

Kompanie 2. Panzergrenadier-Bataillon I.

Panzergrenadier-Regiment 59. 20. Panzer-Division.

9. Armee. Armeegrupp Mitte.

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20 Panzer Division was created in October of 1940. It participated in the invasion of the Soviet Union as part of Army Group Center during Operation Barbarossa in 1941, finally advancing upon Moscow as part of Operation Typhoon. With the failure to take the Russian capital, 20 Panzer remained on the central front, partaking in the battle of Kursk in July 1943. After the German defeat there, the division spent the remainder of the year in retreat. The winter of 1943-4 saw 20 Panzer fighting in the vicinity of Polotsk, Vitebsk, and Bobrusik. During the summer, 20 Panzer fought near Cholm only to suffer heavy losses during Operation Bagration. The division was reassigned to Romania for refitting in August, before being sent to East Prussia in October and Hungary in December. 20 Panzer retreated to the German-Polish border regions where it was surrounded and destroyed by the Soviet advance in May 1945.

Commanders

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| General der Panzertruppen Horst Stumpff | (13 Nov 1940 - 10 Sep 1941) |
| Generalleutnant Georg von Bismarck | (10 Sep 1941 - 14 Oct 1941) |
| General der Panzertruppen Wilhelm Ritter von Thoma | (14 Oct 1941 - 1 July 1942) |
| Generalleutnant Walther Düvert | (1 July 1942 - 1 Oct 1942) |
| General der Panzertruppen Heinrich Freiherr von Lüttwitz | (1 Oct 1942 - 5 May 1943) |
| General der Panzertruppen Mortimer von Kessel | (5 May 1943 - 1 Jan 1944) |
| Generalleutnant Werner Marcks | (1 Jan 1944 - 7 Feb 1944) |
| General der Panzertruppen Mortimer von Kessel | (7 Feb 1944 - 6 Nov 1944) |
| Generalmajor Hermann von Oppeln-Bronikowski | (6 Nov 1944 - 8 May 1945) |

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