

# **The Efficacy of Tanks of Hitler's Eastern Allies 1941-45: Uncovering the New Vanguard 199**

In World War II, Hitler's Eastern Allies played a significant role in shaping the outcome of the war. From 1941 to 1945, these nations, including Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Finland, contributed their forces and resources to support Nazi Germany's eastern front against the Soviet Union. One crucial aspect of their military strength was the deployment of tanks, which played a crucial role in the battles that unfolded in these territories.

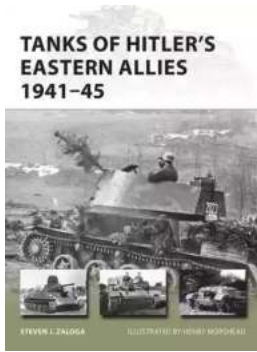
## **The Significance of Tanks in World War II**

Tanks revolutionized warfare during World War II, becoming formidable weapons that could turn the tide of battles. As Hitler's Eastern Allies joined forces with Germany, their tank divisions became crucial assets on the Eastern Front. Understanding the different types of tanks used by these nations is vital to comprehend the dynamics and effectiveness of the alliance against the Soviet Union.

## **New Vanguard 199: Tanks of Hitler's Eastern Allies 1941-45**

A seminal reference on this subject is New Vanguard 199: "Tanks of Hitler's Eastern Allies 1941-45," authored by Steven J. Zaloga. This in-depth publication delves into the tanks used by Nazi Germany's allies in Eastern Europe during the war. By dissecting the specifications, capabilities, and design details of these tanks, Zaloga provides a comprehensive analysis of their contributions to the war effort.

**Tanks of Hitler's Eastern Allies 1941-45 (New Vanguard Book 199)** by Richard Fortey (Kindle Edition)



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## Uncovering the Armored Arsenal

From the Romanian R35 to the Finnish StuG III, the tanks of Hitler's Eastern Allies displayed a wide range of characteristics and performances. Despite lacking the sheer quantity and industrial capacity of Nazi Germany, these nations managed to field meaningful armored divisions that challenged Soviet forces.

New Vanguard 199 uncovers the details of each tank employed by the Eastern Allies and analyzes their performance in various battles. It explores the unique design features and evaluates the tanks' effectiveness in combat scenarios. By doing so, it sheds light on the factors that influenced the outcomes of key engagements.

## Tanks That Made a Difference

For example, the Romanian TACAM T-60 tank destroyer provided the Eastern Allies with a potent anti-tank weapon. Its ability to engage German Panzer tanks at long distances gave the Romanian army a fighting chance against superior forces. Similarly, the deployment of Hungarian Turan tanks showcased the nation's commitment to contributing armored units to the war effort.

New Vanguard 199 showcases various case studies that highlight the favorable outcomes achieved through the deployment of tanks utilized by Hitler's Eastern Allies. These examples provide a deeper understanding of the operational effectiveness of these tanks and contribute to the assessment of their significance in military history.

## **The Legacy of Hitler's Eastern Allies**

The history of the tanks employed by Hitler's Eastern Allies in World War II goes beyond their immediate battlefield impact. The experiences of these nations in developing and operating armored divisions offer valuable insights into the socio-political dynamics of the time.

Hitler's Eastern Allies were nations that sought to assert their interests and independence. While their alliance with Nazi Germany is infamous, understanding the role their tanks played in the war is crucial to unravel the complex geopolitical web that shaped World War II.

The tanks employed by Hitler's Eastern Allies from 1941 to 1945 had a significant impact on the Eastern Front. By analyzing the different models, design features, and combat effectiveness of these tanks in New Vanguard 199: "Tanks of Hitler's Eastern Allies 1941-45," readers gain a deeper appreciation of the contributions made by these nations to the war effort. This exploration provides a unique perspective on a lesser-known aspect of World War II and sheds light on the dynamic role that tanks played in shaping history.

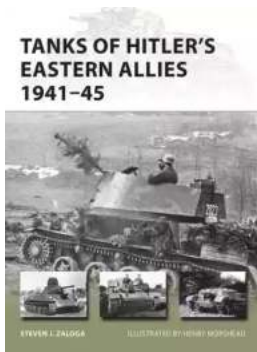
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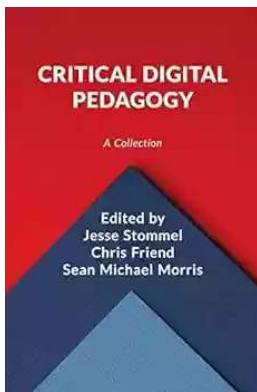


The titanic armor battles of the Russian Front are widely known, but the role of Germany's eastern allies is not as well known. Two of these countries, Romania and Hungary, manufactured their own tanks as well as purchasing tanks from Germany. These ranged from older, obsolete types such as the PzKpfw 35(t) all the way up to the latest and best German vehicles including the Tiger I and Hetzer. These tanks played a frequent role in the battles in southern Russia and Ukraine and were especially prominent in the disaster at Stalingrad where the Red Army specifically chose the weaker Romanian and Hungarian salients for their critical envelopment operation. This New Vanguard will provide a broad survey of the various and colorful tanks used. Besides covering the largest of these Axis tank forces, this book will cover the many smaller and lesser known forces including the Italian contingent in Russia, the Finnish armored force, and the small but interesting armored forces of the Russian Vlasov (RONA), Croatian, Bulgarian and Slovakian armies. This subject is seeing increasing interest in the modeling world; for example Tamiya recently announced a PzKpfw 35 (t) (suitable for Romanian, Slovak armies) a Finnish StuG III, and a Finnish BT-42.



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