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Der Tiger: Vol. 1: Schwere Panzer Abteilung 501 (English And German Edition)



Synopsis

In the first volume of this new photo book series DER TIGER the tanks and crew members of Heavy Tank Battalion 501 are shown in the field, performing maintenance, and during pause after seeing action at the front. The photos were taken by photographers from the PK units and also from veterans serving in the battalion. All have been arranged in chronological order to show where the unit was deployed during the war. Formation of the battalion in May 1942 sent to Tunisia (North Africa) at the end of November 1942 Reestablished in September/October 1943 - and deployed to the Eastern Front in December 1943 Revitalized and re-equipped with the new Tiger II "King Tiger" - sent to Poland in August 44 and then to the Reich. 128 pages with more than 150 unique wartime photographs from official and private collections. Also included are 1/35 scale plans of a unit-made crane for repair work.

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Most of the book content is dealing with the battalion's deployment in Tunisia, Northern Africa in 1942. So we have pictures of Tigers being loaded on the ferry, being in a convoy, rolling on the hill, being camouflaged and being maintained and repaired. The most interesting pictures are from the mid-late war period, when the sPzAbt.501 was sent to the Eastern Front. These pictures will be useful for the modellers, with some rather "characterful", battle-scarred Tigers. If you already own Wolfgang Schneider's and Jean Restayn's books on the topic, then this book only offers couple new images and you might enjoy the updated and corrected captions. Also, the image quality leaves a bit to be desired; high contrast photographs on semigloss paper.

I read one of the previous reviewers review and his last paragraph made me a little hesitant to purchase. I posted on a modeling website seeking info on the book and was convinced to buy. There are very few pictures that are in both Der Tiger and Restyan's books although there are often similar photos from the same series printed in the book. The few that were in both titles were larger in Der Tiger. The pictures are processed differently by the two editors and as a modeler I think I prefer the photos in De Tiger. I didn't compare the printing of photographs to Tigers in Combat to these books but that may be interesting. This book is equivalent to crack for Tiger modelers. There is not a lot of battle history or development information in this book but largely just great, well captioned, photos of Tigers Schwere Panzer Abteilung 501. Interesting to me was a jib hoist designed by the maintenance crews to remove Tiger engines that is documented with several photos and 1 1/2 pages of drawings. This book has 127 pages, is hardbound, the text is in both English and German, is printed on good quality, semi gloss paper. There are 151 photos, the vast majority of them (approximately 130) include a Tiger I, 6 are of Tiger II with the remainder related to the Tiger. No portraits no fluff, just Tiger stuff. The author, Volker Ruff, ambitiously plans on doing volumes on each of the 10 Heer Tiger units and I will buy them all. I hope Herr Ruff will then do the SS Tiger units.

New photos to me. High quality printing.

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