

The German 3rd Infantry division was one of the Wehrmacht's most veteran divisions, having taken part in the annexation of Czechoslovakia and the battles for Poland and France. In 1941, it was fully motorized and became the 3rd Motorized Infantry Division for the invasion of Russia. As part of Army Group North, it participated in the failed attempt to take Leningrad. In the late part of 1941, the division was transferred to Army Group Central, where it served in the failed attempt to take Moscow. In 1942, the division was reinforced with a panzer battalion and transferred to Army Group South to help take Stalingrad, where it was destroyed along with the rest of the Sixth Army. The division was eventually reconstituted as the 3rd Panzergrenadier Division and served out the remainder of the war.