



The famous "Ghost" division was reinforced with an extra panzer battalion for its participation in Case Blue in the south. With plenty of new tanks in the ranks, this was probably the most powerful panzer division in the summer offensive. The division fought in the south and survived the winter and continued to fought all over the Russian front, suffering high losses. In early 1944, the division was nearly used up and was finally withdrawn back to France to be rebuilt. The weakened division never quite regained its strength as it continued in action in the west until the end of the war.