## Organizational History of the German SS Formations 1939-1945

<u>Leibstandarte</u> <u>SS</u> <u>Adolph Hitler</u>: Formed on 8/15/38, it had four battalions (each of five companies), an infantry gun detachment, an anti-tank detachment and a motorcycle detachment. For the war with France it was reinforced and now had:

4 Battalions
Infantry gun Company
Anti-tank Company
Reconnaissance Battalion (4 cos)
Artillery Battalion (2nd Bn formed on 8/19/40)
Pioneer Battalion (2 cos)
Signals Company
Supply Column Battalion

On 6/30/41 the Leibstandarte had:

1/,2/,3/,4/Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Infantry Regiment (5 companies each)

1/,2/Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Artillery Regiment

(3 btrys per bn, plus 1 btry, plus 1 calibration company)

Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Heavy Battalion (3 cos)

Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Panzerjäger Bn (2 cos)

Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Reconnaissance Bn (4 cos)

Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Flak Battalion (3 cos)

Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)

Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Signals Battalion (2 phone & 1 radio co)

Leibstandarte SS Adolph Hitler Supply/Admin Troops

On 2/21/42 Hitler ordered the rebuilding of the Leibstandarte SS AH. A 5th Battalion was added, as was a heavy battalion in the Panzerjäger force, and the Schönberger Battalion became a Sturmgeschütz Battalion. In March a three company panzer battalion was added to Leibstandarte. On 7/15/42 Leibstandarte was expanded into a full SS Motorized Division. On 11/24/42 it became a Panzer Grenadier Division.

 $\underline{\text{1st}}$   $\underline{\text{SS}}$   $\underline{\text{Panzer}}$   $\underline{\text{Division}}$   $\underline{\text{Leibstandarte}}$   $\underline{\text{SS}}$   $\underline{\text{Adolf}}$   $\underline{\text{Hitler}}$ : Formed on 7/15/42 with:

1/,2/,3/1st Infantry Regiment LSSAH

1/,2/,3/2nd Infantry Regiment LSSAH

1/,2/Panzer Regiment LSSAH

1/,2/,3/Artillery Regiment LSSAH included a survey battery

Reconnaissance Battalion LSSAH (4 cos & Armored Car Co.)

Panzer-Jäger (AT) Battalion LSSAH (3 cos)

Sturmgeschütz Battalion LSSAH (3 batteries)

Flak Battalion LSSAH (5 batteries)

Pioneer Battalion LSSAH (3 cos)

Armored Signal Battalion LSSAH (2 cos)

Division (Einheiten) Service Units

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- On 10/22/43 the Division was renamed as the 1st SS Panzer Division
Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler. Its assigned units were:
     1/,2/,3/1st SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment LSSAH
     1/,2/,3/2nd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment LSSAH
     1st SS Reconnaissance Battalion LSSAH (6 cos)
    1/,2/1st SS Panzer Regiment LSSAH
    1st SS Panzer-Jäger (AT) Battalion LSSAH (3 cos)
     1st SS Sturmgeschütz Battalion LSSAH (3 batteries)
    1/,2/,3/,4/1st SS Artillery Regiment LSSAH included a survey battery
    1st SS Flak Battalion LSSAH (5 batteries)
    1st SS Pioneer Battalion LSSAH (4 cos)
    1st SS Armored Signal Battalion LSSAH (2 cos)
    1st SS Mortar (Werfer) LSSAH (raised 9/44)
    1st SS Replacement (Ersatz) Battalion LSSAH (raised 10/44)
     1st SS Division (Einheiten) Service Units
1st SS Brigade Reichsführer: Formed in 1941, it contained:
     1/,2/,3/8th SS Infantry Regiment Reichsführer
    1/,2/,3/10th SS Infantry Regiment Reichsführer
    Radio & Signals Troops
Reichsführer SS Sturm Brigade: Formed in the Summer 1943 from the
Reichsführer SS Escort Brigade. It contained:
     Staff
    Grenadier Battalion (8 cos)
    Panzerjäger Battalion (3 cos)
     Sturmgeschütz Battalion
    Flak Battalion
On 10/2/43 the brigade was absorbed into the 16th Reichsführer SS Panzer
Grenadier Division.
1st SS (Motorized) Infantry Brigade: Formed in 1943 with:
     1st SS Infantry Brigade
          1/,2/,3/39th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
          1/,2/,3/40th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
     SS Artillery Battalion
    SS Motorcycle Company
     SS Panzer Jäger Company
    SS Flak Company
SS Signals Company
On 11/12/43 it was reorganized as follows:
     1st SS Infantry Brigade
          1/,2/,3/39th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
     1/,2/,3/40th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
     51st SS Artillery Battalion
     51st SS Motorcycle Company
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51st SS Panzer Jäger Company

51st SS Flak Company 51st SS Signals Company The brigade was restructured as the 41st SS Brigade and it was organized with three regiments. On January 1944 it became the 18th SS Panzer Grenadier Division "Horst Wessel".

 $\underline{SS}$  Waffen-Grenadier-Brigade Charlemagne (1st French): Formed between 8/28/44 and 9/30/44 in the SS Truppenübungsplatz Westprussen with the French SS Freiwilligen (Volunteer) Sturmbrigade as the 1st Grenadier Regiment. On 8/10/44 it was reinforced with troops drawn from the French Legion (Légion Volontaire Francaise) and the 638th Infantry Regiment, which became the 2nd Grenadier Regiment. The two regiments in the French brigade were renumbered as the 57th and 58th Regiments and the brigade was numbered as the 57th Brigade.

57th Grenadier Regiment 58th Grenadier Regiment Artillery Battalion Panzer Jäger (AT) Battalion Pioneer Company Signals Company Field Replacement Company

February 1945 it became the 33rd Waffen SS Grenadier Division "Charlemagne" (1st French).

Waffen SS Mountain Brigade (1st Tartar): Formed 7/8/44.

Numbered the 58th Brigade on 10/11/44 and disbanded on 1/1/45 in Slovakia.

SS Waffen Grenadier Brigade (1st Italian): formed 9/7/44 from the Milizia armata with the 1st and 2nd Regiments, an artillery battalion, a Panzer Jäger Battalion, an Ersatz Battalion and an Officer Battalion. It was renamed the 1st Italian Freiwilligen-Sturm Brigade Milizi Armata (Pol) in February 1944. It was formed from the Miliz Regiment de Maria, which had been formed in December 1943 from Italians loyal to Mussolini. Both infantry regiments were numbered the 81st and 82nd Regiments and the brigade was numbered the 59th Brigade on 10/11/44. In February 1945 it was absorbed into the 29th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Italian).

1st SS Polizei  $J\ddot{a}ger$  Brigade: Formed on 4/15/45 in Stettin with the 1/,2/,3/8th SS Polizei Regiment, the 1/,2/,3/50th SS Polizei Regiment, and two companies of the 9th SS Panzer Grenadier Ersatz (Replacement) Battalion.

 $\underline{\text{SS}}$   $\underline{\text{Division}}$   $\underline{\text{Verfügungstruppe}}$   $\underline{\text{(SS-V)}}$  Formed on 4/1/40 from the SS forces standing in Poland, it consisted of:

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1/,2/,3/SS Standarte Deutschland
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<sup>1/,2/,3/</sup>SS Standarte Germania

<sup>1/,2/,3/</sup>SS Standarte Der Führer

<sup>1/,2/,3/</sup>SS Artillery Standarte (3 btrys each)

<sup>4/,5/</sup>SS Artillery Standarte (3 btrys each, formed in 1940)

SS Reconnaissance Battalion

<sup>2</sup> Stürme Companies

Shortly later the following were raised:

SS Replacement Truppe (4 sturm, cos)

SS-VT Panzer Abwehr (Anti-Tank) Battalion (3 sturm, cos)
SS-VT Flak Battalion (2 sturm, btrys - raised to 3 btrys when the heavy company of the Reconnaissance Battalion was assigned to the battalion)

During the fall of 1940 the 4th Sturmbann of the Artillery Standarte became the 1/Leibstandarte Artillery Regiment. The SS Standarte Germania, on 11/20/40, was transferred to the SS Division Germania, which later became 5th Wiking SS Panzer Division. On 12/21/40 the division was renamed the Reich SS Division.

Reich SS Motorized Division: Formed on 12/21/40, it had:

The division was refreshed on 2/23/42. In Prague the 2/,3/Deutschland Infantry Regiment were raised anew. The motorcycle Battalion was reformed in Bergen, the two motorized artillery battalions were reformed in Dachau, the Panzerjäger Company was reformed in Hilversum and a pioneer company was formed in Dresden and Arolsen.

The motorcycle battalion was reorganized into a Panzer Grenadier Regiment and later into the Langemarck Schützen Regiment. It was organized as a "fast" regiment and equipped with Volkswagens. The Flak MG battalion was converted into a Flak Battalion. A panzer battalion was formed on 2/15/42 in Wildflecken with three companies. On 4/18/42 it became the 5th SS Panzer Battalion and was used in the organization of the Wiking Division. On 4/20/42 the 2nd SS Panzer Battalion was raised and assigned to the division. On 10/15/42 the division's name was changed to "Das Reich" and on 11/9/42 it was designated the "SS Panzergrenadier Division Das Reich".

2nd SS Panzer Division "Das Reich": Formed on 11/9/42 in France as the SS
Panzergrenadier Division "Das Reich" (2nd SS Division) from the SS Motorized
Division "Das Reich". This division was formed from the three "standarten"
(Deutschland, Germania, Der Führer) as a reserve force on 4/1/40 and entitled
the SS-V.-ODivision and with the detachment of "Germania" on 2/12/40 it
became the SS Division "Reich". In April 1942 it contained:

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1/,2/,3/SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Deutschland"
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- 1/,2/,3/SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Der Führer"
- 1/,2/SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Langemark"
- 1/,2/2nd SS "Das Reich" Panzer Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/,4/SS Panzer Artillery Regiment "Das Reich"

Reconnaissance Battalion (2 cos)

- SS Panzer Grenadier Panzerjäger Battalion "Das Reich" (3 cos)
- SS Panzer Grenadier Flak Battalion "Das Reich" (4 batteries)
- SS Panzer Grenadier Sturmgeschütz Battalion "Das Reich" (3 batteries)
- SS Panzer Grenadier Pioneer Battalion "Das Reich" (3 cos)
- SS Panzer Grenadier Signals Battalion "Das Reich" (2 cos)

During the Summer of 1943 the SS Schützen Regiment Langemark was disbanded. The 1st Battalion was used to strengthen the Reconnaissance Battalion to five companies and the 2nd was used to form a new Feldersatz Battalion.

On 10/22/43 the division was renamed the 2nd SS Panzer Division "Das Reich".

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1/,2/,3/3rd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Deutschland" 1/,2/,3/3rd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Der Führer"
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## 2nd SS Brigade Reichsführer SS: Formed in 1941 with:

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1/,2/,3/4th SS Infantry Regiment Reichsführer SS
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1/,2/,3/5th SS Infantry Regiment Reichsführer SS

1/,2/,3/14th SS Infantry Regiment Reichsführer SS Signals Company.

The 14th Regiment was disbanded in the summer of 1941. The 5th Regiment was disbanded in the winter. In December 1941 the 4th Regiment was redesignated as the 4th SS Infantry Regiment Langemark and absorbed into the "Das Reich" Division.

The brigade was reformed in 1942 with the SS Freiwilligen Legion Nederlande, Flanders, and Begleit (Escort) Battalions RFSS. Later it was renamed the 2nd SS (motorized) Infantry Brigade. On 18 May 1943 it renamed the Lettish SS Freiwilligen Brigade. It became part of the 15th (Lettish) Freiwilligen Division. That brigade had:

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1/,2/,3/1st Lettish SS Freiwilligen Regiment
1/,2/,3/2nd Lettish SS Freiwilligen Regiment
1st Lettish SS Artillery Battalion (3 batteries)
SS Flak Battalion (1st Lettish SS Brigade)(3 batteries)
Flak Company
Signals Company
Pioneer Company
Feldersatz Battalion (5 companies)
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## 2nd Lettish Freiwilligen-Brigade: formed 10/22/43 with:

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1/,2/,3/42nd Lettish SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment 1/,2/,3/43rd Lettish SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment
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The brigade was numbered as the 52nd brigade. In the winter 1943/44 the brigade was organized into two training regiments:

- 1/,2/,3/1st Ausbildung (Training) Regiment 1/,2/,3/2nd Ausbildung (Training) Regiment
- On 1/7/44 the 2nd Lettish SS Freiwilligen Brigade was absorbed into the 19th SS Freiwilligen Division.
- SS Totenkopf Division (SS-TK): Formed on 10/16/39 in Dachau, it contained:
- 1/,2/,3/1st SS Totenkopf Infantry Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/2nd SS Totenkopf Infantry Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/3rd SS Totenkopf Infantry Regiment
- SS Totenkopf Reconnaissance Battalion
- SS Totenkopf Panzerabwehr (Anti-Tank) Battalion
- 1/,2/,3/SS Totenkopf Artillery Regiment
- SS Totenkopf Pioneer Battalion
- SS Totenkopf Signals Battalion

During the winter the division added the 4/SS Totenkopf Artillery Regiment, which was a heavy battalion. In 1942 it added:

- SS Totenkopf Feldersatz Battalion
- SS Totenkopf Flak Battalion

It later added the Thule Schützen Regiment as a fast regiment. On 11/9/42, after heavy losses in Russia, it was moved to France and, on that day, reorganized into the SS Totenkopf Panzer Grenadier Division.

3rd SS Panzer division "Totenkopf": formed on 11/9/42 in South France by the 1st Army as the "SS Panzer Grenadier Division "Totenkopf" from the SS Totenkopf (Motorized) Division. When organized it consisted of:

- 1/,2/,3/1st SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Totenkopf"
- 1/,2/,3/3rd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Totenkopf"
- 1/,2/3rd Panzer Regiment, SS Panzer Grenadier

Regiment "Totenkopf" (only a battalion until the summer 1943).

Reconnaissance Battalion (4 cos)

Panzerjäger (AT) Battalion (3 cos)

Flak Battalion (4 batteries)

Sturmgeschütz Battalion (4 batteries)

Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)

Signals Battalion (2 cos)

The two panzer grenadier regiments were named as follows:

1st SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Thule"
3rd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Thule Eicke"

In the summer of 1943 the Reconnaissance battalion was reinforced by six companies and the Panzer Regiment was reinforced by eight companies. On 10/21/43 the division was reorganized by the order of the Führer as a Panzer

Division. On 10/22/43 the division was given the number 3 and the panzer grenadier regiments were renumbered as follows:

5th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Thule" 6th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Thule Eicke"

All other portions of the division were numbered as the 3rd ... Battalion, etc. In December 1943 the Panzer-Jäger Battalion was disbanded and the Sturmgeschütz Battalion was rebuilt. The Division capitulated to the Americans by Linz in 1945.

 $\underline{3rd}$   $\underline{Estonian}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Freiwilligen}$   $\underline{Brigade}$ : Formed on 10/22/43 with the 1st and 2nd SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiments. They were renumbered and the brigade stood as follows:

1/,2/,3/45th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment 1/,2/,3/46th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment 53rd SS Panzer-Jäger Battalion 53rd SS Artillery Battalion 53rd SS Flak Battalion 53rd SS Signals Company

53rd SS Feldersatz Battalion

In January 1944 the brigade was incorporated into the 20th Estonian SS Freiwilligen Division.

 $\underline{\text{SS}}$  Polizei Division: Formed on 10/1/39 as the Polizei Division. It contained:

1/,2/,3/1st Polizei Schützen Regiment
1/,2/,3/2nd Polizei Schützen Regiment
1/,2/,3/3rd Polizei Schützen Regiment
Polizei Bicycle Squadron
Polizei Panzerabwehr (Anti-Tank) Battalion (3 cos)
Polizei Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)

The army assigned the following troops:

1/,2/,3/,4/300th Artillery Regiment 300th Signals Battalion 300th Divisional Supply Troops 300th Administrative Troops

In early 1940 the 300th Artillery Regiment and the 300th Signals Battalion were sent back to the army and the following were formed:

Polizei Artillery Regiment (formed on 5/6/40) Polizei Signals Battalion (formed on 6/23/40) Polizei Reconnaissance Battalion (formed on 4/28/40)

The 300th Administrative Troops remained with the division. In 1941 the division formed a three company Flak battalion.

On 2/24/42 the Polizei Division absorbed the assigned army support units. On 10/15/42 the "Polizei Schützen Regiments" became "SS Polizei Infantry Regiments" and on 2/1/43 they were renamed "SS Polizei Grenadier

Regiments."

On 6/6/43 the three infantry regiments were redesignated SS Polizei Panzer Grenadier Regiments. The division detached a kampfgruppe that was reunited with the division in northern Greece. The non-motorized part of the division was disbanded in July 1944.

 $\underline{4th}$   $\underline{SS}$  Polizei-Panzer Grenadier Division: formed on 6/1/43 as the Polizei Panzergrenadier Division. It had been a motorized infantry Battalion formed on 9/9/42 and on 10/31/42 it became three battalions. The division consisted of:

1/,2/,3/1st Polizei Panzergrenadier Regiment 1/,2/,3/2nd Polizei Panzergrenadier Regiment

The third regiment was disbanded and the 2/3rd became the 1/2nd, the 3/3rd became the 3/1st. An artillery regiment (6 batteries), a Reconnaissance Battalion (6 cos), a Flak Battalion (2 batteries), a Sturmgeschütz Battalion (3 batteries) and a signal Battalion were formed in the winter of 1943/44. On 10/22/43 it was renumbered as the 4th SS Polizei Panzergrenadier Division. The 1st & 2nd P.Pz.Gren. Rgts were renumbered the 7th and 8th respectively. The division was captured by the Russians in 1945.

4th SS Freiwilligen-Panzergrenadier Brigade "Nederland": formed on 10/23/43 in Thüringia from the SS Freiwilligen Legion Niederlande as its 1st Regiment and a newly formed 2nd Regiment (1st and 2nd SS-Freiwilligen Panzer Grenadier Regiment). A reconnaissance company, Panzerjäger battalion, an artillery regiment with two battalions, a pioneer battalion, a signals company, a feldersatz battalion and supply troop were also formed. On 2/9/43 it was given the mane of General Seyffardt. When the SS was renumbered the two regiments changed numbers to 45th and 46th, which lasted until 11/12/43 when they became the 48th and 49th.

48th SS Freiwilligen Panzergrenadier Regiment "General Seyffardt"
49th SS Freiwilligen Panzergrenadier Regiment "De Ruiter"
54th Reconnaissance Company
54th Panzerjäger Battalion
1/,2/54th Artillery Regiment
54th Pioneer Battalion
54th Signals Company
54th Feldersatz Battalion
Supply Troop

On 8/1/44 the Brigade was reorganized and both regiments had only two battalions each. The 1/48th and 3/49th were disbanded, the 3/48th became the 1/48th. The 54th Panzerjäger Battalion had two companies with Jagdpanzer IV and 10 tanks. In August the artillery regiment formed a 3rd Battalion. On 10/11/44 the Brigade number was dropped and it became known as the Freiwilligen Panzergrenadier Brigade "Nederland". On 2/10/45 it was used to form the 23rd SS Freiwilligen Panzer Grenadier Division Nederland.

<u>Wiking SS</u> <u>Division</u>: Initially the division was known as the "Germania Division", it was formed on 11/20/40 the division had:

- 1/,2/,3/Germania SS Motorized Regiment
  1/,2/,3/Nordland SS Motorized Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/Westland SS Motorized Regiment

Wiking SS Reconnaissance Battalion
Wiking SS Panzerjäger Battalion
Wiking SS Flak Machine Gun Battalion
1/,2/,3/,4/,5/Wiking SS Artillery Regiment
Wiking SS Flak Battalion
Wiking SS Pioneer Battalion
Wiking SS Signals Battalion
Wiking SS Feldersatz Battalion

During the summer of 1942 the division formed the Wiking SS Panzer Battalion (from the Reich Panzer Battalion).

5th SS Panzer Division "Wiking": Formed on 11/9/43 by the SS Division "Wiking" while it was serving in Southern Russia as the SS Panzergrenadier Division "Wiking". It had:

1/,2/,3/SS Panzergrenadier Regiment "Germania"
1/,2/SS Panzergrenadier Regiment "Nordland"
1/,2/,3/SS Panzergrenadier Regiment "Westland"
SS Panzer Battalion "Wiking"
1/,2/,3/,4/5th Artillery Regiment
Panzerjäger Battalion "Wiking"
Reconnaissance Battalion "Wiking"
Flak Battalion "Wiking"
Pioneer Battalion "Wiking"
Signals Battalion "Wiking"
Feldersatz Battalion "Wiking"
Division Support (Einheiten) "Wiking"

On 3/29/43 the two Panzergrenadier regiments formed three battalions and a schützen battalion with two battalions. The Nordland Regiment was detached in the summer of 1943 to form the 11th SS Panzergrenadier Division Nordland. The division received the Panzergrenadier Battalion "Narva" from the Estonian Legion. The Panzer Regiment was reinforced by two battalions and a new sturmgeschütz battalion was raised.

On 10/22/43 the division was renamed the 5th SS Panzer Division "Wiking" and the panzer grenadier regiments were renamed as follows:

9th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Germania" 10th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment "Westland"

The remainder of the units were renumbered "5th". The Narva Panzer Grenadier Battalion became the 3/10th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, however the 20th Fusilier Battalion became the 20th Estonian Freiwilligen Division.

On 16 June 1944 the division was reorganized by Army Group Middle. The 15th Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion became the 3/Westland (10th) Pz.Gren. Regt. The bulk of the division passed into American captivity near Rastadt by the May 1945 capitulation.

5th SS Freiwilligen Sturmbrigade "Wallonien": Formed on 6/1/43 as the SS Strumbrigade Wallonien with the 373th Wallon Infantry Battalion. It was organized only a staff, a staff company, 3 panzer grenadier companies, a machine gun company, an infantry support artillery company, a heavy panzerjäger company, a sturmgeschütz battery, a light flak company, and a heavy flak company. It was entirely motorized. On 10/20/43 it was

renumbered the 5th SS Freiwilligen Sturmbrigade "Wallonien".

On 28 April 1944 it was reorganized after heavy combat and on 6/28/44 it formed a second battalion and the sturmgeschütz battery became a battalion with ten sturmgeschützen. On 18 October it was absorbed into the 28th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Division Wallonien.

<u>Nord (North) SS Mountain</u> <u>Division</u>: Formed on 2/28/41 as the SS Kampfgruppe Nord, in September 1941 the division had:

- 1/,2/,3/6th SS (mot) Infantry Regiment (earlier SS Totenkopf Standarte 6)
- 1/,2/,3/7th SS (mot) Infantry Regiment (earlier SS Totenkopf Standarte 7)
- 1/,2/,3/8th SS (mot) Infantry Regiment earlier SS Totenkopf Standarte K)
- SS Kampfgruppe/Division Nord Reconnaissance Battalion

(with 1 motorcycle and 1 heavy company, later 2 motorcycle  $\cos$  & 1 heavy company)

- 1/,2/,3/SS Kampfgruppe/Division Nord Artillery Regiment
- SS Kampfgruppe/Division Nord Flak Battalion (3 btrys)
- SS Kampfgruppe/Division Nord Pioneer Battalion
- SS Kampfgruppe/Division Nord Signals Battalion
- SS Kampfgruppe/Division Nord Administrative & Support Units

The 9th SS Infantry division was, in December 1941, on the Wolchow front. On 1/15/42 the SS Division Nord was converted into a Mountain Division. The division was able to form only one motorized Schützen Battalion, 2 Mountain Jäger Battalions, and a light and a heavy artillery battalion. The missing portions were reformed from in Germany. In September 1942 the SS Division Nord became the 6th SS Mountain Division Nord.

6th SS Mountain Division "Nord": Formed in Finland in September 1942. It absorbed the SS Kampfgruppe Nord, later SS Division Nord. The division formed during the summer of 1942 and by September had:

- 1/,2/6th SS Gebirgs-Jäger Regiment (From Staff/,1/6th GIR, 4th Gebirgs-Jäger Bn, and 3/7th GIR)
- 1/,2/7th SS Gebirgs-Jäger Regiment (From 1st,2nd & 3rd Gebirgs-Jäger Bns)
- SS Schützen (Motorized) Battalion (Gebirgs-Division Nord) (from 1/7th GIR)
- 1/,2/,3/,4/SS Gebirgs-Artillerie Regiment (3rd Bn motorized & 4th Bn heavy)
- SS "Nord" Reconnaissance Battalion
- SS "Nord" Pioneer Battalion
- SS "Nord" Signals Battalion
- SS "Nord" Division (Einheiten) Support
- SS "Nord" Panzerjäger Battalion

When Reinhard Heydrich was killed in Czechoslovakia, his name was given to the 6th Gebrigs Jäger Battalion. The regiments were renumbered on 6/4/42 and stood as follows:

11th SS Gebirgs-Jäger Regiment "Reinhard Heydrich" 12th SS Gebirgs-Jäger Regiment

The Norwegian Ski-Jäger Battalion (SS Ski-Jäger-Battalion Norge) (3 cos) and the Norwegian Polizei Ski Company were assigned to the Division in 1943.

When the division was sent to the western front in 1944 the Norwegian Ski-Jäger Battalion remained in Norway and in February 1944 was renamed the 504th SS Ski Battalion.

On 6/21/44 the 12th SS Gebirgs-Jäger Regiment was named "Michael Gaissmair". The division was captured by the Americans in May 1945.

6th SS Freiwilligen Sturmbrigade Langemarck: Formed on 5/31/43 as the SS Sturmbrigade Langemarck from the Flanders Volunteer Legion which had the 1st Panzer Grenadier Battalion (4 cos), an infantry support gun company, a heavy anti-tank company, a sturmgeschütz battery, a light flak company, and a heavy flak company. All the units were motorized.

On 10/22/43 it was redesignated as the 6th SS Freiwilligen Sturmbrigade. On 4/29/44 it was brought into Bohemia and rebuilt. On 6/28/44 it raised a second panzer grenadier battalion. The sturmgeschütz battery became a battalion, but did not increase its strength. The order of 10/18/44 redesignated it as the 27th SS Langemarck Freiwilligen Grenadier Division.

7th SS Volunteer Mountain Division "Prinz Eugen": Formed in October 1942 as the 7th SS Division under the name SS Freiwilligen-Gebirgs Division "Prinz Eugen". The division was formed in the Serbian Banat from 15,000 ethnic Germans. When organized, it consisted of:

During the winter of 1942/43 the following were raised:

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SS Reconnaissance Battalion "Prinz Eugen" (4 sqns)
SS Panzer Jäger Battalion "Prinz Eugen" (3 cos)
SS Motorcycle Battalion "Prinz Eugen" (3 cos)
SS Flak Battalion "Prinz Eugen" (3 cos)
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During the summer of 1943 the Motorcycle battalion was disbanded and the 1st SS Mountain Jäger Regiment was reinforced by the addition of a 22nd and 23rd company. A Feldersatz Battalion with five companies was organized. On 10/22/43 the division was renamed the 7th SS Freiwilligen Gebirgs Division and the two mountain jäger regiments were renamed.

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13th SS Freiwilligen Gebirgsjäger Regiment "Artur Phelps"
14th SS Freiwilligen Gebirgsjäger Regiment
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The remaining formations were all numbered as the 7th Battalion, etc, except for the Reconnaissance Battalion which became the 105th Reconnaissance Battalion of the V SS Corps.

After heavy losses near Nisch in October 1944 the division was rebuilt. It was taken captive in Yugoslavia when the war ended.

8th SS Cavalry Division "Florian Geyer": Formed in September 1942 from the SS Cavalry Brigade by the formation of a third regiment, the artillery and support troops. The division was entitled the SS Cavalry Division and had:

On 10/22/43 the SS Cavalry Division changed its name to the 8th SS Cavalry Division.

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15th SS Cavalry Regiment
16th SS Cavalry Regiment
17th SS Cavalry Regiment
18th SS Cavalry Regiment (newly raised in Nov 1943)
SS Bicycle Reconnaissance Battalion (3 sqns)
8th SS Panzer Jäger Battalion (2 cos)
8th SS Sturmgeschütz Battery
8th SS Artillery Regiment
    lst Bn (1st,2nd,3rd Cos)
    2nd Bn (4th,5th,6th Cos)
8th SS Pioneer Battalion (2 cos)
8th SS Flak Battalion (3 batteries)
8th SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)
8th SS Feldersatz Battalion (4 cos)
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On 3/17/44 the artillery regiment raised a new second battalion and the old 2nd Battalion became the new 3rd Battalion. The reconnaissance Battalion became the Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion (5 cos), the sturmgeschütz battery was raised to the strength of a battalion with three batteries. It was at this time that the division was renamed the 8th SS Cavalry Division Florian Geyer. In June the 8th SS Sturmgeschütz Battalion was absorbed into the 8th Panzer Jäger Battalion. The 17th SS Cavalry Regiment was detached and used to assist in the formation of the 22nd Freiwilligen Cavalry Division. The division then retained only the 15th, 16th, and 18th Cavalry Regiments. The division ended its existence in Budapest on 2/12/45.

 $\underline{9\text{th}}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Panzer}$   $\underline{Division}$  "Hohenstaufen": Formed on 2/1/43 as the 9th SS Panzer Grenadier Division. On 3/1/43 it was given the name "Hohenstaufen". On 10/3/43 it was renamed SS Panzer Division "Hohenstaufen". The assigned Motorcycle Regiment was reorganized into the 9th SS Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion. On 10/22/43 the division was again renamed and became the 9th SS Panzer Division "Hohenstaufen". The 1st and Panzer Grenadier Regiments (Hohenstaufen) were redesignated as the:

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1/,2/,3/19th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/20th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/9th SS Panzer Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/9th SS Artillery Regiment
9th SS Reconnaissance Battalion (5 cos)
9th SS Panzer-Jäger (AT) Battalion (originally 9th SS Sturmgeschütz Bn with 3 btrys. Became AT Bn in February 1944)
9th SS Flak Battalion
9th SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
9th SS Armored Signal Battalion (2 cos)
9th SS Division (Einheiten) Service Units
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The division fought at Normandy, Arnheim, and in the Ardennes Offensive. In the summer of 1944 the 10th Panzer Division Frundsberg detached the 4/21th Panzer Grenadier Regiment, which was used to form the new 2/19th Panzer Grenadier Regiment. The division was taken prisoner by the Americans at Steyer.

 $\underline{10th}$  SS Panzer Division "Frundsberg": Formed on 2/1/43 in south west France as the 10th SS Panzer Division and on 6/1/43 given the title "Karl der Gross". The division had:

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1/,2/,3/1st SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/2nd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/10th SS Panzer Regiment
10th SS Sturmgeschütz Battalion (3 btrys)
1/,2/,3/,4/10th SS Artillery Regiment (each bn had 3 btrys)
1/,2/10th Motorcycle Regiment, 10th SS Panzer Grenadier Division
      (in addition there was a staff and an armored car company)
Panzer-Jäger (AT) Battalion, 10th SS Panzer Grenadier Division
      (3 cos)
Flak Battalion, 10th SS Panzer Grenadier Division (4 btrys)
Pioneer Battalion, 10th SS Panzer Grenadier Division (3 cos)
Armored Signal Battalion, 10th SS Panzer Grenadier Division
      (2 cos)
Division (Einheiten) Service Units, 10th SS Panzer Grenadier
      Division
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On 10/3/43 it was redesignated as the SS Panzer Division Frundsberg. Upon its reorganization the motorcycle regiment of the division was converted into the 10th SS Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion. On 10/22/43 the division was designated as the "10th" and the two panzer Grenadier Regiments were renumbered the 21st and 22nd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiments. The division had:

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1/,2/,3/21st SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/22nd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/10th SS Panzer Regiment (1st bn had panther tanks)
1/,2/,3/,4/10th SS Artillery Regiment
10th SS Reconnaissance Battalion (5 cos)
10th SS Panzer-Jäger (AT) Battalion (3 cos)
10th SS Flak Battalion
10th SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
10th SS Armored Signal Battalion (2 cos)
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11th SS Freiwilligen Panzer Grenadier Division "Nordland": Formed in July 1943. It began as the SS Panzer Grenadier Division (German). It was formed from the SS Freiwilligen legion Norwegen and the Danish Freikorps. The 11th SS Panzer Regiment was formed with two battalions (6 cos, a heavy co and a pioneer co, later 8 cos and a pioneer co). The organization was not completed and only a single battalion was formed. This panzer battalion was given the name "Hermann von Salza" in 1944. The division had:

1/,2/11th SS Motorcycle Regiment (total 6 cos) (in Aug 1943 became the 11th SS Reconnaissance Battalion - 5 cos)

11th SS Panzer-Jäger (AT) Battalion (3 cos) 11th SS Sturmgeschütz Battalion (3 btrys)

11th SS Flak Battalion (4 btrys)

11th SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)

11th SS Armored Signal Battalion (2 cos)

11th SS Division (Einheiten) Service Units

On 10/22/43 the division was renamed the 11th SS Freiwilligen Panzer Grenadier Division "Nordland" and the panzer grenadier regiments became the 23rd PzGrenR "Norge" and the 24th PzGrenR "Danmark". With the fall if Berlin it passed into Russian captivity.

12th SS Panzer Division "Hitlerjugend": Formed in July 1943, but appears to have continued recruiting until April 1944.

On 10/22/43, with the renumbering of the SS the panzer grenadier regiments were numbered 25th and 26th, while the rest of the division was numbered 12th. The division had:

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1/,2/,3/25th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/26th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
12th SS Panzer Battalion (4 cos)
1/,2/,4/12th SS Artillery Regiment
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1/,2/12th SS Motorcycle Regiment
12th SS Panzer-Jäger (AT) Battalion (3 cos)
12th SS Sturmgeschütz Battalion (3 btrys)
12th SS Flak Battalion (4 btrys)
12th SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
12th SS Armored Signal Battalion (2 cos)
12th SS Division (Einheiten) Service Units
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The sturmgeschütz battalion appears to have finished in March 1944 and indications are that the 1st SS Panzer Jäger Battalion, from the SS Leibstandarte Adolph Hitler Division, but its number was not change. In addition a Werfer Battalion was formed. After the battle of Normandy, the division was reorganized on 10/6/44. It passed into American captivity near Linz in 1945.

 $\frac{13\text{th Waffen SS Mountain Division}}{3/1/43 \text{ from the } \frac{2}{10}/43 \text{ rd Croatian SS Freiwilligen Division from Croatian volunteers (not including Muslims) from Bosnia. On 4/30/43 the division was reorganized as a mountain division. On 7/2/43 it was renamed the Croatian SS Freiwilligen Mountain Division. The division consisted of:$ 

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1/,2/,3/,4/1st Croatian SS Freiwilligen Mountain Jäger Regt
1/,2/,3/,4/2nd Croatian SS Freiwilligen Mountain Jäger Regt
Croatian SS Cavalry Battalion (2 sqns, no staff)
Croatian SS Reconnaissance Battalion (3 bicycle sqns & 1
    heavy squadron)
Croatian SS Panzerjäger Battalion (3 cos)
1/,2/,3/Croatian SS Mountain Artillery Regiment
    (1st Bn: 1-2nd btrys, 2nd Bn: 3-4th btrys, 3rd Bn: 5-6th
    btrys, 4th (Heavy motorized) Bn: 7-9th btrys)
Croatian SS Flak Battalion (4 btrys)
Croatian SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
Croatian SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)
SS Support Troops
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On 10/22/43 the division was renamed the 13th SS Freiwilligen Bosnisch-Herzegowinisch Gebirgs Division (1st Croatian). The two infantry regiments were renamed:

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27th SS Freiwilligen Mountain Jäger Regiment (1st Croatian)
28th SS Freiwilligen Mountain Jäger Regiment (2nd Croatian)
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In June 1943 it was renamed the 13. Waffen-Gebirgs-Division der SS "Handschar" (13th Waffen SS Mountain Division "Handschar"). The order of 9/26/44 reduced the regiment to the two infantry regiments, each with two battalions, a pioneer company, a signals company and a feldersatz battalion. The reconnaissance battalion, the panzerjäger battalion, the mountain artillery regiment and the mountain pioneer battalion were detached to the SS Reichsführer Division and renumbered with the number 509th. It appears that the flak battalion had already been transferred in June 1944. In 1945 the division was taken prisoner by the English near Villach.

 $\underline{14th}$   $\underline{Waffen}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Grenadier}$   $\underline{Division}$   $\underline{(1st)}$   $\underline{Galician)}$ : Formed in September 1943 as the 14th  $\underline{Galizische}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Freiwilligen}$   $\underline{Division}$ . It was formed from ethnic Germans and  $\underline{Ukrainians}$  and  $\underline{consisted}$  of:

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1/,2/,3/SS 1st Freiwilligen Regiment (Galizische)
1/,2/,3/SS 2nd Freiwilligen Regiment (Galizische)
1/,2/,3/SS 3rd Freiwilligen Regiment (Galizische)
SS Bicycle Battalion (Galizische) (2 cos)
SS Panzerjäger Battalion (Galizische) (3 cos)
1/,2/,3/,4/SS Artillery Regiment (Galizische)
SS Flak Battalion (Galizische) (3 btrys)
SS Pioneer Battalion (Galizische) (3 cos)
SS Signals Battalion (Galizische) (2 cos)
SS 14th Division Supply Troops (Galizische)
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The three 3rd Battalions were detached shortly later and reorganized into the 14th SS Fusilier Battalion (4 cos) and the 14th SS Feldersatz Battalion (5 cos). On 10/22/43 the division was renamed the 14th Galizische SS Freiwilligen Infantry Division and the infantry regiments were renamed and renumbered the 29th, 30th and 31st SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiments. Each had only two battalions. The artillery regiments and other units were numbered the "14th".

From the three infantry regiments volunteers were drawn to form the 4-7th Galizische SS Freiwilligen Regiments (Polish). The 6th and 7th Regiments were disbanded by 1/31/44 and the 4th and 5th Regiments were disbanded on 6/9/44. Their manpower was returned to the parent division.

In August 1944 the division became the 14th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Galizische) and the infantry regiments became the 29th-31st Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiments. The order of 6/1/44 directed the formation of 3rd Battalions in the grenadier regiments. The bicycle battalion appears to have been disbanded in June 1944. On 8/7/44 the division had:

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1/,2/,3/29th Waffen Grenadier Regiment (1st Gal.)
1/,2/,3/30th Waffen Grenadier Regiment (2nd Gal.)
1/,2/,3/31st Waffen Grenadier Regiment (3rd Gal.)
1/,2/,3/,4/SS Artillery Regiment (Galizische)(12 btrys)
Fusilier Battalion/14th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (4 cos)
SS Panzerjäger Battalion (Galizische) (3 cos)
SS Flak Battalion (Galizische) (3 btrys)
SS Pioneer Battalion (Galizische) (3 cos)
SS Signals Battalion (Galizische) (2 cos)
SS 14th Division Supply Troops (Galizische)
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15th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Lettish): Formed in September 1943 as the Lettisch -SS-Freiwilligen Division from the Lettish SS Freiwilligen legion. On 10 February 1943 the division detached the 4th and 5th Regiments to the Lettish SS Freiwilligen Brigade. The division had:

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1/,2/,3/1st SS Freiwilligen Regiment (Lettish Legion)
1/,2/,3/2nd SS Freiwilligen Regiment (Lettish Legion)
1/,2/,3/3rd SS Freiwilligen Regiment (Lettish Legion)
SS Bicycle Battalion (Lettish Legion)(2 sqns)
SS Panzerjäger Battalion (Lettish Legion)(3 cos)
1/,2/,3/,4/SS Artillery Regiment (Lettish Legion)
SS Pioneer Battalion (Lettish Legion)(3 cos)
SS Signals Battalion (Lettish Legion)(2 cos)
SS Support Troops (Lettish Legion)
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On 10/22/43 renumbered the regiments and renamed the division the 15th Lettish SS Freiwilligen Division; The regiments were renumbered as follows:

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32nd SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment (1st Lettish)
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- 33rd SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment (2nd Lettish)
- 34th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment (3rd Lettish)
- 15th SS Freiwilligen Artillery regiment (1st Lettish)

The other units were numbered "15th". The division was reorganized into an infantry division, type 44, and the bicycle battalion became the 15th SS Fusilier Battalion with four companies. The three grenadier regiments retained their third battalions. In June 1944 the division was renamed the 15th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Lettish) 1) and the Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiments became Waffen Grenadier Regiments. On 7/16/44 the Division was destroyed and the survivors were absorbed into the 19th (2nd Lettish) Division. In August the rest of the division was taken to West Prussia, with the exception of the artillery regiment which remained in combat.

The division was reorganized and in December three "Bau" Regiments were formed:

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1/,2/,3/1st Bau-Regiment (15th SS Division)
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- 1/,2/,3/2nd Bau-Regiment (15th SS Division)
- 1/,2/,3/3rd Bau-Regiment (15th SS Division)

The division was reorganized by the order of 9/8/44 in West Prussia and raised to:

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1/,2/,3/32nd Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (3rd Lettish)
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- 1/,2/,3/33rd Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (4th Lettish)
- 1/,2/,3/34th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (5th Lettish)
- 1/,2/,3/,15th Waffen SS Artillery Regiment (2nd Lettish Artillery Regiment)

Fusilier Battalion/15th Waffen SS Grenadier Division

After being destroyed in Pommerania, the division was reformed in Neubrandenburg, but later, by Neuruppin, it was taken into Russian captivity.

16th Panzer Grenadier Division "Reichsführer SS": In February 1943 the Escort Battalion Reichsführer SS was formed and on 10/3/43 it became the SS Sturmbrigade Reichsführer SS. The two panzer grenadier Regiments were, in November, numbered 33rd and 34th. On 11/12/43 they were renumbered 35th and 36th. The division had:

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1/,2/,3/35th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
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- 1/,2/,3/36th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
- 16th SS Panzer Battalion (4 cos)
- 16th SS Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion (5 cos)
- 1/,2/,3/16th SS Artillery Regiment
- 16th SS Sturmgeschütz Battalion (3 btrys)
- 16th SS Flak Battalion (4 btrys)
- 16th SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
- 16th SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)
- 16th SS Support Troops

In June 1944 the 2/35th Panzer Grenadier Regiment and the Reichsführer

SS Escort Battalion exchanged places. In December 1944 the artillery regiment formed a new 3rd Battalion and the old 3rd Battalion was redesignated as the 4th Battalion. In February 1945 the sturmgeschütz battalion and the Panzerjäger battalion were transferred to the newly forming 32nd SS Division. In April 1945 they were renamed the 32nd Panzerjäger Battalion.

17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division "Götz von Berlichingen": Formed on 11/15/43 with detachments from the 10th SS Panzer Division. The Division had:

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1/,2/,3/37th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/38th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment
17th SS Panzer Battalion (4 cos)
17th SS Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion (5 cos)
1/,2/,3/17th SS Artillery Regiment
17th SS Sturmgeschütz Battalion (3 btrys)
17th SS Flak Battalion (4 btrys)
17th SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
17th SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)
17th SS Support Troops
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On 7/29/44 the division was heavily engaged by St. Lo and nearly totally destroyed. The division was reformed by Paris and in the Champagne by the absorption of the 49th and 51st SS Panzer Grenadier Brigades and forces from the 26th and 27th SS Divisions. The newly reformed 38th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment was destroyed on 11/22/44 near Metz. On 1/1/45 the Division had only:

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1/,2/,3/SS Panzer Grenadier Ausbildung Regiment
Heavy Panzerjäger Company
Flak Company
Pioneer Company
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18th SS Freiwilligen Panzergrenadier Division "Horst Wessel": Formed on 1/25/44 from the 1st SS Motorized Brigade. It had:

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1/,2/,3/39th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (from 39th SS Grenadier Regt)
1/,2/,3/40th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (from 40th SS Grenadier Regt)
SS 18th Panzer Battalion (newly formed)(4 cos)
1/,2/,3/18th SS Artillery Regiment (newly formed)
18th SS Reconnaissance Battalion (5 cos)
18th SS Flak Battalion (1-37mm & 3-88mm btrys)
18th SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
18th SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)
18th SS Division (Einheiten) Units
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The division was renamed the 18th SS Freiwilligen Panzer Grenadier Division "Horst Wessel" prior to October 1944. In February 1945 the division formed the Panzerjäger battalion, which it had lacked prior to that date.

19th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (2nd Lettish): formed on 1/7/44 from the 2nd Lettish SS Freiwilligen Brigade and named the 19th Lettish SS Freiwilligen Division. It had:

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1/,2/42nd SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment (4th Lettish)
1/,2/43rd SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment (5th Lettish)
1/,2/44th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment (6th Lettish)
19th SS Fusilier Battalion
19th SS Flak Battalion (3 btrys)
19th SS Panzerjäger Battalion (initially only 1 co)
1/,2/,3/19th SS Freiwilliger Artillery Regiment
19th SS Freiwilliger Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
19th SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)
19th SS Division (Einheiten) Support Units
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The 52nd SS Flak Battalion was not incorporated into the division and retained its number until September 1944. The formation of a 3rd Battalion in the three grenadier regiments was completed from the 1st & 2nd SS Ausbildung Regiments of the 2nd Lettish SS Freiwilligen Brigade, but they were later disbanded. In June the division was renamed the 19th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (2nd Lettish). The 42nd, 43rd and 44th Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiments became Waffen SS Grenadier Regiments. When the 15th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Lettish) was destroyed in July 1944 its survivors were incorporated into the 19th Waffen SS Grenadier Division. The 42nd and 43rd Regiments were then renamed "1st Lettish" and "2nd Lettish", no later than 10/11/44. On 2/15/45 the division had:

<u>20th Waffen SS Grenadier Division</u>: Formed on 1/24/44 as the 20th Estonian SS Freiwilligen Division from the 3rd Estonian SS Freiwilligen Brigade. It had:

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1/,2/,3/46th SS Freiwilligen Regiment (2nd Estonian)
1/,2/,3/47th SS Freiwilligen Regiment (3rd Estonian)
20th SS Freiwilligen Division Fusilier Battalion (from Narwa Panzer Grenadier Battalion)
20th SS Freiwilligen Panzerjäger Battalion (from various Panzerjäger companies)
1/,2/,3/,4/20th SS Freiwilligen Artillery Regiment
20th SS Freiwilligen Flak Battalion (from 53rd SS Flak Bn)
20th SS Freiwilligen Pioneer Battalion (45th & 46th Pioneer Cos)
20th SS Freiwilligen Signals Battalion (from 53rd SS Signals Co)
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1/,2/,3/45th SS Freiwilligen Regiment (1st Estonian)

In June 1944 the division was renamed as the 20th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Estonian) and the word "Freiwilligen" was replaced by "Waffen". During the retreat through Estonia the division was heavy mauled and the order of 10/6/44 reorganized it with:

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1/,2/,3/45th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (1st Estonian)
1/,2/,3/46th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (2nd Estonian)
1/,2/,3/47th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (3rd Estonian)
1/,2/,3/,4/20th Waffen SS Artillery Regiment (1st Estonian Artillery Regiment)
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The 20th Flak Battalion was not reformed. Upon the German capitulation it passed into Russian captivity north of Prague.

21st Waffen SS Mountain Division "Skanderberg" (1st Albanian): Formed on 5/1/44 in northern Albania from islamic Albanians. The division had:

The division was disbanded at the end of 1944.

20th Division (Einheiten) Support Troops

22nd SS Freiwilligen Cavalry Division: Formed on 4/29/44 from Hungarian volunteers in the 8th SS Cavalry Division, which stood in Hungary at that time. At the end of 1944 the division was given the title "Maria Theresia". The division had:

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17th SS Freiwilligen Cavalry Regiment
52nd SS Freiwilligen Cavalry Regiment
53rd SS Freiwilligen Cavalry Regiment
22nd SS Artillery Regiment
22nd Division (Einheiten) Support Units, including
22nd SS Panzerjäger Battalion (3 cos)
22nd SS Reconnaissance Battalion (5 cos)
22nd SS Flak Battalion
22nd SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos)
22nd SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)
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The division was destroyed in Budapest in February 1945.

 $\underline{23rd}$   $\underline{Waffen}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Mountain}$   $\underline{Division}$   $\underline{"Kama"}$   $\underline{(2nd)}$   $\underline{Croatian)}$ : Formed on 6/10/44 with:

23rd SS Pioneer Battalion (3 cos) 23rd SS Signals Battalion

When the 13th SS Mountain Division "Handschar" was formed, each battalion of the artillery regiment detached the personnel from one battery to assist in the formation of the new division. In addition, 1,000 Muslims were detached by the order of 9/24/44 to form the SS Generalkommando IX in Croatia, eventually to also be incorporated into the 13th SS Mountain Division "Handschar". The remaining personnel and equipment were sent to Hungary and organized into an SS Grenadier Division that later became the 31st SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Division. All of the numbers were changed accordingly and the 23rd SS Division disappeared.

23rd SS Freiwilligen Panzer Grenadier Division "Nederland" (1st Dutch): Formed on 2/10/45 from the SS Freiwilligen Panzer Grenadier Brigade "Nederland" (earlier the 4th brigade). The division had:

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48th SS Freiwilligen Panzer Regiment "General Seyffard" (1st Dutch)
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49th SS Freiwilligen Panzer Regiment "General Seyffard" (2nd Dutch)

23rd Artillery Regiment (formerly the 54th Artillery Regiment)

There is no indication that a panzer reconnaissance battalion, flak battalion, or signals battalion were raised. The 48th Regiment was incorporated into the 15th Waffen SS Grenadier Division. It was then replaced by being reformed from the Panzer Grenadier School. The division was captured by the Russians in the Halbe Pocket.

25th Waffen SS Grenadier Division "Hunyadi" (1st Hungarian):

Formed on 22/1/44 in Hungary by the merging of Hungarian recruit depots and volunteers. The division had:

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1/,2/61st Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Hungarian)
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1/,2/62nd Waffen SS Grenadier Division (2nd Hungarian)

1/,2/63rd Waffen SS Grenadier Division (3rd Hungarian)

1/,2/,3/,4/25th Waffen SS Artillery Regiment (1st Hungarian Artillery Regiment)

25th SS Panzerjäger Battalion (3 cos)

25th SS Pioneer Battalion (2, late 3 cos)

25th SS Signals Battalion (2 cos)

In December 1944 the division organized an SS Ski Battalion. The 1/61st Grenadier Regiment was equipped with bicycles. In May 1945 the division passed into American captivity. The Hungarian nationals were returned to Hungary.

 $\underline{26\text{th}}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Panzer}$   $\underline{Division}$ : Formed on 8/10/44 by the renaming of the 49th Panzer Grenadier Division. It is thought to have had the 66th and 67th Panzer Grenadier Regiments. The division was later disbanded in September 1944 and used to reform the 37th Panzer Grenadier Regiment of the 17th Panzer Grenadier Division "Götz von Berlichingen".

<u>26th</u> <u>Waffen SS</u> <u>Grenadier</u> <u>Division</u> (2nd <u>Hungarian</u>): Formed on 1/29/45. In March it had:

 $\underline{27th}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Panzer}$   $\underline{Division}$ : Formed on 8/10/44 by the renaming of the 51st SS Panzer Grenadier Brigade. It appears to have had the 68th and 69th Panzer Grenadier Regiments. It was disbanded on 9/8/44 and used to reform the 38th Panzer Grenadier Regiment 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division "Gotz von Berlichingen".

 $\frac{27 th}{10/19/44} \quad \frac{SS}{freiwilligen} \quad \frac{Grenadier}{SS} \quad \frac{Division}{from} \quad \frac{"Langemarck"}{Freiwilligen} \quad Formed \quad on \\ Freiwilligen \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac$ 

 $\underline{28th}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Panzer}$   $\underline{Division}$ : Formed on 8/10/44 the division was formed with the 70th and 71st Regiments. A reinforced brigade was eventually formed with two infantry battalions, a Panzerjäger battalion (4 cos), a panzer reconnaissance battalion (3 cos) and a supply unit. The unit was to have been fully organized in September, but that never happened.

28th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Division, "Wallonien": Formed on 10/19/44 from the 5th SS Freiwilligen Sturmbrigade Wallonien, which had only two battalions. The division was built up with the 373rd Wallonian Battalion and other men. The division had:

29th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (1st Russian): Formed on 8/1/44 with the

72nd, 73rd and 74th Regiments. The division was formed in Warsaw with the 6,000-7,000 men of the Kaminski Brigade. The organization, etc., of the division is unknown.

 $\underline{\text{29th}}$  Waffen SS Grenadier Division (1st Italian): Formed on 3/9/45 by the reorganization of the Waffen SS Grenadier Brigade (1st Italian). The division had:

The formation of the three regiments and the artillery was not completed.

 $\frac{30 \, \text{th}}{\text{four regiments}} \ \, \underline{\text{SS Grenadier}} \ \, \underline{\text{Division}} \ \, \underline{\text{(2nd Russian)}} \colon \ \, \text{Formed on 8/1/44 with} \\ \text{four regiments (Osterreich, Grautz, Mocha & Schmidt) and formed into the} \\ \text{Siegling Schutzmannschaft (Schuma) Brigade. It was formed from White} \\ \text{Ruthenian, Ukrainian and Russian volunteers.} \ \, \text{The division had:} \\$ 

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1/,2/75th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (4th Russian)
1/,2/76th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (5th Russian)
1/,2/77th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (6th Russian)
1/,2/30th Waffen SS Artillery Regiment (2nd Russian Artillery Rgt)
        (each bn had 3 batteries of Russian guns)
30th Waffen SS Pioneer Company
30th Waffen SS Signals Company
30th Waffen SS Reconnaissance Battalion (3 cavalry sqns & 1
        bicycle company)
30th Waffen SS Feldersatz Battalion
30th Waffen SS Supply Regiment
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In August the Siegling Brigade was in Warsaw and all three regiments were raised to a strength of 3 battalions by the order of 10/18/44. The supply regiment was reduced to a supply troop. In August 44 2,300 mutineers were assigned to the 1st and 2nd Penal Regiments. As an Einsatz Battalion, on 9/12/44 the Murawjew Battalion was formed. On 10/24/44 the 75th Regiment was formed from the 1/1st and 2/2nd, the 76th was formed from the 1/,2/4th, the 77th was formed from the Murawjew Battalion and the 654th Ost (Eastern Volunteer) Battalion. This resulted in the division coming to full strength.

On 11/2/44 the 77th was disbanded, the 2/77th became the 2/76th, the old 2/76th became the new 1/76th and the old 1/76th was disbanded. On 1/11/45 the 30th Waffen SS Grenadier division (2nd Russian) was disbanded. On 1/15/45 the Russians were sent to the newly forming 600th Infantry Division (Vlassov) and the Germans and Ruthenians were used to form the Waffen SS Grenadier Brigade (1st White Ruthenian). It had only a single regiment (3 bns), a panzerjäger battalion, an artillery battalion, a cavalry reconnaissance squadron and a feldersatz battalion. On 3/9/45 the brigade was formed into the 30th Waffen SS Grenadier Division (2nd White Ruthenian) with only one regiment, the 75th Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment (1st White

Ruthenian). The division was formally disbanded in April 1944 and the German cadre was sent to form the 38th Waffen SS Grenadier Division "Niebelungen".

 $\underline{31st}$   $\underline{SS}$   $\underline{Freiwilligen}$   $\underline{Grenadier}$   $\underline{Division}$ : Formed on 10/1/44 in Hungary from the cadre of the 23rd SS Division. It had:

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1/,2/,3/78th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/79th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/80th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment
31st SS Freiwilligen Fusilier Battalion
1/,2/,3/,4/31st SS Freiwilligen Artillery Regiment
31st Waffen SS Fusilier Battalion
31st Waffen SS Flak Battalion
31st Waffen SS Panzerjäger Battalion
31st Waffen SS Pioneer Battalion
31st Waffen SS Signals Battalion
31st Waffen SS Reconnaissance Battalion
31st Waffen SS Feldersatz Battalion
31st Waffen SS Feldersatz Battalion
31st Waffen SS Supply Regiment
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The Division was taken prisoner by the Russians at Königgrätz.

32nd SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Division "30 January" Formed on 1/30/45 with the 86th and 87th Regiments, Kampfgruppe Schill and the men drawn from the recruit depots in Kurmark. The Artillery regiment came from the SS Artillery Replacement group and the Eresatz Regiment in Perague. The Pioneer Battalion was formed from the Hradischko Pioneer School. The Schill Kampfgruppe Schill became Panzer Grenadier Regiment Schill in October 1944 from various schools and depots. It became the 86th Regiment. The Kurmark Recruit depot and other sources formed the 87th Regiment. The 88th Regiment was to have been formed, but insufficient troops were found. The Division had:

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1/,2/86th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/87th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/32nd SS Freiwilligen Artillery Regiment
32nd Waffen SS Panzerjäger Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Fusilier Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Flak Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Pioneer Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Signals Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Reconnaissance Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Feldersatz Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Feldersatz Battalion
32nd Waffen SS Supply Regiment
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33rd Waffen SS Grenadier Division "Charlemagne" (1st French): Formed on 2/10/45 in West Prussia from the SS Waffen Grenadier Brigade "Charlemagne" (1st French) with:

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57th SS Waffen Grenadier Regiment (1st French)
58th SS Waffen Grenadier Regiment (2nd French)
33rd SS Artillery Battalion
33rd SS Panzerjäger Battalion
33rd SS Pioneer Company
33rd SS Signals Company
33rd SS Feldersatz Company
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By April 1945 the division consisted of a grenadier regiment with two grenadier and one heavy battalions (Panzerjäger Company, Jagdpanzer Company, Flak Company), signal section and armored section. The Division was captured by the Russians.

34th SS Freiwilligen Grenadier Division "Landstorm Nederland": Formed in February 1945 from the SS Freiwilligen Brigade "Landstorm Nederland" with:

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83rd SS Freiwilligen Regiment (3rd Dutch)
84th SS Freiwilligen Regiment (4th Dutch)
34th SS Artillery Regiment
34th SS Panzerjäger Battalion
34th SS Feldersatz Battalion
34th SS Pioneer Company
34th SS Signals Company
34th SS Support Troops
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35th SS and Polizei Grenadier Division: Formed in February 1945 on the Oder front with the 1st and 2nd Polizei Regiments z.b.V. These regiments were renumbered 29th and 30th SS Polizei Regiments on 3/16/45. They were, at that time joined by the old 14th SS Polizei Regiment. The division was formed with:

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1/,2/,3/89th SS Polizei Grenadier Regiment 1/,2/,3/90th SS Polizei Grenadier Regiment 1/,2/,3/91st SS Polizei Grenadier Regiment 35th Waffen SS Artillery Regiment 35th Waffen SS Panzerjäger Battalion 35th Waffen SS Fusilier Battalion 35th Waffen SS Flak Battalion 35th Waffen SS Pioneer Battalion 35th Waffen SS Signals Battalion 35th Waffen SS Reconnaissance Battalion 35th Waffen SS Reconnaissance Battalion 35th Waffen SS Feldersatz Battalion 35th Waffen SS Supply Regiment
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The division was destroyed in the Halbe Pocket and taken prisoner by the Russians.

36th Waffen SS Grenadier Division: Formed on 2/20/45 on the Oder from the SS Sturmbrigade Dirlewanger. It appears to have had a Panzer Battalion consisting of a staff and two sturmgeschütz companies, two companies of the 681st Heavy Panzerjäger Battalion (each with 8 88mm guns), 687th Army Pioneer Brigade, and 1244th Grenadier Regiment. On 12/9/44 he Dirlewanger SS Sturmbrigade consisted of 2 Regiments, each of two battalions, an artillery battalion, a division fusilier company, a pioneer company, and a signals company. The regiments were numbered the:

72nd Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment 73rd Waffen SS Grenadier Regiment

37th SS Cavalry Division: Formed on 2/20/45 near Pressburg with part of the 8th and 22nd Cavalry Divisions. It had:

1/,2/92nd SS Freiwilligen Cavalry Regiment

## 1/,2/93rd SS Freiwilligen Cavalry Regiment 37th SS Artillery Battalion

Though never formed, the number 94th was set aside for the third regiment designated to be raised for this division. The division appears to have also received the name "Lützow".

38th SS Grenadier Division "Nibelungen": Formed in April 1945 from the SS Junker School at Bad Tölz with:

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95th SS Grenadier Regiment
96th SS Grenadier Regiment
97th SS Grenadier Regiment
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The division was assigned to the upper Rhine and on 4/7/45 it consisted of only the SS Brigade "Nibelungen" having 1/,2/1st Regiment and 1/,2/2nd Regiment.

SS Panzer Brigade Gross Formed in August 1944 in Courland as an "Alarmverband" (emergency detachment) with troops from the SS Panzer Troop Training Center at Seelager. The division had:

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1st Infantry Battalion (1st-4th Companies)
2nd Infantry Battalion (5th-8th Companies)
Mixed Panzer Battalion (4 companies)
Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion (3 companies)
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In November 1944 it was sent to Westphalia and used to rebuild the shattered SS Panzer Divisions. The unit was stricken from the records in April 1945.

<u>Lithuanian</u> <u>SS</u> <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Legion</u>: Formed on 2/26/43 in Lithuania. On 5/18/43 it was divided into the Lithuanian SS Volunteer Division (15th Lithuanian SS Volunteer Division after 10/22/43) and the Lithuanian SS Volunteer Brigade (after 10/22/43 the 2nd Lithuanian SS Volunteer Brigade). It had:

 $\underline{\text{SS}}$  Sturm Brigade Wallonien: Formed on 6/1/43 in Wildflecken from the Walloon Legion. On 10/22/43 the brigade had:

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3 Grenadier Companies
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1 Machine Gun Company

- 1 Infantry Support Gun Company
- 1 Heavy Panzerjäger Company
- 1 Sturmgeschütz Battery
- 1 Light Flak Company
- 1 Heavy Flak Company

<u>SS</u> <u>Waffen</u> <u>Grenadier</u> <u>Brigade</u> <u>(White</u> <u>Ruthenia)</u> Formed on 1/15/45 from the non-Russians of the 30th SS Waffen Grenadier Division (2nd Russian). It had

1/,2/,3/1st Grenadier Regiment Panzerjäger Battalion Artillery Battalion Feldersatz Battalion Mounted Infantry Squadron Pioneer Company Signals Company Supply Troops

On 3/9/45 the brigade was renamed the 30th Waffen Grenadier Division (White Ruthenian No. 1) and the infantry regiment was renamed the

75th SS Waffen Grenadier Regiment (White Ruthenian No. 1)

<u>Serbian</u> <u>SS</u> <u>Freiwilligen</u> <u>Corps</u>: formed in March 1945, but the organization was not completed. It was to be formed as follows:

Corps Staff, with staff company, signals company & musical corps I Regiment: I 1-3 cos, II 4-6 cos, III 7-9 cos, heavy cos I-III II Regiment: I 1-3 cos, II 4-6 cos, III 7-9 cos, heavy cos I-III III Regiment: I 1-3 cos, II 4-6 cos, III 7-9 cos, heavy cos I-III IV Regiment: I 1-3 cos, II 4-6 cos, III 7-9 cos, heavy cos I-III V Regiment: I 1-3 cos, II 4-6 cos, III 7-9 cos, heavy cos I-III Training Battalion, 1-3 cos & school company

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