



In April of 1941, the 2nd Panzer Division took part in the Invasion of the Balkans. Though the division did not suffer heavy losses in the campaign, most of the tanks were lost in May as the division was returning when the German transport ships *Marburg* and *Kybfels* carrying the tracked elements of the division were sunk by a recently laid British mine barrage. This caused the division to be unavailable for the start of the Russian Campaign and it did not arrive at the front until October.

In October, the 2nd Panzer Division was part of XXXX Corps in the 4th Panzergruppe in Army Group Central near Vyazma. In November, the division was part of XXXXVI Corps in the 4th Panzergruppe in Army Group Central near Moscow. In December, the division was part of the XXXXI Corps in the 3rd Panzer Army in Army Group Central and operated near Klin and Moscow.

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