

Dec 1942; then advanced to Rostov in the Offensive N of the Caucasus [*], 4-9 Jan; fought well, though with heavy losses; then was promoted to the Guards

Guard Cavalry Corps

-I Guard Cavalry Corps

Formed on 26 Nov 1941 from II Cav Corps (promoted for gallantry at defense of Moscow)

* **TITLE:** Zhitomir Corps

* **COMMANDERS:** P.A. Belov, 11/41-6/42; V.K. Baranov, 7/42-5/45

* **ASSIGNED:** West Front, 11/41-7/42; 16 Army, 7-9/42; West Front, 9/42-1/43; Stavka reserves, 1-2/43; 6 Army, 2-3/43; 3 Tank Army, 3-4/43; Southwest Front, 4-9/43; Voronezh Front, 9-10/43; 1st Ukraine [ex Voronezh] Front, 11/43-2/44; 13 Army, 2-4/44; 1st Ukraine Front, 4-9/44; 38 Army, 9-10/44; 1st Ukraine Front again, 10/44-5/45

* **UNITS:** Always had 1 and 2 Gd Cav Divs. Also had 31 CD, 11-12/41; 57 CD, 1-2/42; 75 CD, 1-3/42 (41 CD also appears attached in 2/42 OB); permanently had 7 Gd Cav Div, 7/42-5/45 (although assigned in 1/42, 7 Div didn't actually join until 7/42)

The supporting units were...

- Tank Regts: 58, 2-5/44 (then sent to the Corps' 7 CD); 230, 9/43-1/44
- Guard artillery regts: 1 Gd Mortar, 6/43-5/45; 143 Gd AT, 2/43-5/45 (but not numbered until 5/43)
- Artillery-Mortar Regts - 161, 1-2/42; 150, 2/42-5/43
- Line artillery regiments - 319 AA, 5/43-5/45; 1244 SP, 2/44-5/45; 1461 SP, 9/43-1/44
- A Mortar Bn (non-rocket) - 193 Bn, 12/42-4/43; it became 49 Guard Mortar Bn, 4/43-5/45
- 1 Gd Tank Destroyer Bn, 12/42-5/45; 4 (or 4 Gd?) Horse Arty Bn, 11/42-3/43

* CAMPAIGNS

1941: After promotion to Guards, the first operation was the Counterattack in front of Moscow [*], 5 Dec 1941 to 7 Jan 1942 - Corps was very distinguished, and raided deep into the German rear (by Stalinogora)

1942: On the attack in the Rzhev-Vyazma Operation [*], 8 Jan-20 April (joined the assault on 8 Jan); was isolated in the Yuchnov pocket from Feb to May, then broke out (though with heavy losses): however, the operation disrupted the German rear areas for months; Corps was rebuilt by absorbing remnants of 75 Cav Div; in reserve of West Front through Nov; fought in the offensive at Rzhev, Nov-Dec

1943: Back to reserve in central sector in Jan; moved in Feb to the southern sector and entered the line at Lozovaya in 6 Army; Defensive Battle of Kharkov [*], 4-25 March: at Zaporozhe; in April was at Kupyansk; in reserve behind Kuban sector for May-July, then shifted north somewhat for Don Basin Offensive [*], 13 Aug-22