





Kampfgruppe Krag



The 2nd SS "Das Reich" Division was yet another victim of the Falaise pocket, with only 450 men and 15 tanks escaping to rebuild the division with. After being rebuilt in Germany, the division was assigned to the Ardennes attack and given a secondary role in support of the 1st SS Panzer. The division ended up outperforming the 1st SS Panzer, however, as it attacked to the south of St. Vith and drove to Manhay, affecting a temporary breakthough there before the hole was closed by the 7th Armored. During the offensive, a reinforced recon battalion (Kampfgruppe Krag) drove around to the back side of St Vith, helping to speed the American withdrawal. Kampfgruppe Krag also managed to bottle up most of the 112th regiment of the 28th Infantry, with only 200 men escaping. Part of the 2nd SS Panzer was cut off and forced to surrender by Patton's counteroffensive later but the rest were able to escape to fight another day.