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The veteran 6th Panzer Division had ridden into Russia in 1941 with the rest of the Wehrmacht and had seen much action, too much in fact. In May of 1942, the greatly depleted division was withdrawn back to France for rebuilding. In late October of 1942, the refreshed 6th Panzer was sent back to Russia just in time to participate in the failed attempt to relieve the surrounded 6th Army at Stalingrad. The 6th Panzer spent the rest of the war fighting Russians until finally surrendering to them in Austria in 1945.