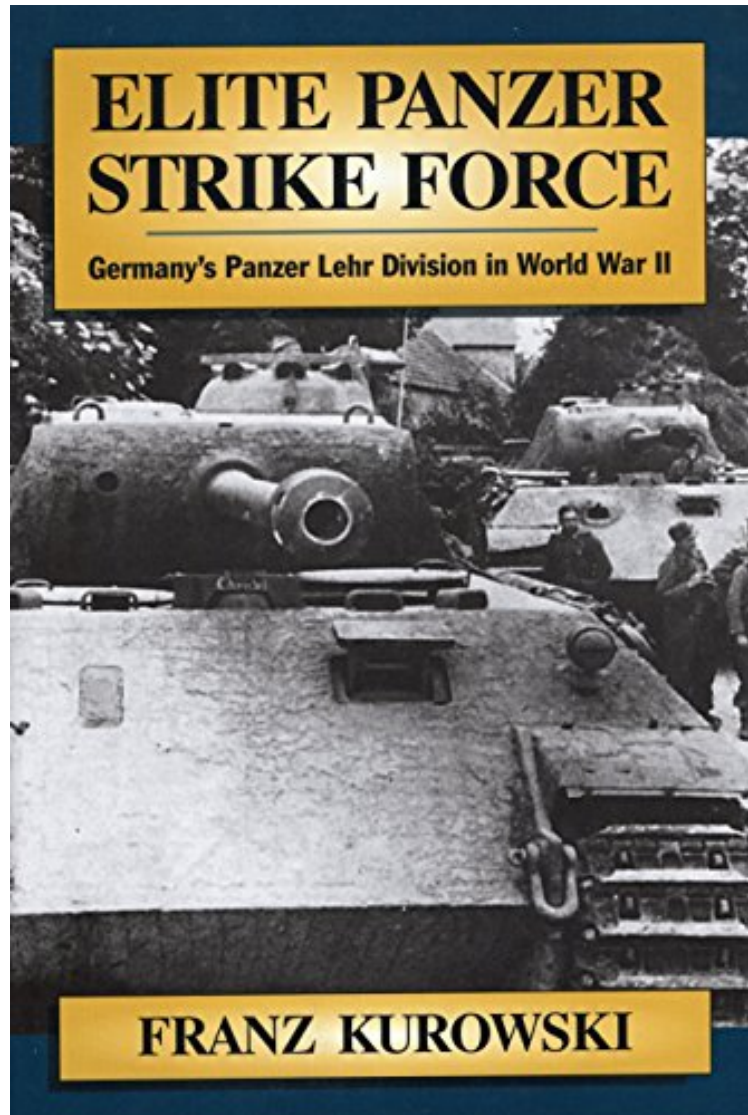


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of the Panzer Lehr Division (PLD as the book calls it). It is not a real long book, 2600+ locations, for whatever that means. It starts out by talking about how the division was formed from the Panzer Lehr Regiment (PLR) and bits and pieces of other units and then its training to become a cohesive unit. This is a translation (from German I would guess) so there are a few places where the wording is a little awkward. It uses a lot of abbreviations like PLD, which made sense, but it uses a lot of others to the point where there were enough abbreviations that I forgot what some of them stood for. PLD was formed in 1943 in France and trained up in time to be used after the Normandy invasion. It was in almost continuous combat from that point until Germany collapsed. PLD pretty much ceased to exist along the way as it was all but destroyed in the collapse of Germany. At the end, all that was left was a shadow of its former self. It follows the units fighting after the Normandy invasion. Mainly an almost continual retreat and brutal beating by Allied air power, with occasional periods of relief due to bad weather. The author's admiration and respect for the PLD and its men and officers is apparent throughout the book. Sometimes we forget that the grunts on the other side of the trench were not a whole lot different than our grunts. Just guys in a big war trying to stay alive and help their comrades stay alive as well. An interesting perspective from the other side of the war. The back cover says it is a Stackpole book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good read. By Jetpack. At 2,678 locations, this is a pretty quick read about the battles of the Panzer Lehr division. Fritz Bayerlein is an interesting fellow - his first hand stories really serve to show just how bad the Germans had it once the Allied fighter-bombers showed up. 10% vehicle losses before ever getting into land combat is remarkable. The story about the German soldier who takes a machine-gun bullet in the chest takes you right in that foxhole. Picked up the Kindle version when it was free. No issue with the ability to read it for my copy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent. By Steiner. The best part of the volume are the first hand accounts of the soldiers themselves. Although information on the battle for Bastogne is illuminating, especially Fritz Bayerlein's fateful choice of road networks, the most enjoyable section was regarding the Normandy campaign. Buy this book!

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