





By Greg Moore gregpanzerblitz.com May, 2010 Brought up to strength for this battle, the 21st Panzer also included the first Panzer III "specials" to see action in North Africa. These tanks were the best in the desert until the arrival of the Sherman and the Panzer IV "special". During the battle, the 21st was heavily engaged (see 15th Panzer) and participated in nearly all of the important fighting of the battle. After two weeks, the British armor units had once again been shattered by German armor and tactics, but it had come with a heavy price. German tank losses were also fairly heavy and, unlike the Allies with their ample replacements, Rommel was unable to ever rebuild his panzer divisions back up to full strength. The lack of tanks and fuel for them were a critical factor at El Alamein.