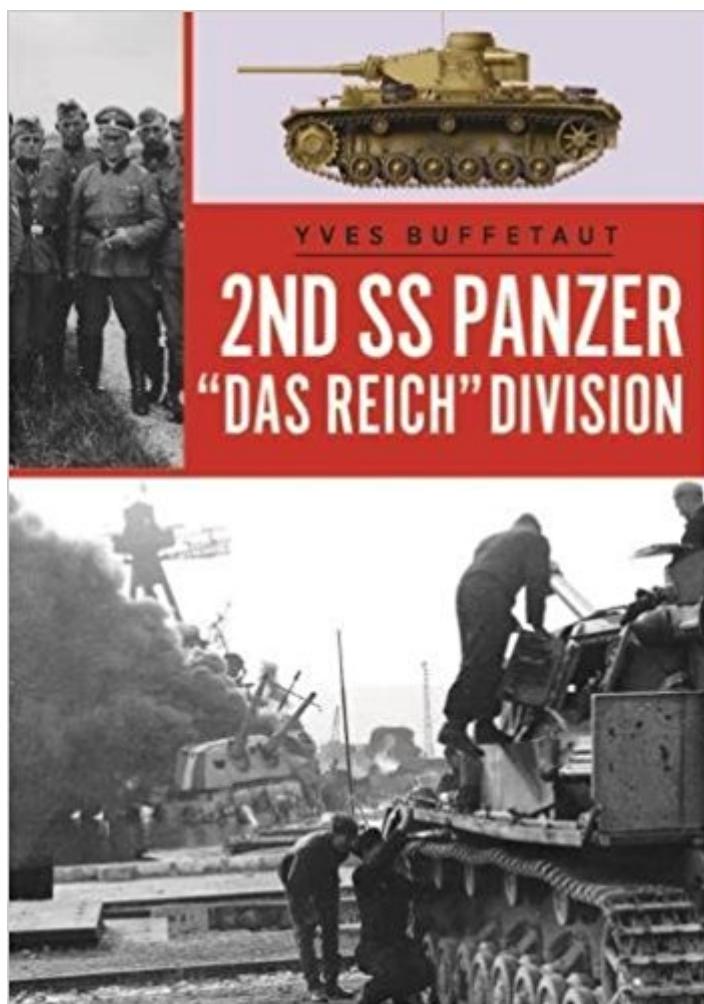


The book was found

2nd SS Panzer "Das Reich" Division (Casemate Illustrated)



Synopsis

The Das Reich Division was the most infamous units of the Waffen-SS. Hitler's Schutzstaffel (SS) units were originally paramilitary formations raised to protect the members of the Nazi party, and the Waffen-SS (the armed SS) was founded in 1934 as the SS-VerfÃ gungstruppe. In 1939 the SS-VerfÃ gungstruppe was placed under the operational command of the OKH. During the invasion of Poland the unit fought as a mobile infantry regiment. There were doubts about the unit's effectiveness, but Hitler ordered it be allowed to expand and form its own divisions, but under the command of the army. In 1940 the SS-VerfÃ gungs-Division participated in the invasion of the Netherlands and France. After the Battle of France the SS-VT was officially renamed the Waffen-SS, and in 1941, the VerfÃ gungs-Division was renamed Reich, later Das Reich. In 1941 Das Reich took part in the invasion of Yugoslavia, where its men accepted the surrender of Belgrade. In Barbarossa, Das Reich fought with Army Group Center, in the spearhead of Operation Typhoon and taking part in the battle of Moscow, by which time it had lost 60 percent of its combat strength. It was pulled off the front in mid-1942 and sent to refit as a panzer-grenadier division. Returning to the Eastern Front, Das Reich took part in the fighting around Kharkov and Kursk. Late in the year it was designated a panzer division. In 1944, the unit was stationed in southern France when the Allies landed in Normandy. The following days saw the division commit atrocities, hanging 100 local men in the town of Tulles in reprisal for German losses, and massacring 642 French civilians in Oradour-sur-Glane, allegedly in retaliation for partisan activity in the area. Later in the Normandy fighting, Das Reich was encircled in the Roncey pocket by US 2nd Armored Division, losing most of their armored equipment. Das Reich surrendered in May 1945.

Book Information

Series: Casemate Illustrated (Book 2)

Paperback: 192 pages

Publisher: Casemate (November 24, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 161200525X

ISBN-13: 978-1612005256

Product Dimensions: 7 x 0.6 x 10 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #811,795 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #76 in Books > History > Military >

[Download to continue reading...](#)

2nd SS Panzer "Das Reich" Division (Casemate Illustrated) Das Reich: 2nd SS Panzer Division 'Das Reich' - Drive to Normandy, June 1944 (Battleground Europe) Panzer Operations: Germany's Panzer Group 3 During the Invasion of Russia, 1941 (Die Wehrmacht im Kampf) SS Panzer SS Voices - Eyewitness Panzer Crews - From Barbarossa to Berlin Das Reich Tigers Panzers East and West: The German 10th SS Panzer Division from the Eastern Front to Normandy Totenkopf. Volume 2: The Structure, Development and Personalities of the 3.SS-Panzer-Division 60 Division Worksheets with 3-Digit Dividends, 1-Digit Divisors: Math Practice Workbook (60 Days Math Division Series) 200 Division Worksheets with 4-Digit Dividends, 3-Digit Divisors: Math Practice Workbook (200 Days Math Division Series 11) 60 Division Worksheets with 5-Digit Dividends, 3-Digit Divisors: Math Practice Workbook (60 Days Math Division Series 12) 365 Division Worksheets with 3-Digit Dividends, 3-Digit Divisors: Math Practice Workbook (365 Days Math Division Series 10) Division Facts Math Practice Worksheet Arithmetic Workbook With Answers: Daily Practice guide for elementary students and other kids (Elementary Division Series) (Volume 1) 500 Division Worksheets with 2-Digit Dividends, 1-Digit Divisors: Math Practice Workbook (500 Days Math Division Series) First Division Band Method, Part 1: B-flat Cornet (Trumpet) (First Division Band Course) 30 Division Worksheets with 1-Digit Dividends, 1-Digit Divisors: Math Practice Workbook (30 Days Math Division Series) (Volume 1) Natural Enemies Handbook: The Illustrated Guide to Biological Pest Control (University of California, Division of Agriculture Publication # 3386) Panzer Leader Tigers in the Mud: The Combat Career of German Panzer Commander Otto Carius Panzer Commander: The Memoirs of Colonel Hans Von Luck (World War II Library) Panzer Commander: The Memoirs of Colonel Hans von Luck

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)