte und Befehle. Activity reports and orders concerning troop indoctrination and entertainment in Épernay, and organized sightseeing tours to Paris.	Nov 1, 1940 - Apr 20, 1941	9015/5	1095	574

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. Transfer of the division between Apr 21 and 27, 1941, from Epernay, France, to the Radom area in Poland; training in Rembertow; lists of officers assignments; and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the XLIV., XII., and XIII. A.K., successively.	Apr 12 - June 15, 1941	11303/1	1095	610
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Befehle. Orders of the division and of Kommandostab "Alpenrose" (tank training staff), and training reports.	Apr 18 - Jun 15, 1941	11303/2-3	1095	639
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte und Befehle als Anlage z. KTB 8. Activity reports and orders concerning troop indoctrination and entertainment and organized sightseeing tours to Warsaw.	Apr 19 - Jun 15, 1941	11303/4	1095	759
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2, Russland. Transfer of the division to Wegrow, Sokolow, and Brzozow in preparation for the invasion of Russia; offensives and crossing the Bug River on Jun 22, 1941; advance to Bialowieza, Slonim, Baranovichi, and Sloboda; crossing the Berezina River at Berezino and the Dnieper River at Staryy Bykhov; advance northeast to Yelnya and Vyazma, and to the Gzhatsk and Ruza areas. The division was subordinate to the XIII., VII., XX., VII., VIII., and IX. A.K., successively during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Curt Gallenkamp; under temporary command of Gen.Maj. Emil Markgraf from Sep 22 to Nov 19, 1941; and from Nov 20, 1941, of Gen.Maj. Paul Völkers.	Jun 15 - Dec 11, 1941	15422/1	1095	786
Ia, Anlage 1 z. KTB 2, Gefechtsberichte mit Karten. Afteraction reports, with maps, of corps, the division, and subordinate units, and corps order of battle charts. On Oct 18, 1941, the division received Inf.Reg. 14 from the 5. Inf.Div., and released the reinforced Gren.Reg. 238 on Nov 7, 1941.	Jun 22 - Dec 11, 1941	15422/2	1096	1
Ia, Anlagen 2-2a z. KTB 2. Division orders and reports.	Jun 14 - Dec 11, 1941	15422/3-4	1096	265
Ia, Anlage 4 z. KTB 2. Daily reports and messages.	Jun 17 - Dec 11, 1941	15422/6	1096	717
Ia, Anlage 6 z. KTB 2, Befehle und Mitteilungen übergeordneter Dienststellen. Army and corps orders and reports.	Jun 28 - Dec 11, 1941	15422/7	1096	964
Ia, Befehle übergeordneter Dienststellen. Corps orders and reports.	Jun 18 - Oct 16, 1941	17430/1	1097	1

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Ia, Gefechtsmeldungen der Truppenteile. Daily reports and messages of subordinate units.	Jun 28 - Nov 29, 1941	17430/2	1097	131
Ia, Befehle. Orders and reports, with maps, concerning the transfer from Epernay to the Radom area and to Wegrow and Rembertow for training.	Feb 15 - Jun 19, 1941	21701/1	1097	340
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Preparations for the Russian campaign; enemy situation and activities; afteraction reports during offensive operations; reports of war correspondents; interrogation summaries of prisoners of war and deserters; and maps and overlays.	Jun 1 - Dec 11, 1941	21701/2	1097	428
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Defensive operations in the winter of 1941-42 in the area between Ruza and Mozhaisk, west of Moscow, suffering heavy casualties; construction of fortified positions, heavy enemy air attacks on the frontline, and retreat to the Gzhatsk area.	Dec 12, 1941 - Jul 25, 1942	26342/1	1097	989
Ia, Anlagenband A z. KTB 5. Division orders and directives.	Dec 14, 1941 - Jul 25, 1942	26342/2	1098	1
Ia, Anlagenband C z. KTB 5, Gliederung und Stärken der unterstellten Truppenteile.	Jan 25 - Jul 24, 1942	26342/3	1098	312
Ia, Anlagenbände D, E und F z. KTB 5, Gefechts- und Erfahrungsberichte und geplante Angriffsunternehmen. Afteraction reports and planned offensives along the Moskva River between Ruza and Mozhaisk.	Dec 31, 1941 - Jul 3, 1942	26342/4	1098	396
Ia, Anlagenband G z. KTB 5, Kdr.-Besprechungen. Command conferences.	Dec 31, 1941 - Jul 24, 1942	26342/5	1098	644
Ia, Anlagenbände J u. K z. KTB 5, Auffrischung und Ausbildung. Directives and reports concerning reorganization, rehabilitation, and training, and order of battle charts.	Feb 17 - Jul 17, 1942	26342/6	1098	735
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Enemy situation and activities, enemy and German propaganda leaflets, reports of war correspondents, interrogation summaries of prisoners of war and deserters, intercepted enemy radio messages, and intelligence bulletins.	Dec 12, 1941 - Jul 25, 1942	26342/8	1098	870
Ic, Anlagenband z. TB. Daily reports and messages.	Dec 12, 1941 - Jul 21, 1942	26342/9	1099	1

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Ia, Meldungen und Gespräche d. 78. Sturm-Division.	Feb 25 - Apr 19, 1943	37551/14	1099	446
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Redesignation of the 78. Inf.Div. as the 78. Sturm-Division and Grenadier-Regimente as Sturm-Regimente on Jan 1, 1943; reorganization and transfer to Andreyevskoye in the Smolensk area for training, movement to Kromy south of Orel, and operations between Kromy and Fatezh. The division was subordinate to OKH, H.Gr. Mitte, the XLVI. Pz.K., and the XLI. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Paul Völkers and of Gen.Lt. Hans Traut who became division commander on Apr 11, 1943.	Jan 1 - Jul 4, 1943	42145/1	1099	590
Ia, Anlagenband A z. KTB 7. Division orders, maps, and overlays.	Jan 1 - Jul 3, 1943	42145/2	1099	682
Ia, Anlagenband C z. KTB 7, Gliederung und Stärken der unterstellten Truppenteile.	Jan 9 - Jul 3, 1943	42145/4	1099	936
Ia, Anlagenband D z. KTB 7, Gefechtsberichte und Tagesmeldungen.	Jan 6 - Jul 4, 1943	42145/5	1099	1010
Ia, Anlagenbände E u. F z. KTB 7, Erfahrungsberichte und Kommandeurbesprechungen.	Feb 8 - Jun 28, 1943	42145/6	1100	1
Ia, Anlagenband F z. KTB 7, Umgliederung. Division reports concerning reorganization and new order of battle charts of a Sturm-Division.	Jan 11 - Jun 24, 1943	42145/7	1100	104
Ia, Anlagenband G z. KTB 7, Ausbildung. Training orders and regulations, attack plans, and overlays.	Jan 7 - Jun 29, 1943	42145/8	1100	204
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Band I, Geistige Betreuung. Enemy propaganda, attitude of the civilian population, troop indoctrination and entertainment, reports on special enemy troops in German uniforms, intelligence bulletins, and reports of war correspondents.	Jul 27 - Dec 28, 1942	42145/9	1100	352
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Band II. The enemy situation in the Gzhatsk area, maps and overlays showing location of enemy units along the frontline, aerial photographs, translations of captured enemy reports and letters, interrogation summaries, and intelligence bulletins.	Jul 27 - Oct 31, 1942	42145/10	1100	676
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Band III. The enemy situation between Gzhatsk and Sychevka, troop indoctrination and entertainment, intercepted enemy radio messages,				

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reports of war correspondents, strength reports of enemy units, intelligence bulletins, enemy propaganda, and maps and overlays.	Nov 1, 1942 - Apr 20, 1943	42145/11	1100	855
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Band IV mit Anlagen. Strength reports of enemy units, the enemy situation, intelligence bulletins, and maps and overlays.	May 9 - Jul 4, 1943	42145/12	1101	1
Ic, Anlagen z. KTB [sic] Tätigkeitsbericht, Band V, Gefangenenvernehmungen.	Aug 12 - Dec 28, 1942	42145/13	2350	1
Ic, Anlagen z. KTB [sic] Tätigkeitsbericht, Band VI, Gefangenenvernehmungen.	Mar 1 - Jun 24, 1943	42145/14	1101	273
Ic, Anlagen z. KTB [sic] Tätigkeitsbericht, Band VII, Meldungen. Daily reports and messages concerning enemy activity, number of prisoners captured, and type and number of enemy tanks destroyed or captured.	Aug 12, 1942 - Jul 4, 1943	42145/15	1101	515
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. Engagements in the Gzhatsk and Sychevka areas, participation in Operation "Wirbelwind" (action to straighten the frontline in the central sector in Aug 1942), and the transfer to the rear area for rehabilitation and reorganization. The division was subordinate to the XLIII. A.K., XLVI. and XXXIX. Pz.K., AOK 9, and to OKH as a reserve unit during this period.	Jul 26 - Dec 31, 1942	42209/1	1101	901
Ia, Anlagenband A z. KTB 6, Divisionsbefehle. Operations orders, partisan warfare, and reorganization.	Jul 30 - Dec 29, 1942	42209/2	1101	947
Ia, Anlagenband C z. KTB 6, Gliederung und Stärken der unterstellten Truppenteile.	Jul 31 - Dec 17, 1942	42209/4	1101	1200
Ia, Anlagenband D z. KTB 6, Gefechtsberichte und Tagesmeldungen.	Aug 11 - Dec 29, 1942	42209/5	1102	1
Ia, Anlagenbände E u. F z. KTB 6, Erfahrungsberichte und Kommandeurbesprechungen.	Jul 26 - Dec 31, 1942	42209/6	1102	293
Ia, Anlagenbände H u. J z. KTB 6, Umgliederung und Ausbildung.	Sep 29 - Nov 17, 1942	42209/7	1102	347