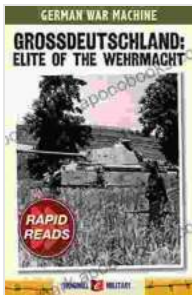


# Grossdeutschland: The Elite of the Wehrmacht

Grossdeutschland was an elite division of the German Wehrmacht during World War II. It was formed in 1942 from the remnants of the Grossdeutschland Regiment, which had been formed in 1939. The division was intended to be the Wehrmacht's premier fighting formation, and it was equipped with the best weapons and equipment available. Grossdeutschland fought in some of the most intense battles of the war, including the Battle of Stalingrad and the Battle of Kursk. It was also one of the few German divisions to fight in the Battle of the Bulge.



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Grossdeutschland was a highly decorated division, and its members were known for their bravery and fighting spirit. The division was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross 25 times, and 10 of its members were awarded the Oak Leaves to the Knight's Cross. Grossdeutschland was also

awarded the Cuff Title "Grossdeutschland" in 1943, which was a rare honor for a German division.

Grossdeutschland was disbanded in 1945 after the end of the war. However, its legacy lives on. The division's motto, "Grossdeutschland über Alles" ("Greater Germany Above All"), is still used by some German military units today. Grossdeutschland is also remembered for its bravery and fighting spirit, and its members are considered to be among the best soldiers of World War II.

## **Formation and Training**

Grossdeutschland was formed on April 1, 1942, from the remnants of the Grossdeutschland Regiment. The regiment had been formed in 1939 as a motorized infantry regiment, and it had fought in the Invasion of Poland and the Battle of France. In 1941, the regiment was expanded into a division, and it fought in the Invasion of the Soviet Union.

Grossdeutschland was intended to be the Wehrmacht's premier fighting formation, and it was equipped with the best weapons and equipment available. The division's infantrymen were armed with the StG 44 assault rifle, which was a new weapon that gave them a significant advantage over their opponents. Grossdeutschland also had a strong artillery component, and it was supported by a tank battalion and a reconnaissance battalion.

The division's training was rigorous, and its members were expected to be the best of the best. The division's officers were all graduates of the Wehrmacht's prestigious War College, and its enlisted men were all volunteers who had been carefully screened for their physical and mental fitness.

## **Combat History**

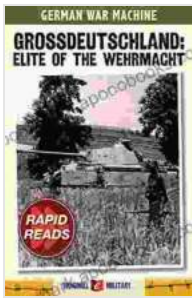
Grossdeutschland fought in some of the most intense battles of World War II. The division's first major combat action was the Battle of Stalingrad, where it fought as part of the German 6th Army. Grossdeutschland played a key role in the fighting, and it helped to hold the city for several months. However, the division was eventually forced to surrender, and its members were taken prisoner.

After the Battle of Stalingrad, Grossdeutschland was rebuilt, and it fought in the Battle of Kursk. The division again played a key role in the fighting, and it helped to stop the Soviet advance. Grossdeutschland also fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where it was one of the few German divisions to achieve any success.

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## **Legacy**

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