# 101. PANZER BRIGADE OFFICIAL BRIEFING

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After the destruction of Army Group Centre in Byelorussia by the Soviet Operation Bagration, there was little left to stop them short of the German border, 600 kilometres to the west. Hitler ordered twelve new panzer brigades created to 'surprise and destroy the attacking armoured spearheads'. The first four of these entered combat on the Eastern Front in late August 1944, launching immediate counterattacks against the Red Army's deepest thrusts.

When the Red Army launched its counteroffensive after the Battle of Kursk in August 1943, the German Army had little to stop it. The much vaunted panzer divisions had worn themselves out attacking the Soviet defences around Kursk, leaving the new Panther and Tiger battalions being rushed to the front as the only significant armoured forces. A number of *Kampfgruppen*, ad hoc battlegroups, were formed around these battalions and the remains of various panzer divisions under the command of experienced panzer leaders. Wherever they were employed these powerful battlegroups halted and threw back the Red Army's thrusts.

It was natural then, when the Red Army launched Operation Bagration on 22 June 1944, that the German Army would attempt to recreate their success in halting the Soviet rampage. The idea was mooted by Hitler on 2 July, and by 11 July orders had been issued to form twelve new panzer brigades. The first four were to be ready in just over one month. Bearing in mind that a panzer division was usually given six months to rebuild after being mauled at the front, the timetable for creating whole new units was incredibly short. The Army had suggested rushing refitting panzer divisions back to the front, but Hitler had insisted on forming new units instead.



The first of these was 101. Panzerbrigade under the command of the highly decorated Generalmajor Hyacinth Graf von Strachwitz und Camminetz (Major-general Hyacinth Count of Strachwitz and Camminetz), known as the Panzergraf or 'Panzer Count'. Von Strachwitz was awarded the Knight's Cross with Swords as commander of the Grossdeutschland (Greater Germany) Panzer Regiment, the lowest ranking officer given the award at the time, and was then the third Army officer to be awarded the Knight's Cross with Diamonds for the relief of the Cherkassy Pocket.

The core of the brigade was 2101. Panzerabteilung (2101st Armoured Battalion) equipped with 36 Panther tanks. It was planned to equip the battalion with a light company equipped with Panzer IV/70 self-propelled guns as well, but these had not yet been produced. The brigade's other battalion was the small 2101 Panzergrenadierbataillon (2101st Armoured Infantry Battalion) with two companies mounted in Sd Kfz 251 armoured half-tracks and a company of mortars and assault guns. The resulting battlegroup was equipped with the best Germany had to offer, but had less than half the number of Panther tanks and armoured half-tracks of a Panzer division, not to mention lacking the Panzer IV tanks, motorised infantry, and artillery that made up the bulk of the division.

On 18 August, 1944, three days after its hasty formation, 101. Panzerbrigade went into combat as Panzerverband von Strachwitz (Armoured Unit von Strachwitz) alongside SS-Panzerbrigade Gross, an even more hastily-formed group of SS training units. The Soviet offensive had reached the Baltic Sea coast just west of Riga in Latvia, cutting off the German Sixteenth and Eighteenth Armies. High Command had ordered Operation Doppelkopf (Doubled Head), an attack by the Panzerverband and six armoured divisions under the

39th and 40th Panzer Corps of the Third Panzer Army to cut off the Soviet spearhead and re-open communications with the trapped armies.

Panzerverband von Strachwitz was given the northern-most position, attacking from Frauenberg (now Saldus) towards Tukums where it would link up with an attack by Sixteenth Army. The other six divisions were to attack from Lithuania up the main road from Tauroggen (now Tauragè) through Schaulen (Siauliai) to Mitau (Jelgava), cutting off the Soviet 2<sup>nd</sup> Guards Army. This route added 100 km (60 miles) to the distance they needed to cover, but would clear the main road and railway line

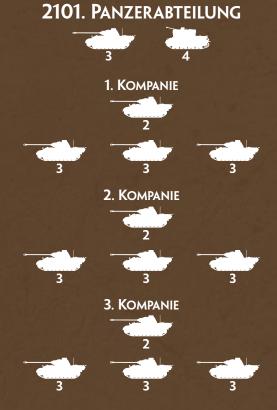
Von Strachwitz punched through the Soviet 51st Army to link up with Sixteenth Army the next day, then moved south to retake Mitau (Jelgava). The attacks by 39th and 40th Panzer Corps were not as successful. While the Germans had been bringing up their armoured divisions, the Red Army had reinforced its positions with the 5th Guards Tank Army. The reinforced defences stopped all of the German divisions after advances of just six to twenty kilometres (four to twelve miles). The German attacks were called off and much of the ground won was given up.

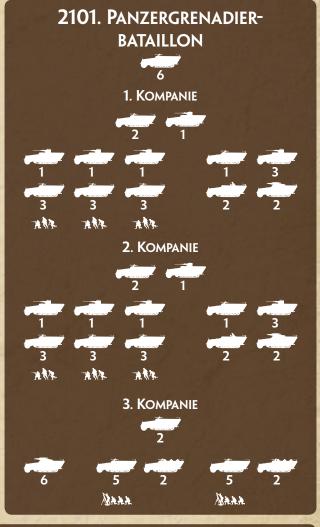
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## 101. PANZERBRIGADE













The Red Army, thinking that the Germans had given up, withdrew the 5th Guards Tank Army, only to be caught by surprise when the German Third Army launched a concentrated attack from Doblen (Dobele) a week later. This succeeded in widening von Stachwitz's corridor to 30km, but left the highway and rail line in Soviet hands.

On 24 August, Oberst (Colonel) Meinrad von Lauchert took over from von Strachwitz, who had been injured in a car crash. Panzerverband von Lauchert as it was now known, moved north into Estonia, defending Tartu near Lake Peipus. When the Red Army launched their operation to clear Estonia on 17 September, the Panzerverband formed the rearguard as the German Army Group Narva was evacuated through Pernau, finally leaving on 26 September. When it arrived back in Riga, the SS-Panzerbrigade Gross was disbanded, leaving 101. Panzerbrigade to fight on alone.

Now just a shadow of its former self, the panzer brigade formed the rearguard in early October, fighting across the old battlefields of Schaulen, Kelmė, and south to Tauroggen, counterattacking at Skaudvilè and Kvederne on the 8 and 9 October. Retreating through Tilsit (Sovetsk), it fought at Gołdap, Wirballen (Virbalis) and Nemmersdorf (Mayakovskoye) on the East Prussian border in mid October. By this time the brigade was almost completely destroyed and at the end of the month, the survivors were used to reform the  $20^{th}$  Panzer Division.

Despite its small size, 101. Panzer-brigade had formed an important part of the German defence of the Baltic States at a critical time, vindicating the panzer brigade concept in combat against the Red Army.



# PANZERKOMPANIE

ARMOURED COMPANY

TANK COMPANY

#### MOTIVATION AND SKILL

With the Red Army on the borders of East Prussia, it is do-or-die time for the German Army. Despite its hasty formation, the new Panzerbrigade is performing well, throwing back the Russian spearheads wherever it fights. The Panzerkompanie is rated as Confident Trained.

RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

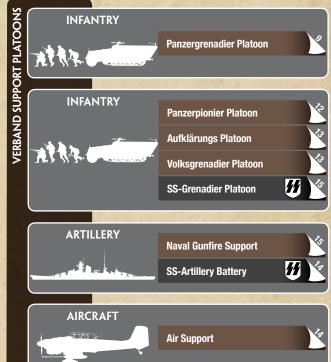


You must field one platoon from each box shaded black and may field one platoon from each box shaded grey.









#### **REICH DIVIDED**



Heer and SS Platoons in your force are Allies and follow the Allies rules on page of 70 rulebook.



#### **HEADQUARTERS**

#### Panzerkompanie HQ

**HEADQUARTERS** 

2 Panther A or G

290 points

101. Panzerbrigade is equipped with the latest model of the Panther tank, the steel core of the battlegroups that were so successful against Soviet spearheads earlier in the year.

#### HAUPTMANN HAUPTMANN **Company Command Panther** 2iC Command Panther COMPANY HQ PANZERKOMPANIE HQ

#### COMBAT PLATOONS

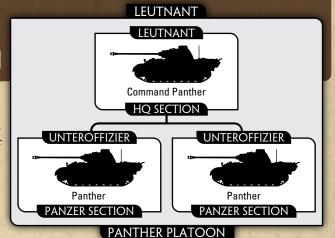
#### PANTHER PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

3 Panther A or G

430 points

The Panther tank has shown itself to be Germany's best tank. As long as it can control the pace of the battle, the Panther's armour and gun are as effective as those on the heavy Tiger tank, and its mobility is far better. Even in the hands of newly-trained crews, the Panther gives an excellent account of itself against the Red Army's T-34 tanks, and can out manoeuvre the heavy IS-2 tanks to defeat them in detail.



#### WEAPONS PLATOONS

#### ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

4 Möbelwagen (3.7cm)

170 points

3 Möbelwagen (3.7cm)

130 points

2 Möbelwagen (3.7cm)

90 points

The Allied bombing campaign against Germany has drawn the fighter force back to defend the homeland, stripping the front lines of air cover. The Red Air Force is responding with increasingly vigorous air strike against the panzers. The boxy sides of the Möbelwagen (Furniture Van) anti-aircraft tank disguise its deadly 3.7cm anti-aircraft gun, an effective weapon to keep the Red attack aircraft at bay.

#### LEUTNANT

# LEUTNANT



Command Möbelwagen (3.7cm)

Möbelwagen (3.7cm)

#### HQ SECTION

Möbelwagen (3.7cm)



ANTI-AIRCRAFT SECTION

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN PLATOON

# PANZERGRENADIERKOMPANIE ARMOURED GRENADIER COMPANY

#### **MECHANISED COMPANY**

#### MOTIVATION AND SKILL

Fully equipped with armoured half-tracks, the panzer grenadiers of the new panzer brigade form a small, but potent, infantry strike force. With the fate of Germany in their hands, these brave soldiers are determined to do their duty, being rated as Confident Trained.

RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN



You must field one platoon from each box shaded black and may field one platoon from each box shaded grey.









### **REICH DIVIDED**



Heer and SS Platoons in your force are Allies and follow the Allies rules on page of 70 rulebook.

#### **HEADQUARTERS**

#### PANZERGRENADIER-KOMPANIE HQ

#### **HEADQUARTERS**

Company HQ

65 points

Teams from the Company HQ of a Panzergrenadier-kompanie may use the Mounted Assault special rule on page 243 of the rulebook.

#### HAUPTMANN

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Company Command Panzerfaust SMG team



Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track



2iC Command Panzerfaust SMG team



Sd Kfz 251/17 D (2cm) half-track

COMPANY HQ

PANZERGRENADIERKOMPANIE HQ

#### COMBAT PLATOONS

#### PANZERGRENADIER PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

HQ Section with:

3 Panzergrenadier Squads

220 points

2 Panzergrenadier Squads

160 points

#### **OPTION**

• Replace Command Panzerfaust MG team with Command Panzerfaust SMG team at no cost.

Panzergrenadier Platoons may use the Mounted Assault special rule on page 243 of the rulebook.

An Sd Kfz 251/17 D (2cm) half-track is a Tank team, but can carry one Passenger team as if it was a Transport team.

The panzer grenadier platoons have large numbers of *Panzerfaust* anti-tank launchers, allowing them to take on the Red Army's tank hordes. Their Sd Kfz 251/17 D anti-aircraft half-track neutralises the Red Air Force as well.

#### LEUTNANT OR OBERFELDWEBEL

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Command Panzerfaust MG team Sd Kfz 251/17 D (2cm) half-track

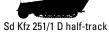
MG team

#### HQ SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



Panzerfaust Panzerfaust MG team MG team



PANZERGRENADIER SOUAD

#### UNTEROFFIZIER

Panzerfaust Panzerfaust



Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track

PANZERGRENADIER SOUAD

#### UNTEROFFIZIER







Panzerfaust MG team Panzerfaust MG team Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track

PANZERGRENADIER SQUAD

PANZERGRENADIER PLATOON





# PANZERGRENADIER HEAVY PLATOON PLATOON

HQ Section with:

Machine-gun Section

185 points

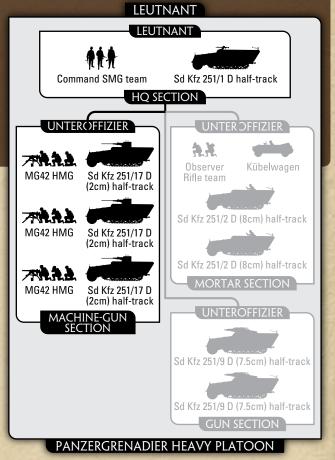
#### **OPTIONS**

- Add Mortar Section for +60 points.
- Add Gun Section for +60 points.

A Heavy Platoon may make Combat Attachments to Panzergrenadier Platoons and uses the Mounted Assaults special rule.

An Sd Kfz 251/17 D (2cm) half-track is a Tank team, but can carry one Passenger team as if it was a Transport team.

The brigade's *Panzergrenadier Bataillon* is small, but well designed. The two infantry companies each have their own heavy weapons platoon. With anti-aircraft guns, heavy machine-guns, mortars, and assault guns, the heavy platoon gives the company the tools to tackle most problems. The platoon is rarely used as a single unit. More normally, components are assigned to panzergrenadier platoons as needed. The assault guns are ideal for knocking out enemy machine-guns. The mortars pin down the enemy before assaults, and the heavy machine-guns massacre enemy attacks.



#### **WEAPONS PLATOONS**

#### MORTAR PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

**HQ** Section with:

4 12cm sGW43

120 points

#### **OPTIONS**

- Add Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-tracks and Kübelwagen for +25 points for the platoon.
- Add up to two Sd Kfz 251/1 D (Stuka) half-tracks for +35 points per half-track.

Each Sd Kfz 251/1 D (Stuka) half-track fires a bombardment completely separate from the rest of the Mortar Platoon using the Stuka zu Fuss rules on page 245 of the rulebook. A Sd Kfz 251/1 D (Stuka) half-track cannot act as the Spotting team for the 12cm sGW43 mortars, nor can the mortars or the Observer team act as the Spotting team for a Sd Kfz 251/1 D (Stuka) half-track.

The brigade's only integral artillery is the two platoons is the two platoons of heavy mortars in the battalion's heavy weapons company.

#### **LEUTNANT**







#### HQ SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



SMG team







Sd Kfz 251/1 D

MORTAR SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



12cm sGW43 Sd Kfz 251/1 D mortar half-track



12cm sGW43 Sd Kfz 251/1 D mortar half-track

MORTAR SECTION



Sd Kfz 251/1 D (Stuka) half-track



Sd Kfz 251/1 D (Stuka) half-track

#### LAUNCHER SECTION

#### MORTAR PLATOON



#### **CANNON PLATOON**

#### **PLATOON**

6 Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm) 4 Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm)

185 points 125 points

The infantry's reserve of firepower came from the Stummel (Stump) guns of the cannon platoon. The Sd Kfz 251/9 assault guns mounted stubby 75mm guns to knock out machine-gun nests and anti-tank weapons that are holding up the infantry's advance. The half-tracks are lightly armoured, so need to be cautious, but pack a punch way above their weight.

#### LEUTNANT

#### LEUTNANT



(7.5cm) half-track



Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm) half-track

#### GUN SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm) half-track



Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm) half-track

**GUN SECTION** 

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm) half-track



Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm) half-track **GUN SECTION** 

CANNON PLATOON

# VERBAND SUPPORT

#### Motivation and Skill

101. Panzerbrigade has a scout platoon and a small pioneer company to support the tanks and infantry: . Like the rest of the brigade, and the Volksgrenadiere they fought with, they make up for their lack of combat experience with determination, and are rated as Confident Trained.

RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

#### Panzerpionier Platoon

#### **PLATOON**

HQ Section with:

2 Pioneer Squads

160 points

#### **OPTIONS**

- Replace Command Pioneer Panzerfaust MG team with Command Pioneer Panzerfaust SMG team at
- Add an additional Sd Kfz 251/7 D half-track to each squad for +15 points for the platoon.
- Add Pioneer Supply 3-ton Maultier for +30 points.

Panzerpionier Platoons may use the Mounted Assault special rule on page 243 of the rulebook.



**Command Pioneer** Panzerfaust MG team



half-track

Pioneer Supply Opel Maultier

#### HQ SECTION

Sd Kfz 251/7 D Pioneer

half-track

MG team 不才不

Panzerfaust

Pioneer Sd Kfz 251/7 D Panzerfaust half-track MG team

PIONEER SQUAD

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



Pioneer Panzerfaust MG team

half-track



Pioneer Sd Kfz 251/7 D Panzerfaust half-track MG team

PIONEER SQUAD

#### PANZERPIONIER PLATOON

#### ARMOURED FLAME-THROWER PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

6 Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm)

240 points

4 Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm)

160 points

2 Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm)

80 points

The brigade pioneer company has a platoon of armoured assault engineers backed up by a whole platoon of armoured flame-throwers. The Sd Kfz 251/16 flame-throwing halftrack mounts two flame-throwers, one on each side of the vehicle. They race up to an enemy position, smother the opposition in flame, and pull back as the panzer grenadiers roll in to mop up the remains.

#### LEUTNANT

#### LEUTNANT

Command Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm) half-track

Sd Kfz 251/16 D

(Flamm) half-track

#### FLAME SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm) half-track



Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm) half-track

FLAME SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm) half-track



Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm) half-track

ARMOURED FLAME-THROWER PLATOON



#### AUFKLÄRUNGS PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

HQ Section with:

- 3 Aufklärungs Squads
- 2 Aufklärungs Squads

215 points 155 points

#### **OPTIONS**

- Replace Command Panzerfaust MG team with Command Panzerfaust SMG team at no cost.
- Add an additional Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track to each squad for +10 points per half-track.

Aufklärungs Platoons may use the Mounted Assault special rule on page 243 of the rulebook.

The panzer brigade lacks a long-distance reconnaissance element, relying on the Aufklärungs (Scout) platoon as a coup de main force to seize critical ground ahead of the main body. Fortunately, the Red Army doesn't undertake a lot of reconnaissance, so rapid attacks into their spearheads don't run into too many surprises.

#### LEUTNANT

#### LEUTNANT





Command Panzerfaust MG team Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track

#### HQ SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER





Panzerfaust MG team

Panzerfaust MG team



Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track



#### AUFKLÄRUNGS SQUAD

#### UNTEROFFIZIER





Panzerfaust MG team

Panzerfaust MG team



Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track



Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track AUFKLÄRUNGS SQUAD

#### UNTEROFFIZIER





MG team



Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track

Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track

AUFKLÄRUNGS SQUAD

#### AUFKLA? UNGS PLATOON



#### Volksgrenadier Platoon

#### **PLATOON**

HQ Section with:

2 Assault Squads and 1 MG Squad

210 points

When the Red Army launched its offensive against Memel, the attacked a weak section of the line defended by three Volksgrenadier (People's Grenadier) divisions with no armour and little artillery in support. These newly-formed divisions rely on massed firepower, including the new StG44 assault rifle, to offset their lack of numbers.

The Volksgrenadiere fought hard, but were pressed back, and their lines broken. Panzerverband von Lauchert is amongst the first armoured forces to race to their support.

#### **LEUTNANT**

## LEUTNANT

Command Panzerfaust Assault Rifle team

HQ SECTION

#### UNTEROFFIZIER



Panzerfaust MG team



MG SQUAD





team

Panzerfaust Panzerfaust Assault Rifle Assault Rifle

SOUAD



Panzerfaust

Assault Rifle team

Assault Rifle

VOLKSGRENADIER PLATOON

# AIR SUPPORT SPORADIC AIR SUPPORT HS 129B 115 points HS 129B3 115 points Ju 87 D Stuka 100 points Ju 87 G Stuka 100 points Aircraft FLIGHT AIR SUPPORT

When the situation in the Baltic States became desperate, the *Luftwaffe* (Air Force) sent Hans Rudel, their top tank-killer ace, and their best ground-attack units to slow down the Soviet advance and support the panzer counterattacks.

#### **NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT**

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Prinz Eugen

200 points

#### **NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT**

If you have Naval Gunfire Support, your force will field an Observer Rifle team that can spot for an artillery battery of four Confident Trained Naval Guns. The guns are not deployed on the table, but have the range to hit any target on the table. They do not have a Staff team.

Weapon Range ROF Anti-Tank Firepower
Naval Guns - 6 1+



#### NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

The Kriegmarine (Navy) supported Panzerverband von Strachwitz' attack at Tukums with long-rang naval gun fire from the 200mm (8") guns of the heavy cruiser, the Prinz Eugen, famous for its role in the Bismarck's last cruise.

# SS SUPPORT PLATOONS

#### MOTIVATION AND SKILL

The soldiers of SS-Panzerbrigade Gross have been pulled out of training schools to form emergency combat units. They lack in experience, but are thoroughly indoctrinated with Nazi ideology and will fight fanatically to defend their land. SS Support Platoons rated as Fearless Trained.

RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

#### SS-PANZER PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

3 Panzer III L or M

180 points

#### **OPTIONS**

- Replace up to one Panzer III L or M tank with a Panzer III J (Early) tank for -15 points.
- Replace up to one Panzer III L or M tank with a Panzer III N tank for -10 points.
- Replace up to one Panzer III L or M tank with a Panzer IV G tank for +10 points.
- Replace any or all Panzer III L or M tanks with Panzer IV J tanks for +15 points per tank, with Panther G tanks for +105 points per tank, with StuG G assault guns for +25 points per assault gun, with T-34 obr 1942 tanks for +5 points per tank, or with T-34/85 obr 1943 tanks for +30 points per tank.



#### SS-PANZER PLATOON

Panzer III J, L, M, or N tanks and Panzer IV G tanks in the SS-Panzer Platoon are Unreliable.

*SS-Panzerbrigade* Gross includes a scratched-together armoured battalion of two companies, both initially equipped with worn-out training tanks. As the campaign progressed, they picked up a wide variety of other tanks.

#### SS-GRENADIER PLATOON

#### **PLATOON**

**HQ** Section with:

3 Rifle Squads

200 points 145 points

2 Rifle Squads

SS-Panzerbrigade Gross also included two battalions of infantry from SS training schools. Like the troops of 101. Panzerbrigade, the troops are determined to protect Germany from the Red Menace, and make up for their lack of experience with fanatical determination.

Facing large numbers of Soviet tanks, they are heavily-armed with Panzerfaust anti-tank launchers, a form of one-shot bazooka. The Panzerfaust may have a short range, but it is devastating to tanks and ideal for the defence of their homeland.

#### UNTERSTURMFÜHRER

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Command Panzerfaust MG team

HQ SECTION

### UNTERSCHARFÜHRER

Panzerfaust Rifle/MG team

Panzerfaust Rifle/MG team

#### RIFLE SQUAD

#### UNTERSCHARFÜHRER

Panzerfaust Rifle/MG team

Panzerfaust Rifle/MG team

RIFLE SQUAD

Rifle/MG team Rifle/MG team

RIFLE SQUAD

#### SS-GRENADIER PLATOON



#### SS-ARTILLERY BATTERY

#### **PLATOON**

**HQ** Section with:

4 10.5cm leFH18 2 10.5cm leFH18 185 points 100 points

LATVIJA

Panzerverband von Strachwitz included two batteries of artillery from the Latvian 19. Waffengrenadierdivision der SS (Lettische Nr. 2), the 19th (2nd Latvian) Armed SS-Grenadier Division, formed from a mix of Latvian volunteers and conscripts.

Having suffered horribly under the Soviet occupation in 1940 and 1941, their attitude was 'first we'll beat the Russians, then we'll beat the Germans', an echo of their fight for independence after the First World War.

#### OBERSTURMFÜHRER

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Command SMG team

Staff team

HQ SECTION

#### UNTERSCHARFÜHRER



Observer Rifle team



10.5cm leFH18 howitzer



**GUN SECTION** 

#### UNTERSCHARFÜHRER





10.5cm leFH18 howitzer



**GUN SECTION** 

SS-ARTILLERY BATTERY

# GERMAN ARSENAL

## TANK TEAMS

Name Weapon	Mobility <i>Range</i>	Front ROF	Armour Side <i>Anti-tank</i>	Top Firepower	Equipment and Notes
TANKS					
Panzer III J (early) 5cm KwK gun	Standard Tank 24"/60cm	5 3	3 7	1 4+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo.
Panzer III L or M 5cm KwK39 gun	Standard Tank 24"/60cm	6 3	3 9	1 4+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo, Schürzen.
Panzer III N 7.5cm KwK37 gun	Standard Tank 24"/60cm	6 2	3 9	1 3+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo, Schürzen. Smoke.
Panzer IV G 7.5cm KwK40 gun	Standard Tank 32"/80cm	5 2	3 11	1 3+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo.
Panzer IV J 7.5cm KwK40 gun	Standard Tank 32"/80cm	6 2	3 11	1 3+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo, Schürzen. Slow traverse.
Panther A or G 7.5cm KwK42 gun	Standard Tank 32"/80cm	10 2	5 14	1 3+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Wide tracks.
StuG G 7.5cm StuK40 gun	Standard Tank 32"/80cm	7 2	3 11	1 3+	Hull MG, Protected ammo, Schürzen.  Hull mounted.
CAPTURED TANKS					
T-34 obr 1942 (captured)	Standard Tank	6	5	1	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Fast tank, Wide tracks, Limited vision, Unreliable.
7.62cm KwK(r) gun	32"/80cm	2	9	3+	
T-34/85 obr 1943 (captured) 8.5cm KwK(r) gun	Standard Tank 32"/80cm	7 2	5 12	1 3+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Unreliable.
INFANTRY GUNS (SP)	)				
Sd Kfz 251/2 D (8cm) 8cm GW34 mortar Firing Bombardment	Half-tracked 24"/60cm 40"/100cm	1 2 -	0 2 2	0 3+ 6	AA MG. Hull mounted, Smoke, Portee, Minimum range 8"/20cm. Smoke bombardment.
Sd Kfz 251/9 D (7.5cm) 7.5cm KwK37 gun	Half-tracked 24"/60cm	1 2	0 9	0 3+	Co-ax MG. Hull mounted.
Sd Kfz 251/16 D (Flamm) Two 1.4cm Flammenwerfer	Half-tracked 4"/10cm	1 3 (each)	0	0 6	Hull MG. Side mounted, Flame-thrower.
Sd Kfz 251/17 D (2cm) 2cm FlaK38 gun	Half-tracked 16"/40cm	1 4	0 5	0 5+	Carry 1 Passenger, Passenger-fired AA MG. Anti-aircraft.
Sd Kfz 251/1 D (Stuka) half-track 28cm sW40 Rocket Launcher	Half-tracked 40"/100cm	1 -	0 3	0 I+	Hull MG. Hull mounted, Stuka zu Fuss.
ANTI-AIRCRAFT					
Möbelwagen (3.7cm) 3.7cm FlaK43 gun	Standard Tank 24"/60cm	0 4	0 6	0 4+	Anti-aircrafi.



## INFANTRY TEAMS

Team	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Rifle/MG team	16"/40cm	2	2	6	
MG team	16"/40cm	3	2	6	ROF 2 when Pinned Down.
SMG team	4"/10cm	3	1	6	Full ROF when moving.
Assault Rifle team	8"/20cm	3	1	6	Full ROF when moving.
Flame-thrower team	4"/10cm	2		6	Flame-thrower.
Staff team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	Moves as a Heavy Gun team.

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

Panzerfaust 4"/10cm 1 12 5+ Tank Assault 6, Cannot shoot in the Shooting Step if moved in the Movement Step.

Pioneer teams are rated as Tank Assault 4.

## GUN TEAMS

Weapon	Mobility	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
MG42 HMG	Man-packed	24"/60cm	6	2	6	ROF 3 when pinned down or moving.
8cm GW34 mortar Firing bombardments	Man-packed	24"/60cm 40"/100cm	2	2 2	3+ 6	Smoke, Minimum range 8"/20cm. Smoke bombardment.
12cm sGW43 mortar	Light	56"/140cm	12 1.	3	3+	
10.5cm leFH18 howitzer Firing bombardments	Immobile	24"/60cm 72"/180cm	1	10 4	2+ 4+	Gun shield, Breakthrough gun, Smoke. Smoke bombardment.

### TRANSPORT TEAMS

Vehicle Weapon	Mobility <i>Range</i>	Front ROF	Armour Side Anti-tank	Top Firepower	Equipment and Notes
Kübelwagen jeep	Jeep	-			
Opel Maultier	Half-tracked	19:00	Charles I	11.	
Sd Kfz 251/1 D half-track	Half-tracked	1	0	0	Hull MG, Passenger-fired AA MG.
Sd Kfz 251/7 D (Pioneer) half-track	Half-tracked	1	0	0	Hull MG, Passenger-fired AA MG, Assault bridge.

## AIRCRAFT

Aircraft	Weapon	To Hit	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Ju 87D Stuka	Bombs	4+	5	1+	
Ju 87G Stuka	Cannon	3+	- 11	4+	
Hs 129B	Cannon	2+	9	4+	Flying tank.
Hs 129B3	Cannon	4+	15	3+	Flying tank, No HE.
	MG	3+	6	5+	

## NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

Weapon	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower
Prinz Fugen		The Parties	6	1_

