

The 16th Motorized Division fought with Army Group South in the summer offensive of 1942, where the division gained glory by advancing further east than any other German unit during the war. The 16th also fought at Stalingrad, but escaped the later disaster of the 6th Army. In 1943, the unit was upgraded to the 16th Panzergrenadier Division. After heavy losses fighting the Russians, the 16th was sent to France and rebuilt as the 116th Panzer Division, where it fought all the major battles in the west until the end of the war.