

## OSTMUSELMANISCHE SS-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1944/01/04	Lublin, Poniatowa, Trawniki, Warsaw, Radom, Poland	Activation, formation of Muselmanische SS Division "Neu Turkestan" with Turkoman, Azerbaijani, Kirghiz, Tadzhik, Uzbek, Tatar, Moslem volunteers	C.O.: SS Sturmbannfuehrer Andreas Mayer-Mader
1944/01/13	Odessa Poniatowa	Listed as Ostmuselmanische SS Division consisting of Turk Batl. 450 Turk Batl. I/94, formation of 1. Ostmuselmanische Regiment	
1944/02/26	Yuratischki (Juraciszki), Minsk, Belorussia, Soviet Union	Training, formation, antipartisan operations	SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Herrmann SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Billig Subordinate to: Hoehere SS- und Polizeifuehrer Minsk
1944/07/11	Lomza (Lomscha), Bialystok, Warsaw, Poland	Retreat Defense of Warsaw	2. SS Sturmbrigade "Dirlewanger"
1944/10/20	Myjava, Slovakia	Training, antipartisan operations	C.O.: SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Reiner Olzscha

Only two record items of the Ostmuselmanische SS Division were available at the National Archives and are reproduced on NARS Microfilm Publication T354, roll 161, frames 3806724-3807091, listed in guide No. 27, p. 8, and described following the unit history.

Records of the Reich Leader SS and Chief of the German Police (Allgemeine-SS), T175, contain references to the Ostmuselmanische SS Division as follows: roll 108, frame 2631142 on the planning and difficulty of the activation of the Muselmanische SS Division, 4 Aug 1943; roll 162 on the conditions, operations, training, and leadership of the Ostmuselmanische SS Division and other Turkestani units, includes correspondence on Mayer-Mader; and roll 140, folder No. EAP.161-b-12/389, beginning frame No. 2668356 on the reorganizations and activations of various Waffen-SS units, including activation of "Kaukasischen Waffen-Verband der SS," with formations of "Georgien," "Aserbaijan," "Armenien," and "Nord Kaukasus," Waffen-Gruppen and "Ost-Tuerkischen Waffen-Verband," 11 Dec 1944.

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<p>Ia, Ib, Ic, IIa/b, IVa, VI, Befehle, Meldungen und Funksprueche, 1. Ostmuselmanische SS Regiment/Ostmuselmanische SS Division. Orders, reports, and radio messages pertaining to planning by RFSS, SS Hauptamt Berlin, for the activation and formation of the Ostmuselmanische SS Division with Maj. (SS Sturbannfuehrer) Andreas Mayer-Mader (formerly commander of Turk Batl. 480 and after his release from the Wehrmacht assigned to the Waffen-SS, 1 Jan 1944) to be assigned to form the Muselmanische SS Division "Neu Turkestan," and recruiting of Turkmenian (or Turkomans), Azerbaijani, Kirghiz (Kirgisen), Uzbek, and Tadzhik (Tadschiken) volunteers; the meeting on 14 Dec 1943 of his Eminence Grand Mufti (Grossmufti) of Jerusalem with Major Mayer-Mader and three of his Turkmenian officers to secure his aid in the fight against Bolshevism; the release of the Turk Batl. 450 and I/94 by the Wehrmacht (Army) and assigned to the Waffen-SS, 17 Dec 1943-3 Jan 1944; a meeting in the SS HA Berlin on the activation of the Muselmanische SS Division "Neu Turkestan," 4 Jan, and its formation in the SS Arbeitslager (work camp) Poniatawa, Poland, with its formation staff (Aufstellungsstab) in Lublin; troop training area (SS Ausbildungslager) Trawniki, cadre units Turk Batl. 450 and I/94, and the mission to combat Bolshevism and to free Turkestan; SS Sturbannfuehrer Mayer-Mader took over the command of the Mussulmen (muselmanische) units and formed the 1. Ostmuselmanische SS Rgt., 5 Jan-14 Mar (no further mention was made of Mayer-Mader); SS HA requested the Wehrmacht to release Captain (Hauptmann) Billig for assignment with the Waffen-SS, 5 Feb; SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Billig was transferred to Yuratishki (Juraciszki)</p>	1943/11/17-1945/01/10	SS Ostmuselmd 78042/1	161	3806724

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by Minsk, Belorussia, Soviet Union, and took command of the 1. Ostmuselmanische SS Rgt., 28 Mar-6 Apr. No mention of his name was made after this date.

SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Herrmann was ordered to transfer Turk Batl. 450 from Odessa and guard personnel from the SS Arbeitslager Poniatowa, Poland, to Yuratishki, Russia, 23 Feb; arrival of personnel in Minsk, 7-12 Apr; SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Herrmann commanded the 1. Ostmuselmanische SS Rgt. 27 Apr-2 May; inspection of the 1.

Ostmuselmanische SS Rgt. in Yuratishki, 20 May, regarding Mayer-Mader's command of that unit in relation to his preference for foreign personnel rather than German personnel; SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Billig's drunken behavior plus his shooting of about 78 Turkmen thus causing hundreds to desert to enemy partisan groups; and SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Herrmann's more sensible command of the 1. Ostmuselmanische SS Rgt.; by order of the Reichsfuehrer-SS the 1.

Ostmuselmanische SS Rgt. was transferred to Kaposvar, Hungary; however, the order was rescinded and the units were rerouted from Hungary and Oppeln, Upper Silesia to Lomza (Lomscha), Bialystok, for the defense of Warsaw, where it came under the command of SS Standartenfuehrer (Staf.) Dirlewanger, 27 Jul-23 Aug; and the transfer of the 1. Ostmuselmanische SS Rgt. to Myjava, Slovakia, under the command of SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Reiner Olzscha, 20 Oct 1944. Also includes a copy of a telegram, 11 Jul 1944, stating that SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Herrmann was killed in action; and reports on the recruiting of Turkomans, Crimean Tatars (Krimtartaren),

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Azerbaijani, and Moslems from Soviet prisoner-of-war camps and other penal and labor camps for the Ostmuselmanische SS Division; and other operational matters.				
III, Bericht und Lebenslauf des SS Untersturmfuehrer Kuliew mit Korrespondenz RFSS, SS Hauptamt, Amtsgruppe D. Report and correspondence concerning the involvement of SS Untersturmfuehrer Kuliew in an attempt by Turkoman leaders to desert to enemy partisan groups; also the life history of former Soviet POW Kuliew as a volunteer with the German Waffen-SS.	1944/12/25-1945/01/20	SS Ostmuselnd 78042/2	161	3807079