

BRIEF CHARACTERISTICS OF OPERATIONS OF THE 387th INFANTRY PERECOP DIVISION

On November 6, 1941 the 387th infantry division by the order of the headquarter of the Supreme Main Command became a part of the 61st Army and sent from AKMOLINSK, where it was established, to the village BEKOVO.

On December 5, 1941 the division being a part of the 61st Army was relocated to the city of MICHURINSK by railway with the aim to provide its defence.

On December 27, 1941 having done twenty-day march following the route MICHURINSK, LEPECK, ALEKSEEVKA, DANKOV, VOSKRESENSKOE, IVANOVSKOE, SPASKOE, KAZARINO having total extension of 460 km went into action to take such settlements as SREDNIE-ROSTOKI, GORODISCHE, TROICKOE and by the end of the day occupied TROICKOE. Continuing battles for these settlements by December 31, 1941 the division, having heavy losses of manpower and equipment, did not accomplish the task and retreated to the line BUTYRKI, SREDNIE-ROSTOKI, GORODISCHE, where it organized defence.

By the order of the Commander of the 61st Army since January 19, 1942 the division, accomplishing the task took VERKHNIE RADOMKI and NIZHNIE RADOMKI, IVANOVSKIY, NOVOSELOVSKIY, as well as South-Western KIRENKOVO. The following battles for PLASHKINSKIE, KUZULKINO, YEGINO, VYAZOBAYA were without any effect. On February 8, 1942 the division was placed to reserve of the 61st Army and concentrated in the region of AFONASOVO, MELIKHOVO, PETUKHOVKA.

From February 12, 1942 to February 17, 1942 sections of the division conducted battles for to take VESNINY, YELOVSKIY, PODKOPAYEVSKIY but without effect and as a result of enemy's counterattacks lost SIMOVKI.

On February 18, 1942 the division again took SIMOVKI and found itself on the defensive.

From March 5, 1942 to March 19, 1942 the division conducted heavy battles for PETUKHOVKA, BARININSKIY, the hill 226, and not achieving success took on the defensive on RESETA river, SIMOVKI, North-Eastern outskirts of VESNINY, KRAPIVKO, CHUKHOVO.

On July 26, 1942 the division lost North-Eastern part of VESNINY, KRAPIVKO, CHUKHOVO.

On August 11-12, 1942 as a result of enemy's offensive operations and breach of his tanks into the home front the division was surrounded and took all-round defence.

On August 13, 1942 the division obtained the order to break through encirclement into the region of KRASNIY OCTYABR, VALCEVO. Only 1273, section 949 AP, training battalion, protecting battalion, OSB, (unclear) and part of small subdivisions could break encirclement. The rest of staff was cut off by the enemy and stayed at encirclement.

On August 14-25, 1942 the rest of the division, arrived to the region of KRASNIY OCTYABR continued battles with the enemy at the line of KOLODEZI.

On August 25, 1942 the division was sent to the reserve of headquarter and concentrated SUKHINICHI.

On September 7, 1942 the division was transferred to MICHURINSK city by the railway to concentrate in the following villages: STAYEVO, GROMUSHKA, NIKOLSKOE of MICHURIN region.

On December 9, 1942 the division being a part of the 13 Guards Infantry Corps was sent to the front (stations ARCHEDA, KALININ, LINKI, LOG) by the railway and further following the route by step: (unclear), PANSHINO, VERKHNE-GNILOVSKAYA, STALINSKAYA.

On December 18, 1942 by the Order of Military Council the division was sent into reserve of Commander of the 2d Guardian Army and took up a defensive position on the line SVKH KREN of STALINGRAD region with the task not to allow enemy's breaking from the following side: VASILIEVKA, KACHKIRSKIY, for joining to the encircled Stalingrad group.

From December 25, 1942 till January 1, 1943 the division participating in the general attack of the 2d Guard Army occupied the following settlements: CHEPURIN, AGINOV, SODKOV, BELYAEVSKIY, TORMOSIN, KARPOVSKOE.

On January 5, 1942 the division passing to the operational subordination of the 1st Guard Infantry Corps continued the attack reflecting numerous counterattacks, occupied GANKIN, BOGOYAVLENSKOE and by the morning of January 1, 1943 came into the region of MIKHAYLOVSKIY, ANARILSKIY, KRASNOYARSKIY, where on the line of NORTHERN DONEC pass to the heavy battles with enemy.

On April 10, 1944 continuing the offensive operation with battles took the following settlements: ASS, MIRNIY TRUD, DOLINKA, MANGIT and by the end of April 12, 1944 came to the line (unclear) POSITIONS.

Continuing further prosecution the division acting by moving troops captured settlements YUDENDORF, LARENDORF, NANDORF, AVEL, BUDENNOGO, AIBARY, NOV. LEZY, STARO. LEZY, UCHKURO-TARKHAN, BULGANAK and CHERKEZ-ELI.

By April 16, 1944 came to the line MAMASHAY / 13 km to the North from SEVASTOPOL /. Facing strong enemy resistance on the line of MAMASHAY the division in the period of April 17 – May 8, 1944 was preparing to the break of enemy's defenses on the outskirts of SEVASTOPOL.

On the night of 7 to 8 May 1944 the division passing to the a decisive offensive, broke through the enemy defenses and pursued him in the Southern direction, destroying the cover groups, by 6 a.m. on May 8 1944 it occupied the Northern part of SEVASTOPOL city. Near SEVASTOPOL city the division took LUBIMOVKA and BARTENEVKA.

On the night of 9 May 1944 the advanced shock reinforced group of up to 50 people from each battalion, under cover of artillery of direct fire forced SEVERNAYA BUKHTA and by the morning of 9 May 1944 crossed SEVERNAYA BUKHTA.

Together with other formations and sections of the 2d Guard Army the division took SEVASTOPOL city and by the morning of 10 May 1944 came to the Eastern bank of BUKHTA STRELECKAYA.

On May 11, 1944 by the order of the commander of the 54 Infantry Corps the division was called off the battle and concentrated on SLOBODA KORABELNAYA.

On May 12, 1944 according to the order №005/OP of the commander of the 54 Infantry Corps the division concentrated on the BULGANAK region and by 27 May 1944 took defensive position on the line KULA-SHEIKH AK MICHET, KUNAN, AIRCHIK / the extension of 120 km / with the task to protect Western coast of Crimea.