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## 4. SS FREIWILLIGEN-PANZER-GRENADIER-BRIGADE "NEDERLAND" - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/08/12	Zagreb (Agram) area, Yugoslavia	Formation of Niederlaendische SS Freiwilligen-Grenadier-Brigade (mot) with German and Dutch volunteers	Subordinate to: SS Panzer-Korps III (germ.) C.O.: SS Brigadefuehrer und General der Waffen-SS Juergen Wagner
1943/10/26	Graz	Activation order, SS FHA Org.Abt. Ia/II Tgb.Nr. 1612/43, SS PzGren.Ausb.u.Ers.Batl. 11 responsible for personnel (source: T175, roll 108, frame 2631165)	
1943/11/30		Redesignation of SS Frw.-PzGren Rgt. 48 as "General Seyffard" and SS Frw.-PzGren Rgt. 49 as "De Ruyter" (source: T354, roll 120, frame 3753923)	
1943/12/30	Lomonosov (Oranienbaum), Leningrad Front, Russia Ostrov, Gorki, Kingisepp, Mustvee (Mustovo), Narva	Arrival for coastal defense	
1944/01/15	Narva	Source: situation maps Lage Ost	
1944/10/16	Priekule (Preekuln), Latvia		
1944/11/13	Kaleti, south of Priekule		
1945/02/18	Reetz, Suchan, Arnswalde, east of Stargard, Germany		
1945/03/09		Redesignation of SS Frw.-PzGren.Brig. "Nederland" with SS Frw.-PzGren Rgt. 48 "General Seyffard" (niedl. Nr. 1) and SS Frw.-PzGren Rgt. 49 "De Ruyter" (niedl. Nr. 2) as 23. SS Frw.-PzGrenD "Nederland" (source: T175, roll 140, frame 2668394)	

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1945/03/23	Greifenhagen, Penkun, Szczecin (Stettin), Oder River	Source: situation maps Lage Reich		

Only one record item of the 4. SS Freiwillige-Panzer-Grenadier-Brigade "Nederland" was available at the National Archives and is reproduced on NARS Microfilm Publication T354, roll 653, and described following the unit history.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 4. SS Freiwillige-Panzer-Grenadier-Brigade "Nederland" as follows:

MS D-151 (Fighting on the Narva Front, The Evacuation of Estonia, and The Withdrawal to the Dvina, 1943-1944), by General Anton Grasser.

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CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
<p>Ia, Niederlaendische SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Brigade (mot), Befehle, Weisungen, Lehrplanspiele, Liste der Verpflegungs- und Rationssaetze fuer die Waffen-SS und Polizei, RF-SS, SS Fuehrungshauptamt, Befehlshaber in den Niederlanden, Der Befehlshaber der Ordnungspolizei und SS Wirtschafts und Verpflegungsamt. An order by RF-SS, 12 Aug 1943, relating to the activation of the Niederlaendische SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Brigade (mot) from German and Dutch volunteers of 6000 men and subordinated to the III. (germ.) SS Panzer-Korps; directives regarding a map exercise pertaining to operations against partisans and other general training matters; and an instructional pamphlet concerning scales of supplies and rations for Waffen-SS and police.</p> <p>Also a copy of a directive by OKW/Chef Kriegsgef./San/Allg. (Ia)/Org. (IVc) Nr. 3142/42, concerning instructions for the permanent identification markings of Soviet POW's by using a lancet and Chinese ink (chinesische Tusche).</p> <p>(Records of the Reich Leader SS, NARS Microfilm Publication T175, roll 108, frame 2631165 contain reference on the formation of SS Freiwilligen Panzer-Grenadier-Brigade "Nederland" instead of the planned SS Freiwilligen Panzer-Grenadier-Division "Nederland," 26 Oct 1943.)</p>	1942/09/03-1944/04/00	4. SSF rwpzGrBr Nedl 30182/5	653	714