

8. SS KAVALLERIE-DIVISION "FLORIAN GEYER" - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/06/21	Debica, Radom, Poland	Activation, formation, training	C.O.: SS Brigf. Wilhelm Bittrich, 1942/06/21-1943/02/15
1942/09/11	Akatovskoye Lake sector, Soviet Union	Transfer	
1942/09/16	Gobza River, Demidov, Burdukovo, Praniki	Movement, combat operations	Subordinate to: AK 59, 1942/09/16-1942/10/26
1942/10/29	Smolensk, Rudnya, Verdino, Tverdy, Starina, Volynovo, Dukhovshchina, Zakharkina	Offensive and defensive operations	AK 6, 1942/10/26-1942/11/28
1942/12/21	Baturino, Pochinok, Simonovo, Petrovo, Soino	Antipartisan operations	AK 30, 1942/11/29-1942/12/19
1943/02/21	Karachev, Kromy, Orel	Rehabilitation, refitting, defensive operations	AK 41 Pz, 1942/12/19-1943/02/19 C.O.: SS Standf. Fritz Freitag, 1943/01/04-1943/04/20
1943/04/19	Minsk, Bobruisk, Lapichi, Staryye Dorogi	Antipartisan operations	Subordinate to: AOK 2 Pz, 1943/02/20-1943/04/13 Hoehere SS u. Polizeifuehrer Russland-Mitte, 1943/04/14-1943/04/30
1943/05/16	Rechitsa, Khoyniki, Dnieper and Pripet Rivers	Unternehmen "Weichsel" (mopping-up operations)	Kampfgruppe Schimana, 1943/05/01-1943/06/10 C.O.: Brigf. Hermann Fegelein, 1943/04/20
1943/06/17	Mozyr, Ovruch, Petrikov, Gomel	Unternehmen "Seydlitz" (antipartisan operations)	Subordinate to: HSSPolF Russland-Sued, 1943/06/11-1943/09/19
1943/08/01	Lutsk, Dubno, Pinsk, Vladimir-Volynski	Antipartisan operations	
1943/08/18	Belyayevka, Kharkov, Yefremovka, Berezovka	Defensive and antipartisan operations	
1943/09/07	Dnieper River sector, Kremenchug	Defensive and antipartisan operations	AK 42, 1943/09/20

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/12/08	Mironovka, Lozovatka, Pasiki, Uspenskoye	Defensive, antipartisan, and close-combat operations	AK 22
Records of the 8. SS Kavallerie-Division "Florian Geyer" are reproduced on rolls 640-645 of NARS Microfilm Publication T354 and are described following the unit history. Roll 111 of Microfilm Publication T175, record item EAP-161-b-12/222, contains reference to this division.			
Although no operation records of this division dated later than 1943/12/08 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost and 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 reference to the 8. SS KavD as follows:			
MS T-9, Part II (Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued) in Rumaenien, Ungarn und Oesterreich (Mai 1944 bis Kriegsende) der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) in Galizien und Ostpolen (Mai bis Ende August 1944) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Panzer Armee) in den Beskiden (September 1944 bis Ende Januar 1945)), by Gen.Lt. Otto Heidkaemper			
Appendix No. 1 to MS T-9 (Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued), der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Pz. Armee), Mai 1944 bis Mai 1945), by General der Panzertruppen Walter Wenck, Gen.Obst. Erhard Raus, Obst. Hermann Teske, Gen. Jon Gheorghe (Rumanian), and Gen.Obst. Gotthard Heinrici			
Appendix No. 2 to MS T-9 (Verzeichnis der Skizzen und unterschiedliche Bezeichnungen und Schreibweisen der auf ihnen genannten Staedte, Fluesse und Gebirge zu "Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued), der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Panzer Armee), Mai 1944 bis Mai 1945."), 43 pages.			
1943/12/16	Truppenuebungsplaetze Sieradz (Schieratz), Poland, Milovice (Milowitz), Prague Czechoslovakia, Stablack, Moorlager	Refitting, reorganization of Kampfgruppe/8.SSKavD "Florian Geyer" (source: T175, roll 111)	
1944/06/06	Pesc (Fuenfkirchen), Baja, Hungary	(source: situation maps, MS T-9)	
1944/09/06	Targu-Mures (Neumarkt, Marosvasarhely), Rumania		Subordinate to: AGr. Fretter-Pico
1944/10/22	Satu-Mare (Satmar)		AGr. Woehler
1944/11/04	Veszprem, Hungary		
1944/12/05	Budapest		Pz.Gr. Breith (III. Pz.-Korps)
1944/12/22		Encircled	SS Korps 9 Geb
1945/01/14	Fueztopuszta, Lake Balaton	Remnants of 8.SSKavD with 12.SSD (last trace on situation maps)	SS Korps 4 Pz

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Ia, KTB Nr. 1 vom 11. Sep-20 Dez 1942 und Vorgeschichte der SS Kavallerie-Division. Prehistory of the division concerning the activation of the SS Kavallerie-Division from remnants of SS Kavallerie-Brigade Fegelein and Hungarian "Volksdeutsche" personnel in Debica, Poland, 21 Jun 1942. War journal concerning movement from Pustynia by Debica, Poland to the Gobza River sector and the Demidov, Burdukovo, and Praniki areas, Russia, 11-26 Sep; offensive and defensive operations in the Starina, Verdino, Rudnya, and Tverdy areas west of Smolensk, 27 Sep-29 Oct; and movements in reserve and combat operations in the Dukhovshchina, Zakharkina, Pochinok, and Baturino areas, 30 Oct-20 Dec 1942. War journal of SS Reiter-Regiment 2 and I/SS Art.-Rgt., SS Aufklaerungs Abtlg. and SS Rt.-Rgt. 1 (former units of SS Kavallerie-Brigade), task force of SS Kavallerie-Division with the special mission to aid in the execution of Unternehmen "Spaetlese II" (mopping up operation and the destruction of Russian forces which had penetrated in the Demidov, Vytinovka, Mushkovichi, and Rudnya areas), 3-19 Sep 1942.	1942/06/21-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/1	640	1
Ia, Ib, Ic, Na/Fue., Anlagen zum KTB Nr. 1. Orders, reports, and daily teletype messages pertaining to the preparation for and transfer from Radom and Debica, Poland to the Akatovskoye Lake sector, Russia, 26 Aug-16 Sep, and antipartisan operations in the Gobza River sector, and Mirenovo, Pankcva, Burdukovo, and Praniki areas, 16-30 Sep, the Verdino and Starina areas, 1-31 Oct, and the Tverdy, Pochinok, and Zakharkina areas, 1 Nov-16 Nov 1942. Also status, strength, and casualty reports; special directives concerning supply, signal communication, military security, and battle conduct; notes on command inspections and	1942/08/26-1942/11/16	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/2	641	1

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conferences; inventories of ammunition expended; afteraction reports regarding antipartisan and assault operations; afteraction critique pertaining to antitank defense and engineering activities; intelligence bulletins; and data on enemy operations.				
Ia, IIa/b, Ib, Anlagen zum KTB Nr. 1. Daily teletype messages and orders pertaining to antipartisan and combat operations, regrouping, formation of mobile units, and security duty in the Tverdy, Pochinok, Zakharkina, Baturino, and Volynovo areas, and the release of Reiter-Regiments 1 and 3 for rehabilitation to the Medvedevo, Timonino, and Kholomidina areas. Also strength and casualty reports; inventories of ammunition expended; reports regarding the military situation southwest of Rzhev, 10-17 Dec, grave registration service, and the evacuation of civilian population from the combat zone; special directives concerning supply, signal communication, and battle conduct; and data relating to enemy operations.	1942/11/16-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/3	641	454
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Nr. 1, Lagekarten. Maps showing the location in the Akatovskoye Lake area during Unternehmen Spaetlese I, 7-19 Sep; Demidov, 13-19 Sep; Tverdy, 8 Oct; Bely, 5-21 Nov; Starina, 1 Nov; and Baturino, 24 Nov-2 Dec and 8-20 Dec 1942.	1942/09/07-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/4	641	595
Ic, TB zum KTB Nr. 1. Activity reports with maps concerning organization, movements, and operations of the intelligence branch in the Tverdy, Baturino, Burdukovo, and Akatovskoye Lake areas; participation in Unternehmen "Spaetlese" II; enemy military situation and operations; morale of the Russian population; and antipartisan operations. Also reports on reconnaissance activity, daily intelligence reports, interrogation summaries, and intelligence bulletins.	1942/09/11-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/5	641	612
IIa/b, TB zum KTB Nr. 1. Casualty and strength	1942/09/11-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/6	641	802

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reports, lists of SS personnel granted awards, and register of officers.				
Ib, KTB Nr. 1. War journal concerning the transfer from Debica, Poland, to Russia, and supply services in the Rudnya, Kasplya, Demidov, Pochinok, Yartsevo, and Dukhovshchina areas.	1942/09/11-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/7	641	847
IVa, TB. Activity report of the administrative officer concerning operations in the Rudnya, Tverdy, Demidov, and Pochinok areas.	1942/10/01-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/8	641	919
IVc, TB. Activity report of the veterinary officer concerning the care and condition of horses during the transfer of the division from Pustynia, Poland, to the Rudnya and Kasplya areas, Russia and operations in the Demidov and Dukhovshchina areas.	1942/09/13-1942/12/29	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/9	641	945
V, TB. Activity report of the motor transport officer concerning operations in the Kasplya, Demidov, Pochinok, and Dukhovshchina areas.	1942/09/17-1942/12/20	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/10	641	965
FPM, TB. Activity report concerning postal service in the Rudnya and Smolensk areas.	1942/09/11-1942/12/30	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/11	641	1027
Ib, Karten zum KTB Nr. 1. Maps showing the location of supply installations and routes in the Demidov area.	1942/09/17-1942/10/25	8.SSKavD FlG 30166/12	641	1038
Ia, KTB Nr. 2. War journal concerning combat and antipartisan operations in the Baturino, Siminovo, Soino, and Petrovo areas, 21 Dec 1942-15 Feb 1943; formation of Division-Kampfgruppe and movement via Smolensk to the Karachev and Kromy areas, 16-21 Feb; refitting, rehabilitation, and defensive operations in the Kromy and Karachev areas near Orel, 21 Feb-13 Apr; and movement to the areas west of Bobruisk, 13-14 Apr 1943.	1942/12/21-1943/04/13	8.SSKavD FlG 33895/1	642	1
Ia, Ic, IVc, VI, Anlagen zum KTB Nr. 2. Orders, directives, reports, and messages pertaining to combat and antipartisan operations in the Petrovo area southwest of Rzhev, 21 Dec 1942-15 Feb 1943; formation of Division-Kampfgruppe and transfer to the Karachev	1942/12/19-1943/04/11	8.SSKavD FlG 33895/2	642	420

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area, 16-21 Feb; and regrouping, training, formation of mobile and alert units, control of civilian population, and defensive engagements in the Karachev and Kromy areas, 21 Feb-11 Apr 1943. Also order-of-battle charts, special directives on supply and troops, intelligence bulletins, and afteraction critiques relating to antipartisan operations.				
Ia, Lagekarten zum KTB Nr. 2. Maps showing the tactical situation of the division in the area southwest of Rzhev and the Karachev and Kromy areas.	1943/01/21-1943/03/31	8.SSKavD FlG 33895/3	642	726
Ic, TB. Activity reports concerning German and enemy operations and reports on antipartisan operations in the Baturino and Simonovo areas.	1942/12/21-1943/02/14	8.SSKavD FlG 33895/4	642	731
IIa/b, IVb, TB. Activity reports of the personnel and medical officers.	1942/12/21-1943/04/15	8.SSKavD FlG 33895/5	642	809
Ia, KTB Nr. 3 mit Anlagen. War journal concerning movement to Minsk and assembly for and antipartisan operations in the Bobruisk, Lapichi, and Staryye Dorogi areas, 14 Apr-May 4, Rechitsa area, 5-16 May, Khoyniki area, 17 May-8 Jun, Rechitsa area, 8-17 Jun, Mozyr area, 17 Jun-31 Jul, and the Lutsk, Dubno, and Pinsk areas east of Vladimir-Volynski, 1-17 Aug 1943, and planned detraining of the division, 17 Aug 1943. Also order-of-battle charts, strength and casualty reports, special directives concerning supply and signal communication, intelligence bulletins and reports on enemy operations, and afteraction reports on Unternehmen "Weichsel" I-II (mopping-up operation in the Dnieper and Pripet Rivers triangle, 9-17 May and north of Rechitsa, 13-16 Jun), and Unternehmen "Seydlitz" (antipartisan operations in the Ovruch, Mozyr, and Petrikov areas), 25 Jun-27 Jul 1943.	1943/04/14-1943/08/17	8.SSKavD FlG 38726/1	642	893
Ia, Lagekarten zum KTB Nr. 3. Maps showing location of units during antipartisan operations in Unternehmen	1943/05/08-1943/07/27	8.SSKavD FlG 38726/2	643	1

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"Weichsel" and "Seydlitz" in the Mcozyr, Gomel, Ovruch, and Chernigov areas. Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity reports concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification, German propaganda, military security, control of the civilian population, and operations against partisans. Afteraction reports pertaining to Unternehmen "Weichsel" I-II and Unternehmen "Seydlitz," periodic reports regarding partisan situation, intelligence bulletins, and interrogation summaries.	1943/04/16-1943/08/17	8.SSKavD FlG 38736/3	643	18
Ic, Anlagen zum TB. Daily intelligence reports and radio messages pertaining to partisan activities and antipartisan operations.	1943/05/07-1943/08/17	8.SSKavD FlG 38726/4	643	164
IIa/b, TB zum KTB Nr. 3. Casualty and strength reports, lists of SS personnel granted awards, decorations, and promotions; a register of officers; and division orders on personnel matters.	1943/04/16-1943/08/16	8.SSKavD FlG 38726/5	643	278
III, IVa-c, V, VI, WuG, TB zum KTB Nr. 3. Activity reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, motor transport, and Nazi guidance officers, the judge advocate, and the ordnance group. Also special directives on supply service and reports concerning movement to and operations in the Belyayevka area south of Kharkov, 16-19 Aug, Yefremovka, and the Paraskoveya, Berestoven'ka (Berestovaya), and Berezovka areas, 31 Aug, and Kremenchug area, 7 Sep 1943.	1943/04/14-1943/09/07	8.SSKavD FlG 38726/6	643	349
IIa/b, IVa-b, V, VI, Allgemein. Correspondence relating to administrative, personnel, and ordnance matters, medical service, maintenance of motor vehicles, and troop indoctrination, 1 Aug-7 Nov 1943; also a letter from SSFHA to the commander of the SS Kavallerie-Brigade, SS Standartenfuehrer Fegelein, concerning the handing over the command of the SS Brigade to SS Brigadefuehrer Bittrich, 7 May 1942.	1942/05/07-1943/11/07	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/1	643	487
Ia, Ib, Ic, Besondere Anweisungen. Special directives	1942/09/02-1943/04/30	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/2	643	521

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and reports concerning combat and antipartisan operations in the Demidov, Kholm, Dukhovshchina, Medvedevo, and Baturino areas; security activity; the physical condition of units; troop entertainment and indoctrination; and disciplinary matters.				
No German title. Correspondence register.	1939/10/12-1942/10/13	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/3	644	1
Ia, Tagesmeldungen und Funksprueche. Daily messages and reports concerning operations of the SS Reiter-Regiment 1 in the Belousovo, Romanovo, Demekhi, Kholomidina, Medvedevo, Baturino, and Rudnya areas.	1942/09/14-1943/05/31	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/4	644	106
No German title. Orders of the SS Kav.-Briqade regarding reorganization of its units, assignment of cadre to the administrative section, and personnel matters and special supply directives, 26 Jun-7 Sep 1942; order of the SS Kav.-Division pertaining to antipartisan operations, administrative, personnel, medical, and veterinary matters, troop indoctrination and training, and special directives concerning signal communication, 18 Sep 1942-3 Aug 1943; orders of corps and armies relating to combat operations, battle conduct, and personnel and disciplinary matters; and laudatory letters from Adolf Hitler, 1 Jan 1943, and corps and army commanders, 31 Dec 1942, and 2 Jan 1943-15 Jan 1944.	1942/06/26-1944/01/15	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/5	644	510
IIa/b, No German title. Correspondence and orders pertaining to promotions, assignments, granting of awards, and transfer of personnel.	1942/08/01-1943/10/22	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/6	644	782
IIa/b, IVa, No German title. Correspondence and orders relating to assignments, transfers, awards, decorations, casualties, and other administrative, personnel, and disciplinary matters of Flak-Abt./SS Kav.-Briqade, 30 Jun-5 Sep 1942, and Flak-Abt./SS Kav.-Division, 20 Sep 1943-31 Jan 1943. Also included are orders of SS-Fuehrungshauptamt (SSFHA) on personnel matters, 24 Apr-4 Nov 1940.	1942/06/30-1943/01/31	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/7	644	1027

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Ia, No German title. Radio messages and notes concerning operations against partisans in the Bobruisk, Berestyany, Buynovichy, and Stodolishche areas.	1943/07/21-1943/12/08	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/8	645	1
Ia, No German title. Orders and reports pertaining to construction and maintenance of roads, traffic patrols, fortifying of strong points, formation and activities of Ortskommandanturen, and quartering of Rt.-Rqt. 3 in the Yushkova, Khorinovo, Dukhovshchina, Yerosimovo, and Aksenovo areas.	1942/11/06-1943/05/18	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/9	645	233
Ia, Ib, Ic, IIa/b, IVa, IVc, V, VI, No German title. Daily reports and messages concerning administrative, personnel, medical, motor transport, veterinary, supply, and intelligence matters and grave registration service. Also includes a report by Ia/Ic pertaining to the division order on the shooting of a great number of the Soviet local population in the "Jercchi," Orlovo, and Peresudy areas on 11 Oct 1942, in retaliation for collaboration with the partisans, 18 Dec 1942.	1942/09/11-1943/01/09	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/10	645	280
Ia, Ib, Ic, IIa/b, IVb, VI, No German title. Miscellaneous reports and messages pertaining to security duty, construction of defensive positions, supply, intelligence, administrative, medical, personnel, and provost services. Also, includes afteraction report of 2. SS Infanterie-Brigade (mot) from the beginning of the Leningrad battle and the advance to and defensive operations in the Volkhov sector with SS Legion Flandern as one of its subordinate units, 19 Jun 1941-10 Jan 1942.	1942/03/11-1942/12/28	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/11	645	487
IIa/b, No German title. Orders and lists relating to promotions, granting of awards, and personnel rosters. Also lists of SS personnel of the SS Flak-Abteilung "Ost" and 2. SS Inf. Briq. (mot), 11 Mar-16 Jul 1942.	1942/09/29-1942/12/06	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/12	645	528
Ia, Ausbildung und Schwadrons-staerke im Monat Dezember 1943. Strength reports and duty and training rosters of	1943/12/01-1943/12/21	8.SSKavD FlG 78040/13	645	596

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SS Kav.-Rgt. 17 5. Schwadron of 8. SS Kav.-Div. in Sieradz (Schieratz), Poland, during December 1943. (Record items 78040/14-15 reproduced on frames 674-759 are records of the 3. SS Panzer-Division "Totenkopf" and were erroneously filmed with the records of this division.)				