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Dear customers!

We are happy to send you another newsletter. The topics are:

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Best reagards out of Switzerland Peter Mueller

Historyfacts' new publications

The new books of this year are ready:

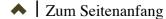
Denton, Mansal: Battle for Narva, 1944

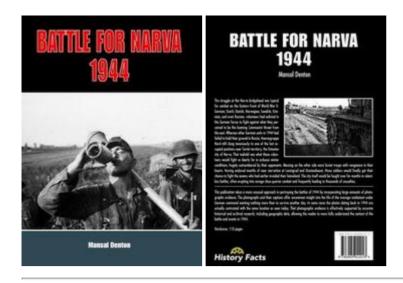
This book is already published in English, a translation to German is in progress.

20*28 cm, 112 pages, 120 photographs and maps, hardcover

N: 978-3-905944-01-3

СпF 44.50 EUR 29.00





Oberleitner, Gerhard

You up there - We down here . Schoolboys deployed as Anti-Aircraft Gun Assistants

The German book is in print, the translation to English started some weeks ago.

20*28 cm, 292 pages, 280 photographs and maps, Hardcover

German ISBN: 978-3-9522968-6-8

English (pubished 2011): 978-3-9522968-7-5

Sales price:

CHF 49.90 EUR 33.90

Historyfacts' publication program (English)

Thomas Anderson

Vorwärts immer, rückwärts nimmer! [Forward ever, rearward never] An illustrated Guide to History and Fate of the German Assault Artillery in WW II

The Sturmartillerie was extablished before outbreak of WW II as an integrative support arm of the infantry, which was far way from thorough mobility. Sturmgeschuetze - assault guns - turretless tanks armed with a 7,5 cm gun should push forward the attack breaking any enemy resistance, destroying infantry guns, MG nests and bunkers. In the further course of the war the young service branch would have to stand the impetus of ever growing numbers of enemy tanks.

This book is the first of a series. Its purpose is to introduce this small, but remarkable service arm to the reader. Development and combat of of the first units in battery - scale and the later Sturmgeschütz battalions resp. brigades will be explained by photos, diagrams and colored artwork. The author turned his attention to the identification of Sturmartillerie units, markings and characteristics will be clarified wherever possible.

During his research the author relied only on sources found in German archives. Subjective recollections of veterans have been used to illustrate the nature of this service arm.

Volume I: The Early Years

ume II: Attack ume III: Defence

lication Volume I roughly: German: IV-2010 / English: I-2011

N: 978-3-9522968-9-9

You up there - We down here Schoolboys deployed as Anti-Aircraft Gun Assistant

In 1944, school classes were entirely deployed as anti-aircraft gun assistants to support the heavy Flak. These very young men were drilled at the 88-mm-Flak gun to support the soldiers of the Wehrmacht battling the allied bomber streams against Greater Germany. The missed school lessons were placed between fighting and training sessions, to complete the school's requirements. The experiences of the teen-agers, their non-political attitude and their courage of innocence are understandable very clearly. The author was one of the boys, that were deployed near St. Valentin, Austria, to protect the local tank works, the biggest of the Reich. He tells his experiences aptly and touchingly and places them in a bigger surrounding. He speaks also about hiding himself in Spring 1945 not to follow the contingent to join the Wehrmacht. A very impressive contemporary witness!

The author bases on its own diary that he wrote during the employment and on past war researches in Austrian and US archives. His personally affected reporting shows, how teenagers underwent the Second World War and their own mission and how they dodged with the incidents.

Publication roughly: German: III-2010 / Englisch: III-2011

ISBN: 978-3-9522968-7-5

Peter Müller

Tank production in the Third Reich From Conceptions to Deliveries

This study is progressed quite far, but needs some time for beeing finished. It will cover the whole process of tank devlopment, production planning and manufacturing up to te moment when the ordnance office takes over the tanks. It'll deal with questions of production logistics as well as with the question of raw material supply. So it can be used a a knowledge base for understanding tank production in Germany during that period as well for understanding armament processes themselves.

Publication roughly: German: II-2012 / English: I-2013

ISBN: 978-3-905944-03-7

Michael Winninger

The "Plaything-Factory" History of the Nibelungen Tank Works in St. Valentin

The village St. Valentin, situated in the western part of Niederoesterreich was a growing and in the end very important armament production center in the Third Reich. The Nibelungenwerk was planned as the hughest and most modern tank production factory with big housing facilities for workers, this under the camouflage name "Plaything-Factory". Altough the building was hindered by many wartime restrictions, the Nibelungenwerk, during his production time 1941-1945, grow to the most important manufacturer of Panzerkampfwagen IV (German main battle tank). Nowadays in the remaining part of the Nibelungenwerk tractors are built.

Michael Winninger from St. Valentin is occupied since his childhood with this topic. He was grown closest to the former Nibelungen works and some of his family members were working in that factory. The author was able, based on some 1200 historic photographs from the town's and Stey-Daimler-Puch's Archives and private collections as well with documents, to finalise a chronical history of the Nibelungenwerk at war.

His book shall give the readers very deep views inside of constructing the factory and of its production. Starting with a part about the planning and constructing of the factory and residental aera it shows then the poor working ditions, the producing of armament materials (mainly tanks mark IV) and finally the air raids against the works the end of the war in St. Valentin. Underlined is the story with many never published photographs and

uments.

lication roughly: German: II-2011 / Englisch: II-2012

N: 978-3-905944-05-1



Peter Müller, Wolfgang Zimmermann

Panzerkampfwagen IV Footing of the German Panzer-Troops

This publication is assemled in a quite similar way as the one about the Sturmgeschütz III. It will include three volumes:

• Volume I: History

• Volume II: Visual Apearance of the main battle tank

• Volume III: Visual Apearance of the derivates

Publication roughly: German: 2012 ff./ Englisch: 2013 et seq.

Vol I - ISBN: 978-3-905944-07-5 Vol II - ISBN: 978-3-905944-09-9 Vol III - ISBN: 978-3-905944-11-2

Peter Müller

The Armament Minister's Files Minutes . Speeches . Documents

With this Source edition, which is far advanced, we will publish all relevant minutes, speaches, decisions and reports of the former Reich Minister for Armament and Ammuntition, Fritz Todt and Albert Speer, in several volumes. The famous minutes of Speers diskussions with Hitler, the so calles "Fuehrer-Protokolle", will be published completely for the first time and with marginal comments. The Data collecting is almost finished and all our other publications do already base on this information.

Publication dates not estimated yet - as translation is not decided...

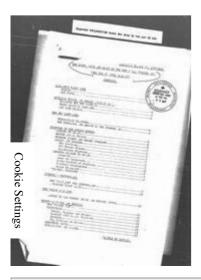
Seeking for your assistance

At the end of that newsletter, we would like to inform you about a concern of us:

Historyfacts is working hard in assembling information and writing books - a most serious research is always our aim. For that we need documents, photographs, plans, maps, magazines, company's newspapers and so on.

Your are interested in our topics and some of you do collect historical materials, photographs and documents of the World War I and II era.

If you happen to are a collector yourself or you'd know somebody as described, we would ask you to arrange a contact - our heartful thanks for thinking about us!



Gallery "Bombers over Austria"

The Archive footnote.com publishes large amounts of data. During our research for Oberleitner's book "You up there - We down here" we browsed that database thoroughly and published some of the findings in the book. Following you will find some more pictures regarding the bombing raids against Austria. We shall publish more such information on other topics lateron. Larger pictures in printable quality (about 15 megapixels) can be ordered for a small fee. You may order directly with footnote.com, if you are aware of expenses and specially your time to be spent.

Original texts are from the pictures backs.

1)

War Theater #12 (Austria)

Consolidated B-24, Flak, Units 451st + 725th (picture 23.10.1944)

2)

15th Air Force Boeing B-17 Flying Fortresses leave a sky of vapor trails behin them as they fly to attack the railroad yards at Vienna, Austria, on 15 January 1945...

- 3) Boeing B-17 Flying Fortresses of the 15th AF slice the sky with vapor trails as they head for the marschalling yard at Linz, Austria... (Picture 5.3.1945)
- Flak spills through the vapor trails from Boeing B-17 Flying Fortresses of the 15th Air Force during the attack on the rail yards at Graz, Austria on 3 March 1945...
- Vapor trails from Consolidated B-24 Liberators of the 15th Air Force as the bombers headed for the railyards at Vienna, Austria, on 15 January 1945. Such attacks are supporting the Russian advance. 451st Bomb Group.
- 6)
 Lockheed P-38 Lightnings weave their vapor trails above a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress of the 15th Air Force as the Lightnings escort the Forts on a mission to Linz, Austria, on 8 Jah, 45...
- A Consolidated B-24 of the 15th Air Force heads for the marschalling yards at Linz, Austria on 2 March 1945 through a sky filled with vapor trails...
- 8) Italian based Flying Fortresses of the 15th Air Force fill the sky over rugged Austrian terrain as the bombers go allout to blast Hitler's inner fortess. 301st Bomb Group (picture 21.4.1945)
- Rombs that hit the Vienna railyards on 15 January 1945, are ready to leave the bomb bay of the Consolidated B-24 erator as it starts its bomb run... 451st Bomb Group.

 Set in place from punding the railroad yards at Linz Austria, a Roeing B 17 Flying Fortress (top) lost its

ning back from punding the railroad yards at Linz, Austria, a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress (top) lost its formation in the murky weather. Sighting a formation of Consolidated B-24 Liberators, the Fortress pilot pulsed his bomber next to the wing plane of the Liberator formation... 451st Bomb Group (Picture 13.2.1945)

11)

Consolidated B-24 Liberators of the 15th Air Force fly over the Alps entoute to smash railyarda at Vienna, Austria, on 15 January 1945... 451st Bomb Group.

12)

These two Boeing B-17 Flying Fortresses of the 15th AF are part of a formation heading fot the south min marshalling yard at Linz, Austria, on 25 Feb.1945...

13)

Bombing of Graz-Neudorf, Austria by Consolidated B-24 Liberators of the 15th Alf Force on 16 Oct 1944. Here one of the Liberators is seen over the smoking target.

14)

A Consolidated B-24 Liberator Bomber of the 15th A.F. drops its bombs on the rail yards at Krems, 35 miles northwest of Vienna, Austria, on April 2 1945...

15)

A Formation of Consolidated B-24s of Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining's U.S. Army 15th Air Force thunders over the railway yards at Salzburg, Austria... (picture 21.12.1944)

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