German 352nd Volksgrenadier Div. December, 1944



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The 352nd Infantry Division had gotten their first taste of fighting Americans as part of the defenders of Omaha Beach. By the end of the Normandy Campaign, the division had been severely depleted. It was rebuilt as a Volksgrenadier division in September and was nearly at full strength for the Ardennes Offensive. In addition, it was already in position at the start of the battle and was well acquainted with the terrain in front of it. The division assaulted the U.S. 28th and made slow progress forward until caught in a counterattack by Patton's forces and severely mauled. The 352nd spent the rest of the battle involved in a slow retreat.