

## III. (GERMANISCHES) SS PANZER-KORPS - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/03/30	Debica, Heidelager	Activation	
1943/04/15	Wehrkreis XIII, Nuernberg Tr.Ueb.Pl. Grafenwoehr	Formation, training	C.O.: SS Gruppenfuehrer Felix Steiner 1943/05/01-1944/03/31
1943/09/01	Zagreb (Agram), Yugoslavia	Continuation of formation, antipartisan operations	Subordinate to: PzAOK 2, 1943/06/01-1943/11/26
1943/11/27	Lomonosov (Oranienbaum), Leningrad, Soviet Union	Transfer, defensive operations	AOK 18, 1943/11/27-1944/02/04
1944/01/02	Begunitsy, Udosolovo, Aleksyevka, Novopyatnitskoye	Withdrawal movement	
1944/02/04	Sillamae, Narva	Defensive operations	Armee-Abteilung Narwa, 1944/02/05-1944/09/21

Records of the III. (germ.) SSPzK are reproduced on roll 120, frames 3753885-3754263 of NARS Microfilm Publication T354, listed in Guide No. 27, p. 3, and are described following the unit history. (Records of German Field Commands, Army Groups, T311, roll 136 and records of the Reich Leader of the SS, T175, rolls 74 and 111 contain some reference to the III. (germ.) SS PzK.)

Although no records of this corps dated later than 1944/03/31 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost and Reich show:

1944/03/21	Narva-Joesuu (Hungerburg)
1944/08/03	Kukruse, Johvi, Estonia
1944/09/06	Kohtla-Jarve
1944/09/23	Riga, Latvia
1944/10/23	Priekule (Preekuln), Courland
1945/02/01	Liepaja (Libau)
1945/02/07	Stargard, Germany

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1945/03/01	Friedrichswalde, Schoenebeck		
1945/03/12	Szczecin (Stettin), Oder River		
1945/03/22	Loecknitz		
1945/04/30	Gransee, Lindow, north of Berlin	Last trace on situation maps	

Manuscripts of 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 III. (germ.) SS PzK as follows:

MS D-151 (Fighting on the Narva Front: The Evacuation of Estonia and the Withdrawal to the Dvina - Operations of Armeekorps Narwa),  
by Gen. Anton Grasser

MS P-035 (The Retrograde Defensive of Army Group North during 1944) by Gen.Maj. Burkhard Mueller-Hillebrand

MS T-9 (Der Kampf um die Oder im Abschnitt der Heeresgruppe Weichsel, Feb-Apr 1945), 103 p., by Gen.Obst. Gotthard Heinrici.

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, KTB 3 mit Anlagen, "Oranienbaumer-Kessel" (Klopizy) vom 27.11.43-31.12.43. War journal with daily reports, orders, directives, and maps pertaining to arrival of the III. (germanisches) SS PzK on the Oranienbaum (Lomonosov) front with headquarters at Klopitsy, 27 Nov-6 Dec, defensive operations and counterattacks to offset a major Russian offensive along the Oranienbaum front by the Corps, the 4. SS Polizei Panzergrenadier-Division, 11. SS Panzergrenadier-Division "Nordland," 9. and 10. Luftwaffen Feld-Divisionen, and the 4. SS Freiwillige Panzergrenadier-Brigade "Nederland," 7-30 Dec, and regrouping of units of the III. SS PzK, 31 Dec 1943. Also order-of-battle chart and a table of organization showing artillery units.	1943/11/27-1943/12/31	III. (germ) SSPzK 64324	120	3753885
Pi., IIa, TB. Activity report of the Pi.-Aufstellungsstabes of the III. (germ.) SS PzK pertaining to formation, equipping, and training at the Truppenuebungsplatz Grafenwoehr, Wehrkreis XIII, 1 May-1 Sep 1943, movement to and training at Truppenuebungsplatz Hradischko, Radotin, and transfer to the Oranienbaum front for construction of defensive positions and strong points, 23 Nov-31 Dec 1943. Activity report of the personnel branch concerning Hitler's order for activation of Generalkommando III. (germ.) SS PzK, 30 Mar 1943; formation at Truppenuebungsplatz Grafenwoehr, 1 May-1 Sep; assignment of 12,934 Volksdeutsche from Rumania to the Corps, Aug 1943; movement to Zagreb (Agram) Yugoslavia for continued formation and antipartisan operations, 1 Sep-27 Nov 1943, and transfer to and operations at the Oranienbaum front with its subordinate units, 27 Nov-31 Dec 1943; withdrawal movement to the Begunitsy, Udosolovo, Alekseyevka,	1943/05/01-1944/03/31	III. (germ) SSPzK 64325	120	3754127

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Novopiatnitskoye, and Narva areas in January 1944; and movement to Sillamae and Voka on the Narva front, 5 Feb 1944. Data relating to promotions and decorations, 18 May-26 Nov; casualty list, 11 Dec 1943-31 Mar 1944; strength report by units and nationality, Dec 1943; register of officers; and training directives for the Germanic SS troops.				
IVb, Anordnungen - Allgemein. Special directives of the medical officer.	1943/08/07-1943/08/07	III. (germ) SSPzK 78003/1	120	3754212
SS Infanterie Ersatz-Bataillon "Germania" - Wochendienstplaene. Weekly training schedules, 5 Oct-21 Nov 1942, and 18-23 Jan 1943, and training directives relating to map exercises.	1942/10/05-1943/03/30	III. (germ) SSPzK 78003/2	120	3754219