

2. Panzer-Division (2d Panzer Division)\*

The 2. Panzer-Division was formed at Würzburg in 1936 and was transferred to Vienna in 1938 after the annexation of Austria. It took part in the campaign in Poland in September 1939 and in the western campaign in May 1940. Late in 1940 it supplied Panzer-Regiment 4 and cadres for forming the 13. Panzer-Division. After participating in the Balkan campaign in April 1941 it was sent in September to the central sector of the eastern front. In the summer of 1943 it fought in the Kursk offensive and suffered very heavy losses during the winter of 1943-44 when it was

engaged in the Middle Dnieper River sector. Subsequently it was transferred to the Somme area of France for rest and refitting. In the spring of 1944 it was in the Arras area and in June of the same year it participated in the Normandy battle. Later it was continuously engaged in the withdrawal from France. In September 1944 it was re-formed at Wittlich in the Eifel area, and in December it spearheaded the southern prong of the Ardennes counteroffensive where it suffered heavy losses.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
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\* Most of the records of the 2. Panzer-Division are described in Guide No. 41, p. 55 ff.