

An unusual elite unit in the Wehrmacht, this regiment tended to be equipped with the best, similar to the way the SS was treated. This regiment fought in France and in 1941 followed the 7th Panzer Division into Russia. Later upgraded to a motorized infantry division, near the end of the war it had as many tanks as a panzer division.

For the invasion of Russia, it was part of Army Group Center and took part in the fighting around Minsk and Orel