

Kampfgruppe Falk – Command summary

Officer Commanding: Oberst Hendrik Falk

Information on unit structure

This battle group is a large part of what was the original German player 'centre piece' of the campaign. It was given clear mission orders for the seven days and for 22 Moves attempted to fulfil these. At this point the unit has been fragmented and a core given to one of the three new German players for the last six Moves of the campaign. The residual elements are mostly scattered or destroyed with the only cohesive portion surrounded by a Soviet Corps in Borisov. The Group was originally the size of an under strength division with a panzer grenadier regiment of three battalions, a panzer battalion, an assault gun battalion, a flak battery, an engineering company and a heavy tank company. Now on July 3rd a solid core of the Gruppe is entrenched within Zhodino together with many other German units from the 4th Army. The overall commander of the Kampfgruppe; Oberst Haucke, retains control of an armoured reserve and the artillery assets of the Kampfgruppe. Oberst Falk has control of the remaining Panzer Grenadier battalion, a company of Assault guns and a company of Tigers.

Unit History in the campaign so far

The story of Kampfgruppe Haucke is the main German 'theme' running through the campaign. Originally the gruppe was divided into three then four subgroups. Their glorious actions resulted in many tales of triumph and heroism but alas all but Haucke's original central command have now been destroyed or are surrounded and isolated far from Zhodino. You will be able to read of the exploits of Hauptmann Kindelbacher at Stolchnyek and his doom at Irtansk or panzer ace Oberst Wichmann who rescued the trapped 267th Division at Studenka, destroyed the 3rd Guards Tank Brigade at Krasny Belo and then was himself posted missing after the disastrous action against the 21st Guards Tank Brigade at Yerenavolov on July 1st. The Kampfgruppe's pionier kompanie together with a kompanie of assault guns is currently surrounded and being assailed from all sides in Borisov. Their fate is inevitable. Herr Oberst Haucke and the core of the kampfguppe have fought several defensive actions around Zhodino between 1st July and now. Thus far casualties have been light and the enemy have been compelled to retire in the face of our robust approach. Orders will shortly come your way from High Command.....

Other information

Unit cohesion is of an extremely high level within this Battle group. Through their actions 500 victory points have already be contributed to the German total. Oberst Wichmann received four citations including a final posthumous one for his actions at Yerenavolov. Hauptmann Sedelmeier has also been cited for his action at Krasny Belo. Both of these fine officers are now missing presumed dead. Currently Haucke's command is independent but attached to elements of the 4th Army trapped in Zhodino. Nominally the chain of command extends to 4th Army HQ at an undisclosed location in such an open document as this briefing.

Kompanie 1 SturmAbteilung 121 (attached to Gruppe Falk – Kampfgruppe Haucke)



Officer Commanding: *Leutnant Gerd Schümann*

Parent formation: 121 SturmAbteilung a support unit to Kampfgruppe Haucke

Information on unit structure

StAb121 is now split between the HQ assets of Kampfgruppe Haucke, Gruppe Falk and the isolated garrison at Borisov. Its primary role is infantry support but the highest priority currently is the panzerabwehr role.

Unit History in the campaign so far

The Assault gun battalion has seen little fighting in the period 28th June to July 2nd although minor skirmishes around Zhodino with elements of the 2nd Tank Corps in the last 24 hours. It is doubtful whether Kompanie 3 will escape its perilous position in Borisov and the battalion anxiously awaits any news from that besieged location.

Organizational Structure:

StuG Komp Führer: **Leutnant Gerd Schümann**

StuGIII
StabsZug

Schümann

StuGIII
Zug 1

Oberfeld
Schwarz

StuGIII
Zug 2

Oberfeld
Neidermayer

Abteilung 1- Panzer Grenadier Regiment 60 (Panzer Grenadier Division 25) – attached to Gruppe Falk (a subgroup of Kampfgruppe Haucke)



Officer Commanding: Hauptmann Achim Ganz

Parent formation: Panzer Grenadier Division 25

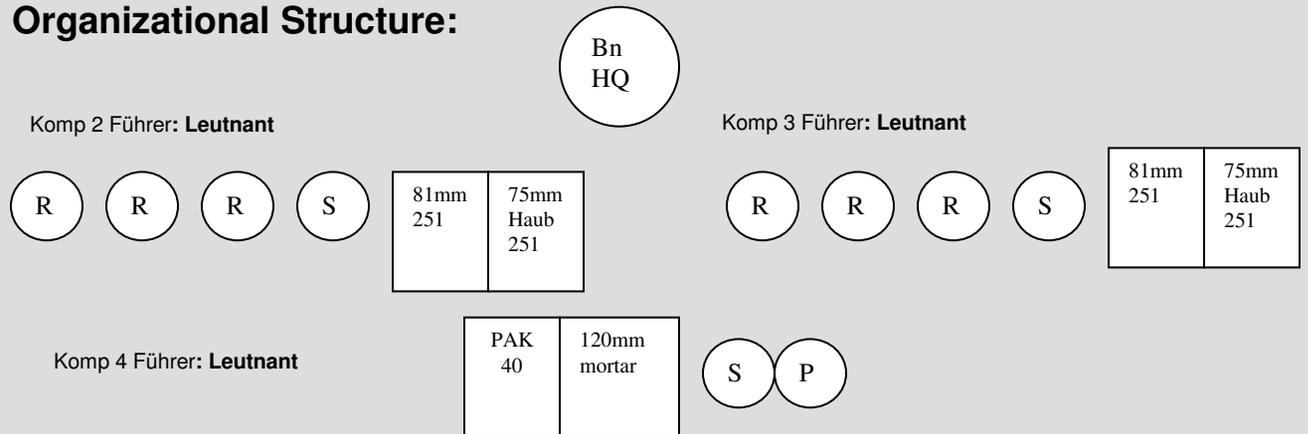
Information on unit structure

The unit has two companies each of three rifle platoons(zug), one support weapons platoon a half track mounted 81mm mortar and h/t mounted 75mm haubitze. It also has a heavy weapons company of one each support and pionier platoon, 120mm mortar and pak40 platoon .

Unit History in the campaign so far

This is an elite battalion still largely fresh to the fight. The 2nd & 3rd battalions have been destroyed in combat since 28th June. Kindelbacher's 2nd battalion failed to stop the first Soviet breakthrough on the 28th at Stolchnyek. They later captured Irtansk but were destroyed in a counter attack by Assault Division Svyatoslav. Wichmann with the 3rd and panzer battalions after performing miracles on the east\ side of the Berezhina including the rescue of the trapped 267th Infantry Division, was finally annihilated by the 21st GTB at Yerenavolov on the 1st July. Haucke's troops have been engaging UNITS OF THE 2ND Tank Corps around Zhodino for two days now. 1st Company is detached at Borisov. The 10th Company (3rd Battalion) is in the mass of retreating units at Berezhino.

Organizational Structure:



Kompanies 2 and 3 in Semi tracks, Komp 4 in trucks, HQ can ride in a Kübel.

Kompanie 2 schwerespanzerabteilung 505 (attached to Gruppe Falk)



Officer Commanding: Hauptmann Klaus Heinrich Krause

Parent formation: Heavy tank battalion 505.

Information on unit structure

The unit has three platoons of four Tiger tanks crewed by veteran panzertruppen. Their combat cohesion is extremely high.

Unit History in the campaign so far

Part of the battalion was lost during heavy fighting on the east side of the Berezhina under the command of Kai Wichmann. The remaining two companies have been held in reserve under the direct control of the Kampfgruppe commander Haucke. He has now detached Kompanie 2 under Krause to support Ab1/60 PzGr under your command....

Organizational Structure:

PzVI
Stab
Zug

PzVI
ZUG 1

PzVI
ZUG 1

Zug führer: **Haupt
Krause**

Zug führer: **Leut. Jansen**

Zug führer: **Leut.
Cupzcok**