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The 9th Panzer Division began the campaign in Army Group Center where it helped to capture Kiev along with over 600,000 Russian soldiers. In early 1942, the 9th was sent to Army Group South and was reinforced with a third tank battalion in June in preparation for the German summer offensive in the south called Case Blue. In August, the 9th Panzer was sent back to Army Group Center to help defend the line against another expected Russian winter offensive. in 1943, the division was so badly mauled at Kursk that it was sent to France to rebuild. The 9th finished the war in the west, being destroyed by the British and American armies several more times. The remnants finally surrendered in the Ruhr pocket in 1945.