

Tanks in the Battle of Germany 1945: Western Front (New Vanguard) By Steven J. Zaloga The Battle of Germany saw the most advanced tanks of the Allies pitted against the remnants of the once formidable Panzerwaffe now exhausted and lacking many of the essentials of arid warfare but equipped with the biggest and most powerful tanks they would ever field. In these last months the Allies were now equipped with the most advanced Shermans such as the M4A3E8 as well as some of the types that would go on to have successful postwar careers such as the Pershing Comet and Chaffee. In contrast the Panzer forces had pinned their hopes on small numbers of monstrous types such as the Jagdtiger and Tiger II as well as the workhorse Sturmgeschetz and Panzer IVs and Vs. But with German forces crumbling the Panzerwaffe lacked trained crews replacement vehicles and fuel while the Allies well supported tank forces advanced through Germany in spectacular combined arms fashion. Packed with information on tank numbers types and comparative performance this book sheds new light on the two sides tanks organization and doctrine and explains how the ultimate tank battles of World War II were really fought:

The crossing of the river Rhine marked the beginning of the end of the Third Reich but the Wehrmacht would fight ferociously on its home soil until the fall of Berlin. Tanks in the Battle of Germany 1945: Western Front (New Vanguard) Steven Zaloga is a senior analyst for Teal Group Corp: His professional specialization is the commercial and technological aspects of the international trade in missiles precision guided munitions and unmanned aerial vehicles: He also serves as an adjunct staff member with the Institute for Defense Analyses a federal think tank. an aerospace consulting firm.

