

**German 48<sup>th</sup> Corps In World War II: Summary Orbats**  
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This is an incomplete article. Rest will appear in a subsequent issue.

48<sup>th</sup> Motorized Corps

Barbarossa<sup>1</sup>

- 17th Panzer Division
  - 39<sup>th</sup> Panzer Regiment
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Panzer Grenadier Regiment
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Panzer Artillery Regiment
- 18th Panzer Division
- 25th Panzergrenadier Division
- 108th Artillery Command

48<sup>th</sup> Panzer Corps

Fall Blau (August 1942)

- 14<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division<sup>2</sup>
  - 36<sup>th</sup> Panzer Regiment
  - 103<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment
  - 104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Panzer Artillery Regiment
- 24<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division (between 1942-43 reorganized to eliminate the infantry brigade HQ, major units remained the same)<sup>3</sup>
  - Panzer Regiment 24
  - Panzer Grenadier Regiment 21
  - Panzer Grenadier Regiment 26
  - Panzer Artillery Regiment 89
- 29th Motorized Infantry Division (1939 Orbat)<sup>4</sup>
  - 15 Infantry Regiment
  - 71<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion
- 108th Artillery Command

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<sup>1</sup> [www.Wikipedia.com](http://www.Wikipedia.com)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.feldgrau.com/PzDiv.php?ID=14>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.feldgrau.com/PzDiv.php?ID=24>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.axishistory.com/index.php?id=1014>

48<sup>th</sup> Panzer Corps  
August 29, 1942  
Lt. Gen. Kempf  
The corps is advancing on Stalingrad

48th Panzer Corps  
November 10, 1942<sup>5</sup>  
Lt. Gen. Ferdinand Heim  
Corps is near Stalingrad, under 6<sup>th</sup> Army; is pulled out to support 3<sup>rd</sup> Rumanian Army on  
6<sup>th</sup> Army's left flank a few days later.

Nominal Orbat according to GHQ, which lists the corps as an elite, battle-ready  
formation:

40,000 troops  
3 panzer divisions



The Czech Panzer 38, eventually uparmored to 50mm frontal and 30mm sides; 37.2mm gun/90 rounds.  
[http://www.wiivehicles.com/germany/foreign/pzkpww\\_38t.html](http://www.wiivehicles.com/germany/foreign/pzkpww_38t.html) 9 tons.

Actual Orbat

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.usswashington.com/dl10no42.htm>

22nd Panzer Division (in August with 17<sup>th</sup> Corps of 6<sup>th</sup> Army)  
204<sup>th</sup> Panzer Regiment (Col. Hermann Von Oppeln-Bronikowski)  
104 tanks, mostly Pz 38s, few Mk III/IV  
Division has had no fuel since September  
PZ Grenadier Regiment is detached to Stalingrad  
Engineer Battalion is detached to Stalingrad

1st Rumanian Panzer Division

108 tanks (almost all Czech Pz 38s; can not penetrate T-34 armor even at point-blank range)

Nominal orbat<sup>6</sup>:

1<sup>st</sup> Tank Regiment  
3<sup>rd</sup> Motorized Regiment  
4<sup>th</sup> Motorized Regiment  
1<sup>st</sup> Motorized Artillery Battalion  
1<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion  
1<sup>st</sup> AT Battalion

The T-34 was widely acknowledged as the best allied tank of World War 2; 35,000 were produced. 26 tons, 76mm/70 rounds.<sup>7</sup>



T-34 Picture credit: [www.2worldwar2.com/t-34-tank.htm](http://www.2worldwar2.com/t-34-tank.htm)

48<sup>th</sup> Panzer Corps  
December 12, 1942

“Winterstorm”, the attempt relief by 4<sup>th</sup> Panzer Army of Stalingrad. The corps is in weak condition.

11<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division (Lt. Gen. Herman Balck<sup>8</sup>)  
By December 25<sup>th</sup> the division is down to 8 tanks.

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<sup>6</sup> [https://www.lostbattalion.com/t-bl\\_OU.aspx#Rum1PZ\\_card\\_list](https://www.lostbattalion.com/t-bl_OU.aspx#Rum1PZ_card_list)

<sup>7</sup> [www.2worldwar2.com/t-34-tank.htm](http://www.2worldwar2.com/t-34-tank.htm)

<sup>8</sup> This is a standard photograph of General Balck reproduced in many publications. We used <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/GERbalck.htm> as our source.



General Herman Balck



Division sign: Jason Pipes's [www.fieldfrau.com](http://www.fieldfrau.com)

Nominal orbat

15<sup>th</sup> Panzer Regiment

11<sup>th</sup> Motorized Rifle Brigade

110<sup>th</sup> Regiment

111<sup>th</sup> Regiment

2 reconnaissance battalions (as opposed to usual 1 for divisions)

22<sup>nd</sup> Panzer Division

7<sup>th</sup> Luftwaffe Field Division

336<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

48<sup>th</sup> Panzer Corps

As of July 1943

Operation Citadel (Kursk)

3rd Panzer Division

11th Panzer Division

Panzer Grenadier Division *Großdeutschland*<sup>9</sup>

Panzer Regiment *Großdeutschland*

1<sup>st</sup> Panzer Grenadier Regiment *Großdeutschland*

2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer Grenadier Regiment *Großdeutschland*

Panzer Artillery Regiment *Großdeutschland* (42 guns in 3 battalions)

176th Infantry Division

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<sup>9</sup> <http://www.answers.com/topic/gro-deutschland-division>



Division sign from Jason Pipes's [www.feldgrau.com](http://www.feldgrau.com)

132nd Artillery Command  
144th Artillery Command

48<sup>th</sup> Panzer Corps

Lt. Gen. Herman Balck (promoted to corps commander September 1943)  
November, 1943

Recapture of Zithomar to help stabilize front west of Kiev. Operating under 4<sup>th</sup> Panzer Army.

1<sup>st</sup> Panzer Division

1<sup>st</sup> Panzer Regiment  
1<sup>st</sup> Panzer Grenadier Regiment  
113<sup>th</sup> Panzer Grenadier Regiment  
79<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment  
79<sup>th</sup> Panzer AT Battalion

7<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division

19<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division

25<sup>th</sup> Panzer Divisions

1st SS Panzer Division

1<sup>st</sup> SS Panzer Regiment

Motorized Infantry Regiment *Liebstandarte*

2<sup>nd</sup> SS Panzer Division *Das Reich* (battlegroup)

68<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division