

By the spring of 1942, the Russians had decided that they needed bigger tank formations than the brigades they had been using for the last year. The result was the return of the Tank Corps, a division sized formation. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tanks Corps were immediately authorized and formed from pieces of existing units. The original order called for only two tank brigades in each tank corps but that was quickly increased to three.

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