

CONTENTS

List of Illustrations	ix
List of Abbreviations	x
Preface to the Second Edition	xi
Acknowledgments	xv
Introduction	xvii
CHAPTER	
ONE. The Prewar Background: The Development of the Concentration Camp System and the SS Totenkopfverbände	3
TWO. The Polish Campaign and the Creation of the SS Totenkopfdivision	37
THREE. Growing Pains: December 1939-May 1940	64
FOUR. The SS Totenkopfdivision and the Battle of France	87
FIVE. The Long Interlude: Occupation Duty and Transfer to the East	120
SIX. The SS Totenkopfdivision and the War in Russia: June 1941-January 1942	152
SEVEN. The Soviet Counteroffensive: Encirclement in the Demyansk Pocket, January-October 1942	208
EIGHT. <i>Perpetual Crisis: The Führer's Firemen</i> , 1943-1945	255
NINE. Some Observations: Ideology, Personality, and the Question of Totenkopf Criminality	313
Afterword	343
Postscript to the Second Edition	347
Selected Bibliography	351
Index	363

