



The 9th Panzer Division is yet another example of a division which was all but destroyed in the Falaise pocket. The survivors were not pulled out of action until September when the division was built almost up to full strength again. The division was thrown back into action near Aachen and was understrength in tanks when the Bulge began. Fortunately, it still had most of a battalion of Tiger tanks attached which had been with the division since September. The 9th got as far as Rochefort by Christmas day, establishing contact with the 2nd Panzer but was forced back from there. The division fought a very spirited defense against the Allied counteroffensive and was nearly used up by the end of the battle.