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**Sturmgeschutz IV, sd.kfz. 167**

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The Sturmgeschütze or StuG IV has always been a favourite among German armour enthusiasts for many years. But one of the major gripes has always been: “Why can’t I find many pictures of them?”

Well I thought the same thing when I was completing my latest model project (which just happened to be a StuG IV), and almost as an afterthought, and to satisfy my own curiosity, wondered just how many pictures I could actually find of this elusive subject when I put my mind to it. It was surprisingly more than I was expecting...

My original intentions for this article were simple. The idea was basically to present the collection of pictures that I had managed to gather from various sources (books, videos, personal collections etc.), and list where these pictures can be found. I also was going to present a little bit of information - essentially the captions supplied with pictures. In some cases where the information was blatantly wrong (ie. saying it was taken in Spring 1943, when the first vehicles didn’t come off the production line until December 1943 etc., or if there was a reputable source whose information obviously outweighed a clearly suspect one), then I would add my own corrections. Also points of interest would be called out in individual pictures were applicable too.

Well all these simple ideas were shattered after contacting Martin Block. Martin has provided me with a huge amount of new information (gathered by him in his own meticulous research), that I just wouldn't have normally been able to access. What this has done is transform this comparatively basic photo essay into quite a substantial and complete reference article. Not only has Martin painstakingly gone through all of the pictures and captions (making necessary corrections, identifying units he knows and generally providing useful information), he has also included an allocation list showing to whom all the StuG IVs were issued, complete with dates and numbers. Added to this is a unit strength listing he’s supplied for April 1945 to go with the one provided by Mirko Bayerl for January

1945 and you can see how this has now become quite a useful reference document for the modeller historian alike. So to Martin, my utmost gratitude in allowing me to include the fruits of his labour into this project of mine that’s grown out of all proportion from my initial modest visions.

I would also just like to thank everyone else who has helped me with this endeavour. I have called out individuals in the text where applicable for supplying shots I didn’t have myself in my own references. But there were plenty of other people who also generously took the time to scan and send me pictures and information, and even though I may have already had what they supplied me, their efforts are nevertheless still very gratefully appreciated to ensure there weren’t any obvious omissions. But to be fair those first in with the pics got the credit. This collation wouldn’t have been half of what it is now without all your help gentlemen. So thankyou one and all!

If you think you can add further pictures, corrections or supply extra alternative sources, or more info for the ones already listed, then please contact me to help complete the overall picture on the StuG IV at: [Christopher.Leeman@aph.gov.au](mailto:Christopher.Leeman@aph.gov.au)

### Brief History and Technical Details

There were a total of 1139 StuG IVs produced between December 1943 and March 1945. Of these 1139 StuG IVs, 31 were actually converted Pz.Kpfw. IVs. The main manufacturer of StuG IVs was Krupp-Crusonwerk A.G. at Magdeberg although the first 31 Pz.IV conversions were actually built by Daimler-Benz.

The StuG IV had a crew of four. It weighed in at 23 tons, it had a range of 210 km on road, 130km off road and a top speed of 38km/h. 430 litres of fuel was carried with a consumption rate of 205 lt per 100 km off road, and 130 lt per 100 km on road. Its main armament was a 75mm StuK 40 L/48 and 63 rounds of ammunition were carried on board. It also carried 600 rounds for the MG 34.

**Image No 0**

A StuG IV Belonging to SS-Pz.Abt.17 (of the 17th SS Pz-Gren Div. "Götz von Berlichingen"), knocked out near Brandelfingerhof during Operation "Nordwind". It has the name "Kunigunde" on the gun mantlet, and is also a rare command version as it has two aeriels fitted.

p.425 - Battle of the Bulge Then & Now by Jean-Paul Pallud (ATB Publications)

p.67 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

**Image No 1**

StuG IV knocked out near Thiriment in early 1945. Its not certain but this StuG may belong to one of the following units, Schwere Panzerjager-Abteilung 519 (attached to 3.Fallschirmjäger Division), Sturmgeschütze Brigade 244, or Sturmgeschütze Kompanie 1012 of the 12.Volks-Grenadier Division.

p.463 - Battle of the Bulge Then & Now by Jean-Paul Pallud (ATB Publications)

*Note:* According to Martin, s.H.Pz.Jg.Abt 519 & Stu.G.Brig 244 never had any StuG IV in their inventory, only StuG III. The 3.Fallsch.Jg.Div is certainly an option as their attached Pz.Jg.Abt 348 definitely had StuG IV in its Stu.G.Kp.1348 – as well as the 12th Volks-Gren Div.

**Image No 2**

StuG IV knocked-out near Pontecorvo, Italy on 24 May 1944. Note the interesting angled pattern of zimmerit on the side. This vehicle belongs to Pz.Abt.190.

plate 7 - Last of the Panzers; German Tanks 1944-45 by William Auerbach (A&AP Publishing - Tanks Illustrated No.9)

p.89 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.13 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.88 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

**Image No 3(a)**

StuG IV knocked-out by the 48th Highlanders between Pignataro and Pontecorvo in the Liri Valley, Italy, 19 May 1944. Once again these are StuG IV of Pz.Abt.190.

plate 5 - Last of the Panzers; German Tanks 1944-1945 by William Auerbach (A&AP Publishing - Tanks Illustrated No.9)

p.91 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.16 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.93 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

p.24 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

**Image No 3(b)i**

Same vehicle and location as above, just from a different angle. Notice the second StuG IV down in the ditch.

p.138 - No Price too High - Canadians and World War 2 by Terry Lopp. [via by Barry Crook, thanks Barry]

**Image No 003(b)ii**

This great shot is of the same StuG IV you can see down in the ditch, next to the Churchill recovery vehicle in the above image.

A Pictorial History of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) [via Ron Volstad, thanks Ron]

**Image No 3(c)**

Close up of first StuG IV. Note the concrete infill above the driver's station, similar to a late version StuG III.

p.90 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.51 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

**Image No 003(d)**

Another shot of a StuG IV taken in the same area as the previous 4 shots.

A Pictorial History of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) [via Ron Volstad, thanks Ron]

**Image No 003(e)**

A more detailed shot of the above image

A Pictorial History of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) [Via Ron Voldtad, thanks Ron]

*Note:* According to Martin the only unit to have StuG IV's in Italy from Feb 1944 to September 1944 was Pz.Abt. 190 of the 90th Pz.Gren.Div. He has been unable to identify any other units operating StuG IV within that period. It was only in late September/early October 1944 that another StuG IV unit arrived in Italy, this being Stu.G.Abt 1034 of the 34.Inf.Div. (later called Jg.Pz.Kp.1034).

**Image No 4**

StuG IV in Russian vehicle dump.

p.50 - Panther by Thomas Anderson & Vincent Wai (Concord Publications)

**Image No 5(a)**

This is a late version StuG IV pre camo application. Note remote MG and flame suppressing exhausts.

p.92 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.43 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.28 - German Military Vehicles in Photographs 2 (Delta Publishing 1998/07)

**Image No 5(b)**

Front shot of same StuG IV showing unpainted zimmerit and primer on mantlet

p.42 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

**Image No 5(c)**

Rear shot of same StuG IV fitted with flame suppressing exhausts.

p.94 - Achtung Panzer No.5 (Model Graphix/Artbox Publications)

p.42 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

**Image No 6(a)**

StuG IV "4331" Belonging to SS-Pz.Abt 4, 4th SS Polizei Panzer Grenadier Division in Hungary 2 November 1944.

p.32 - Sturmartillerie - from Assault Guns to Hunting Panther by Walter Spielberger and Uwe Feist (Aero Publications - Armor Series No.3)

p.40 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

Mirko Bayerl personal collection (thanks Mirko)

**Image No 6(b)**

Close up of above picture. Notice extra track links added around the Driver's station and glare extender on Gunner's sight. Also notice that the vehicle number "4331" is on the side of the superstructure as well as the skirts.

Mirko Bayerl personal collection (thanks Mirko)

**Image No 7(a)**

StuG IV "4334" of SS-Pz.Abt 4, 4th SS Polizei Division in Hungary 1944.

p.207 - 4th SS Polizei Division 1939-45, "Die Guten Glaubens Waren" Band III: Bildband (Munin Verlag GMBH Publishing) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

**Image No 7(b)**

StuG IV's of SS Pz.Abt. 4, 4th SS Polizei Division, Hungary 1944. Note the Pz.Bef.Wg.IV on the right. Three of these command tanks had been issued to the Abteilungsstab in late August 1944.

p.204 - 4th SS Polizei Division 139-1945, "Die Guten Glaubens Waren" Band III Bildband (Munin Verlag GMBH Publishing) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

**Image No 8(a)**

StuG IV in captured Allied vehicle line-up in Pontecorvo Italy, May 1944. Note rain cover over mantlet hinged back. This vehicle more than likely belongs to Pz.Abt.190, which was attached to the 90 Pz.Gren.Div.

p.93 - Panzer IV and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.32 - Sturmartillerie, from Assault Guns to Hunting Panther by Walter Spielberger & Uwe Feist (Aero Publications - Armor Series No.3)

p.11 - Bellona MV Print No.29 (Bellona Publications)

p.46 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.92 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

p.26 - German Military Vehicles in Photographs 2 (Delta Publishing 1998/07)

**Image No 8(b)**

Same StuG IV in captured vehicle dump in Italy.

p.29 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

**Image No 8(c)**

Close up of the front of the Driver's station on the same one in Italy. Note angled rain channel above Driver's roof.

p.143 - Sturmgeschütze III & its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.7 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.93 - German Tanks of WW2 by George Forty (A&AP Publishing)

p.32 - Sturmartillerie, from Assault Guns to Hunting Panther, by Walter Spielberger & Uwe Feist (Aero Publications - Armor Series No.3)

**Image No 8(d)**

A close-up view of the Driver's station on the same vehicle from the LHS. Note glare shields over Driver's episcopes.

p.85 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.49 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

**Image No 8(e)**

Close-up of LHS hull

Panzer Diesel Website; [http://www.panzerdiesel.com/eng/e27stug4\\_db.php](http://www.panzerdiesel.com/eng/e27stug4_db.php) [link via James Blackwell, thanks James]

**Image No 008(f)**

StuG IV (most probably from Pz.Abt.190) abandoned in Italy with "scribble camo" 1944. This is actually the same vehicle that appears in the previous top five shots. It just has its skirts on, and this shot looks to be taken straight after its capture, judging by the debris lying around it.

p.11 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.91 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002) [both via James Blackwell, thanks James]

**Image No 9**

StuG IV Late in Russia, winter 1944. Note the remote MG and spare drive sprocket under main gun.

p.32 - Sturmartillerie, from Assault Guns to Hunting Panther by Walter Spielberger & Uwe Feist (Aero Publications - Armor Series No.3)

**Image No 10(a)**

Three StuG IV of the 1. and/or 2./SS-Pz.Abt. 17 (of 17.SS-Pz.Gren Div "Götz von Berlichingen"), knocked out by the US 66th Armoured Regiment on the RN 171 south of Carentan France, 13 June 1944. Both Sturmgeschütze companies had supported the early morning attacks of SS-Pz.Gren.Rgt.37 and Fallsch.Jg.Rgt.6 to retake Carentan.

p.73 - The History of the 2nd Armoured Division 1940-1946

p.54 - Ruhrfront 1944-45 by Hans Kramp [info provided by Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

**Image No 10(b)**

This shot has been taken in the same area as above, just a little further down and on the other side. Notice how the vehicle in the middle has had the cupola blown off and its come to rest on the rear deck.

p.112 - Die Sturmflut und das Ende by Hans Stober

p.45 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

**Image No 10(c)**

Rear view of above vehicle and Jeep with an M1 57mm ATG dug in as a roadblock set up by the 101st A/B on 9 June 1944.

p.129 - Screaming Eagles: In action with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) by Patrick H.F. Allen

p.159 - The Panzers & the Battle of Normandy by Georges Bernage (Editions Heimdal Publications)

p.129 - The 101st Airborne at Normandy by Mark Bando (MBI Publishing)

**Image No 10(d)**

One of the above StuG's is being prepared to be towed away to a vehicle dump in Normandy.

p.122 - 101st Airborne, The Screaming Eagles in Normandy by Mark Bando (MBI Publishing) [via Ron Volstad, thankyou Ron]

Note: Even though captions in various books might say otherwise, it would appear that most, if not all pictures of StuG IV in Normandy, are from SS-Pz.Abt 17. Documents say the Abteilung lost 35 of its original 42 StuG IV in Normandy up until early August 1944, giving plenty of opportunities for Allied war correspondents to photograph some of them.

**Image No 11**

Frontal view of a knocked-out StuG IV in the Ardennes, early 1945 with US Medics.

p.27 - The Fighting 69th Infantry Division (Turner Publishing)

**Image No 12**

StuG IV captured and used by the Russians. Note the unusual colour of the wheels, drive sprocket, idler and on the side. I believe this is a colour added by the Russians to aid identification by Russian troops - possibly red?

p.15 - Battle for Lake Balaton, by Svirin Barowow and Kolomyjec Nedogomow (Armada Publishing)



p.17 - Budapest Balaton 1945 by Svirin Barowow and Kolomyjec Nedogomow (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.121)

p.54 - German Tanks in Russian Service by Frontline Publications

### Image No 13

StuG IV in the snow, Russia 1944. Note wider Ostketten tracks.

p. 41- Panzers in the East (2), Decline and Defeat 1943-1945 by Robert Michulec (Concord Publications)

### Image No 14

StuG IV knocked-out in Pomerania, Spring 1945.

p.67 - Panzers in the East (2), Decline and Defeat 1943-1945 by Robert Michulec (Concord Publications)

### Image No 15

StuG IV stuck in sand of a dry creek bed, Russia 1944. Note the number "113" and large Balkenkreuz on side shields.

p.33 - Sturmgeschütze III by Mikhail Svirin (Armada Publishing No.3)

p.3 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

### Image No 16

StuG IV of the 121.Infanterie Division in Courland/Kurland, Autumn 1945.

p.37 - Panzer IV Family by Horst Schiebert (Schiffer Publishing - Military History No. 49)

### Image No 17

StuG IVs stuck in mud, Balaton, Hungary 1945. Note Panther tracks and spare wheels used as extra armour. Also note the unusual side armour and Russian kill tags of "287" & "288". Time and location are rather vague, but it would appear they are close to the lake itself. Possible units are 5.SS-Pz.Div. or 3.Kav.Div.?

p.69 - Battle for Lake Balaton 1945 (Armada Publications)

### Image No 18(a)

StuG IV knocked out in 1945 along with unusual StuG IIIs & a BergePz.III. It seen with its track shortened bypassing the damaged idler maybe to enable towing. Two different captions exist for this picture; Some sources say it is taken in the suburb of Königsberg in Berlin, while the recent Russian "1945 Part 2" and the pic of the StuG III seen adjacent to it (also

seen on p.70 of Concord's "Panzers in the East No.2), both claim it is Poznan in Poland? The former even ID'ing the unit as 25.Pz.Div.). Note oversize roof MG shield and that there also appears to be a second StuG IV KO'd further down the street facing away from this disabled one.

p.69 - Panzerwaffe at War (2) Moscow to Berlin by Robert Michulec (Concord Publications)

p.188-9 - The Great Patriotic War by Peter G. Tsouras (Greenhill Books)

p.142 - Battle of Berlin 1945, Ground Power Special Issue June 1998 - heavily cropped though (Delta Publishing)

plate 7 - Wehrmacht Panzer Units 1945 - Part 2 - heavily cropped though (Frontline Publications)

back page - Technika & Voorugenie 11-12/2000 (Russian Publication)

### Image 18(b)

There is also a second StuG IV KO'd further down the street behind the BergePz.III and facing away from the disabled one above. It is glimpsed from the rear in the background of the Tsouras shot listed above. But a front view also exists though (note very unusual early StuG IIIF-G box mantlet - possibly a rebuild or repair job?);

p.4 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

p.29 - German Military Vehicles in Photographs 2 (Delta Publishing 1998/07)

### Image No 19(a)

StuG IV "218" KO'd near Schorndorf, Germany, outside Stuttgart in May 1945. The gentleman standing on the wheel is Technician 3rd grade Doug Smyth from the 2nd Battalion, 398th Infantry.

Web site for the 100th Infantry division, photos by Lieutenant Sam Cahoon <http://www.100thww2.org>

### Image No 19(b)

Same vehicle as in above image except taken from the other side. Due to the roof being missing it may suggest this vehicle was destroyed by internal explosion caused by crew setting charges, or an ammo cook-off following penetration, or even knocked out by aircraft?

Same as above.

### Image No 20

StuG IV Abandoned on roadside in Italy November 1944 and used to mark an enemy ordnance collection point.

p.35 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 21(a)

StuG IV construction line at the Krupp-Crusonwerk A.G. factory in Magdeburg, Germany taken just after the war in July 1945.

p.170 - Sturmgeschütze III & its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.33 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

Australian War Memorial archives (negative No. SUK14498)

<http://www.awm.gov.au/database/photo.asp?searchtype=complex>

### Image No 21(b)

Same location as above image showing StuG IV near a pile of tracks

Australian War Memorial archives (negative No. SUK14499)

<http://www.awm.gov.au/database/photo.asp?searchtype=complex>

### Image No 22(a)

KO'd StuG IV of SS-Pz.Abt.17 (17.SS "GvB"), KO'd near Marigny, France 25 July 1944, being passed by M3 US Halftrack.

Stefan de Meyer personal collection (thankyou Stefan)

p.45 - Ground Power No.42 (1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 22(b)

Same vehicle from front RHS supposedly KO'd by rockets from aircraft.

plate 16 - Last of the Panzers, German Tanks 1944-1945 by William Auerbach (A&AP Publishing - Tanks Illustrated No.9)

p.83 - Patton. Operation Cobra and Beyond by Michael & Gladys Green (MBI Publications), (via Danny Marr, thanks Danny)

### Image No 23(a)

Test firing of a StuG IV captioned in some sources as being from Sturmgeschütze Brigade 907 in Italy, 1944. With General Albert Kesselring sitting on the rear deck.

p.104 - Achtung Panzer No.5 (Model Graphix/Artbox Publications)

p.25 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.93 - Panzer IV and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.62 - Deutsche Panzer 1917-1945 by Uwe Feist (Aero Publications)

p.114/115 - Panzers at War by A.J. Barker (Ian Allen Publishing)

p.37 - Panzerjäger in Action, by Uwe Feist (Squadron/Signal Publications - Armour in Action No.7)

plate 78 - German Battleground No.1 Tamiya News Special c.1980s

*Note:* This StuG IV is very unlikely to be from StuG.Brig.907 afterall. Looking at the few leaves still on the trees/bushes and the fact most of the visible people are wearing gloves, it would appear this was taken in late 1944. The gun appears to be in very good condition, which leads us to the conclusion that this StuG IV is more likely from the 34.Inf.Div. Its Stu.G.Abt 1034 arrived in Italy in early October 1944, while the guns of Pz.Abt.190 had been in action since Feb 1944. Also this StuG has rain covers over the driver's visors and welded idler wheels indicating production of the vehicle in the summer of 1944 or later. Many of the Pz.Abt.190 StuG IV had the cast iron idlers and no rain covers.

### Image No.23(b)

Same vehicle seen above but with Kesselring now standing and leaning on cupola and vehicle commander pointing.  
p.6 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No.23(c)

Same vehicle seen above but with Kesselring standing on deck with vehicle commander.

p.89 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No.23(d)

Same vehicle seen above but with Kesselring now dismounted and on the ground to the right.

p.43 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No.23(e)

Same vehicle from the rear.

p.89 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No.24

Possibly another Italian StuG and if so, probably of 34.Inf.Div, in a hilltop hide, 1944.

p.7 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 25

StuG IV knocked out near Marigny, France 29 July 1944. Vehicle captioned in some sources as possibly belonging to StuG Brigade/Abteilung 130, Panzer Lehr Division.

p.44 - Panzers in Normandy Then and Now by Eric Lefevre (ATB Publications)

p.181 - Normandie 1944, "Cobra" La Bataille Desisive by George Bernage & George Cadel (Editions Heimdal Publications)

plate 71 - D Day Tank Battles (Bridgehead to Breakout) by George Balin (A&AP Publishing - Tanks Illustrated No.10)

p.53 - D Day Tank Warfare by Steve Zaloga & George Balin (Concord Publications)

p.71 - Normandy, June 1944 Ground Power Special Issue Feb '99 (Delta Publishing)

p.55 - Tank Battles of Normandy Ground Power Special Issue March '99 (Delta Publishing)

*Note:* StuG Brigade/Abteilung 130 did not exist! Pz-Lehr-Div did have the Pz.Jg-Lehr-Abt.130, but they were equipped with Jagdpz. IV L/48 during Normandy. It is therefore most likely from SS-Pz.Abt. 17 (17.SS-Pz.Gren.Div. "GvB").

### Image No 26(a)

StuG IV of SS.Pz.Rgt.7 of 17th SS Panzer Division "GvB" knocked-out just to the north of Sainteny, (which is approximately 11 km northwest of Periers), France 24 July 1944. Apparently this StuG IV had the name "Scharnhorst" written on it as well.

p.43 - Panzers in Normandy Then and Now by Eric Lefevre (ATB Publications)

p.88 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.47 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.92 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

plate 27 - Last of the Panzers, German tanks 1944-45 by William Auerbach (A&AP Publishing - Tanks Illustrated No.9)

p.21 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.111 - Second World War Combat Weapons (Germany) by E.J Hoffschmidt and W.H Tantum (W.E. Inc. Publishing)

p.176 - Die Sturmflut und das Ende by Hans Stober

p.136 - The War against Germany, The US Army's Official Pictorial Record by the Centre of Military History (US Army Official)

p.106 - Normandy, June 1944 Ground Power Special Issue Feb '99 (Delta Publishing)

p.171 - Fighting in Normandy, The German army from D-Day to Villers-Bocage by Heinz Guderian, Fritz Kraemer, Fritz Zeigelmann & Freiherr von Luttwitz (Greenhill Books)

p.22 - Operation Cobra 1944 by Steven Zaloga (Osprey Campaign Series No 88)

### Image No 26(b)

Close up of above image. Notice the Zimmerit pattern

Panzer Diesel Website; [http://www.panzerdiesel.com/eng/e2stug4\\_db.php](http://www.panzerdiesel.com/eng/e2stug4_db.php) [link via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 27(a)

StuG IV of StuG Brigade 394 being towed by an M26 in a vehicle dump in France, August 1944 - Front view.

p.87 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.15 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.17 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

### Image No 27(b)

StuG IV of StuG Brigade 394 being towed by an M26 in a vehicle dump in France, August 1944 - LHS.

p.86 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.14 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.26 - German Military Vehicles in Photographs 2 (Delta Publishing 1998/07)

p.8 - StuG IV by Jansuz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.13 - German Army Self-Propelled Weapons 1939-1945 Bellona Handbook No.1 (Pt.1), by Peter Chamberlain & Hilary Doyle (Bellona Publications)

*Note:* According to Martin, as far as he knows StuG.Brig 394 only had StuG III & StuH 42 in its inventory. There are no records showing StuG IV being issued to this brigade. It would appear then that they are in fact from SS-Pz.Abt.17 "GvB" again. A hint could be the fact they are

being towed by a M26, suggesting it was found in the American sector, which also adds weight to it being from the 17.SS.Pz.Div. "GvB".

### Image No 28(a)

StuG IV in Russia, 1944

p.142 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.126 - German Tanks of WW II, 1926 - 1945 by Dr F.M. von Senger und Etterlin (Galahad Books)

p.91 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

### Image No 28(b)

StuG IV in Russia. Looking at this picture and the one above I tend to think that this is possibly either the same vehicle, or at least vehicles of the same unit. Information suggests that they might be of the 5.SS "Wiking" Division?

Via Mirko Bayerl personal collection (thanks Mirko)

### Image No 29

StuG IV's in a vehicle dump in Courland/Kurland 1945.

From an issue of the monthly magazine called World War 2, [via Thomas Machnikowski, thanks Thomas]

### Image No 30

Captured vehicle dump somewhere in the East after the German surrender.

Note the rear of the StuG IV in the middle left-hand corner of the shot. Also note the partially visible Sd.Kfz. 251/22 in the right foreground.

p. 146 - Die Deutsche Panzerjägertruppe 1935 - 1945 by W.

Fleischer & R. Eiermann (Podzun Verlag 1998) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 31

StuG IV supposedly of the 267th StuG Brigade, destroyed near the village of Gutowo, Poland in February 1945.

p.53 -Wehrmacht Larger Panzer Units 1945 Part 1 (Frontline Publications)

Note: A brigade of this number never existed! It well could be a misinterpretation of StuG.Abt.1267 belonging to Pz.Jg.Abt.267 of the 267. Inf.Div. though. In Feb 1944 all the original StuG.Abt were renamed to StuG.Brig. At the same time the Sturmgeschütz-Kompanien with-

in the Panzerjäger-Abteilungen of Infantry Divisions were renamed to Sturmgeschütz-Abteilung. They received the number of the relevant Panzerjäger-Abteilung raised by 1000. (ie. for instance the 2.(StuG)/Pz.Jg.Abt.7 now became Stu.G.Abt.1007). In October the designation was again changed to Sturmgeschütz-Kompanie, and finally in Jan 1945 to Jagdpanzer-Kompanie.

### Image No 32

StuG IV of the 277th Assault Artillery Brigade, East Prussia February 1945

p.38 - Wehrmacht Larger Panzer Units 1945, Part 1 (Frontline Publications)

Note: According to the Sturmgeschützlage dated 15.01.45 the Brigade (under Pz.AOK 3, H.Gr.Nord) had 15 StuG III and 10 StuH available, but no StuG IV. If it indeed belonged to the Brigade it must have been picked up from another unit a few days later. No direct shipments of StuG IV to any StuG.Brig. are recorded in the allocation files of the Gen.Insp.d.Pz.Tr.

### Image No 33

StuG IV KO'd on roof, possibly Russia. The vehicle would appear to have some sort of storage rack on the rear deck.

Via the web, but location forgotten (Apologies to the Site Owner - but contact me to receive your credit!)

### Image No 34

StuG IV in East Prussia 24 October 1944, with Infantry climbing aboard

Via Mirko Bayerl personal collection (thanks Mirko)

### Image No 35

StuG IV, Western Front 2 January 1945

Via Mirko Bayerl personal collection (thanks Mirko)

### Image No 36(a)

Factory shot of a StuG IV with 2t Behelfskran erected. Showing the removal of the main gun in a 3 shot sequence, though a bit of a mystery as to the locations of the pilsen socket mountings as they are normally on the roof which is now gone? Perhaps there are more on the inner walls?

p.145 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.46 - Sturmgeschütz III & IV, 1942-45, New Vanguard No.37 by Hilary Doyle & Tom Jentz (Osprey Publishing)

### Image No 36(b)

Same as above - lower.

### Image No 36(c)

Same as above - gun on ground.

### Image No 37(a)

Factory shot of an interesting StuG IV hybrid early/late with some old and some new features (almost suggesting it's a factory test bed to trial the mods as they are introduced?). Note remote MG let exhausts yet zimmerit. It wears a very unusual (if not unique for StuG IVs) disc pattern ambush camouflage variant applied on its side skirts only - Front LHS.

p.146 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.94 - Panzer IV and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

### Image No 37(b)

Same as above - LHS.

p.147 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.47 - Sturmgeschütz III & IV, 1942-45, New Vanguard No.37 by Hilary Doyle & Tom Jentz (Osprey Publishing)

### Image No 37(c)

Same as above - Rear LHS. Note Flame suppressing exhausts. It also has two aerial mounts, so is presumably a command version.

p.147 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

### Image No 38

StuG IV KO'd in shell crater

Stefan de Meyer personal collection (thankyou Stefan)

p.55 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.123 - Patton's Tank Drive, D-Day to Victory by Michael Green (MBI

Publication). [via Danny Marr, thanks Danny]

### Image No 39(a)

I have two different captions for this picture. The first says it was taken near Mortain, Normandy 1944. The second says its from Sturmgeschütze Brigade 914 in Italy 1944. (I tend to lean towards the second option although as per Martin's previous comments on



Italian theatre StuG Units, I would be more inclined to say Pz.Abt.190 instead of StuG.Brig.914).

p.157 - Wehrmacht by Dr. John Pimlott (Aurum Publishing)

p.84 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.39 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.23 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.202 - Kriegsschauplatz Italien by Werner Haupt (Podzun-Pallas Verlag GMBH Publishing)

p.173 - The German Soldier in World War 2 by Dr. S. Hart, Dr R. Hart, and Dr. M. Hughes (MBI Publishing)

### Image No 39(b)

StuG IV, Italy 1944. Looking at the pictures I would say this taken at the same time as image above, confirming its Italy 1944. The vehicle number is "black 161". Notice also the shipping stencil on first shield. Another interesting feature of this vehicle is that concrete fill around the driver's station is not only on the front, which is normal, but also around the side closest to the camera, which isn't that common. Also notice the towing shackles hanging from the track at the front.

Via Mirko Bayerl personal collection (thanks Mirko)

### Image No 40

Low rear view of 2 StuG IVs supporting SS troops. No unit or location given but possibly 17.SS "GvB" in Normandy again or maybe 4.SS-Pol.Pz.Gren.Div in Hungary?

p.46 - Waffen SS Part2; From Glory to Defeat by Robert Michulec & Ron Volstad (Concord Publications)

### Image No 41

A StuG IV knocked out by artillery supporting the 1st US Infantry Division near Ambléville, Belgium on 24 January 1945.

p.67 - The Battle of the Bulge by Steve Zaloga (Concord Publications)

### Image No 42

Close-up of the machine gun shield and the side skirt hangers on KO'd vehicle.

p.85 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.55 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.13 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

### Image No 43

StuG IV of Panzer Lehr Division, KO'd in France 1944.

p.84 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.10 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.93 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

p.27 - German Military Vehicles in Photographs 2 (Delta Publishing 1998/07)

p.13 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.9 - Panzer Voran! No. 3 (publish by Alain Verwicht 1999)

Note: As noted earlier that Pz.Lehr never had any StuG IV. If taken in Normandy its more than likely from SS-Pz.Abt.17 again. But having said this, another source of the photo claims the picture shows a StuG IV of Pz.Abt.190 and it was taken in Italy, which also looks a likely chance from the surrounding countryside.

### Image No 44(a)

Probably Italy, 1944. Note extra armour bolted to RHS. Also notice how the Driver's station has been "beefed up" with a neat concrete infill, especially on the right side.

p.92 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.12 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.12 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.90 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

### Image No 44(b)

Close up of above shot

### Image No 45

Very small and grainy shot found on the web of StuG IV KO'd in French village

Via the web, but location forgotten (Apologies to the Site Owner - but contact me to receive your credit!)

### Image No 46

StuG IV of SS-Pz.Abt.17 knocked out by aircraft rockets near Marigny-Montreuil, France 1944

plate 19 - Last of the Panzers, German Tanks 1944-1945 by William Auerbach (A&AP Publishing - Tanks Illustrated No.9)

### Image No 47

StuG IV's of the 34.Infantry Division surrendering on the 5 May 1945. Note extra sloping armour added to driver's station and the Berge Panzer III in the distance.

plate 117 - Last of the Panzers, German Tanks 1944-1945 by William Auerbach (A&AP Publishing - Tanks Illustrated No.9)

p.146 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.67 - Groundpower No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.47 - Sturmgeschütz III & IV, 1942-45, New Vanguard No.37 by Hilary Doyle & Tom Jentz (Osprey Publishing)

### Image No 48

StuG IV, again possibly of 34.Infantry Division as well. Sloping armour has been added to both sides of the front armour. Notice also the wide Ostketten tracks as well.

p.146 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

### Image No 49(a)

StuG IV in Russia towing a Russian SU-85. Rear RHS. Unit unknown.

p.9 - Groundpower No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.40-41 - Groundpower No.92 (Delta Publishing 2002/01)

p.152 - Weapons of the Waffen SS; Small Arms to Tanks by Bruce Quarrie (PSL Publishing)

### Image No 49(b)

StuG IV in Russia towing a Russian SU-85. Rear LHS.

p.40-41 - Groundpower No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.42 - Groundpower No.92 (Delta Publishing 2002/01)

### Image No 49(c)

Close-up of tow cables being attached on the same vehicles.

p.247 - Operation Citadel by Janusz Piekalkiewicz (Presidio Press)

### Image No 50(a)

StuG IV KO'd near Fence - Front RHS

p.44 - Groundpower No.42 (Delta



Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 50(b)

StuG IV KO'd near Fence - RHS

p.44 - Groundpower No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 51(a)

Demonstrating a StuG IV of Sturmgeschütze Abt.1122 of 122.Infantry Division to Finnish troops, Southern Finland July 1944.

p.104 - Achtung Panzer No.5 (Model Graphix/Artbox Publications)

p.90 - German Assault Guns Special (Sunday Art Publishing 2002)

### Image No 051(b)

Same as above

p.265 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 051(c)

Same as above

p.265 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 52(a)

A great shot of a StuG IV probably of SS Pz.Rgt.17 "GvB" again, that has obviously seen better days. It was abandoned by its crew in France sometime in 1944. Notice the interesting concrete armour added to both sides of this vehicle, and the cut gun barrel.

p.? - Bellona MV Print No 29 (Bellona Publishing) [via Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 52(b)

Close-up of angled concrete infill on same vehicle taken from above.

p.61 - Groundpower No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 53(a)

StuG IV of Sturmgeschütze Abt.1122 of 122.Infantry Division on combat exercise in Southern Finland, July 1944. This unit was sent from Estonia to help the Finnish troops.

p.92 - Achtung Panzer No.5 (Model Graphix/Artbox Publications)

p.245 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 053(b)

Same as above

p.266 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 053(c)

Same as above

p.247 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 053(d)

Same as above

p.242 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 053(e)

Same as above

p.266 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

### Image No 54

Otto Willnauer & StuG IV from 1st Sturmgeschütze Abt.1007

off website

[http://www.geipelnet.com/war\\_albums/otto/ow\\_011.html](http://www.geipelnet.com/war_albums/otto/ow_011.html)

[link via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 55

Otto Willnauer from 1st Sturmgeschütze Abt.1007

off website

[http://www.geipelnet.com/war\\_albums/otto/ow\\_011.html](http://www.geipelnet.com/war_albums/otto/ow_011.html)

[link via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 56(a)

StuG IV captioned as of the 904th Assault Gun Brigade, Neidenburg January 1945

p.51 - Wehrmacht Panzer Units 1945 Part 1 (Frontline Publications)

p.68 - Panzerwaffe at War (2) Moscow to

Berlin by Robert Michulec (Concord Publications)

Note: On the 15 Jan 1945 StuG.Brig.904 reported having 19 StuG III and 13 StuH, no StuG IV's (Source BA/MA RH10/352) so the Russian book caption appears very doubtful.

### Image No 56(b)

Same as above, just a different angle. Able to identify another StuG IV in front with late style exhausts.

p.77 - The Battle of Berlin 1945, Ground Power Special Issue, June 1998 (Delta Publishing)

Note: The above images (56a & b as well as 94) show vehicles credited to belonging to StuG.Brig 904 around Neidenburg in January 1945. There has been a bit of confusion about this and Martin has come up with a possible solution. In mid January 1945 Neidenburg was being defended by the 18.Pz.Gren.Div with the 7.Pz.Div on its right flank and Pz.Gren.Div "Gross Deutschland" on its right flank. None of these Divisions, nor StuG.Brig. 904 reported having any StuG IV at this time. But Mielau, the famous training ground for most Sturmgeschütze companies was located only a few kilometres to the south of Neidenburg. So what is being suggested is possibly these StuG IV might have actually belonged to the training school and were thrown into battle (possibly with StuG.Brig 904 or using their crews) against the approaching Russian forces. This might explain why they are credited to this Brigade, even though they had no StuG IV on their books?

### Image No 57

A rather grizzly shot of a KO'd StuG IV of 17.SS "GvB" knocked out by the 2nd US Armoured Division south west of Carentan, 13 June 1944.

p.98 - Breakout in Normandy by Mark Bando (MB Int. Publishing)

### Image No 58(a)

A StuG IV of 17.SS "GvB" knocked-out on the D13, La Chapelle France. 30 July 1944. This StuG was KO'd by the combined efforts of 78th AFA and a lone M-10 from C/702 Tank Destroyer Battalion.

p.126 - Breakout in Normandy by Mark Bando (MB Int. Publishing)

### Image No 58(b)

Same vehicle as above, just a different angle.

p.107 - Breakout in Normandy by Mark Bando (MB Int. Publishing)

### Image No 59

StuG IV, no information on unit. Notice wide Ostketten tracks.

p.62 - Panzers in the East (2), Decline and Defeat 1943-1945 by Robert Michulec (Concord Publications)

### Image No 60 (a)

Factory shot of a StuG IV. Notice Zimmerit pattern.

p.137 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.37 - The Panzer IV Family by Horst Schiebert (Schiffer Publishing - Military History Vol. 49)

p.90 - Achtung Panzer No.5 (Model Graphix/Artbox Publications)

p.36 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

pp.28-29 - German Military Vehicles in Photographs 2 (Delta Publishing 1998/07)

### Image No 60(b)

Same as above but RHS view.

p.138 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.5 - StuG IV by Jansuz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.37 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.44 - Sturmgeschütz III & IV, 1942-45, New Vanguard No 37 by Hilary Doyle & Tom Jentz (Osprey Publishing)

### Image No 60(c)

Same as above, but Rear RHS view.

p.138 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.96 - Achtung Panzer No.5 (Model Graphix/Artbox Publications)

p.38 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

### Image No 61(a)

Believe it or not, there is a StuG IV at the end of this column! The Panthers are most likely from Pz.Rgt.1 of 1.Pz.Div. and this shot taken in Russia c.mid/late 1944 from the mild weather evident. Sadly no firm ID on the StuG IV's outfit so far though it may also be possibly one of a small few attached to them (See last entry in Martin Block's 15 April 1945 Strength Listing below mentioning them possibly having some unofficially).

p.19 - Pictorial German Tanks of the WW2, Pz.Kpfw V Panther, (Burin-Do Publishing - Koku-Fan Special, January 1979) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 61(b)

Same as above just a different angle

p.41 - Pictorial German Tanks of the WW2, Pz.Kpfw V Panther, Koku-Fan Special, January 1979 [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 61(c)

Same as above, just a close-up of the StuG IV.

p.41 - Pictorial German Tanks of the WW2, Pz.Kpfw V Panther, Koku-Fan Special, January 1979 [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

### Image No 61(d)

Another view offering only a glimpse of the StuG IV with the CO now sitting on the closed cupola hatch and Loader in his hatch, as the parked column is passed by a captured SU-76M used as an ammo schlepper.

p.42 - Pictorial German Tanks of the WW2, Pz.Kpfw V Panther, Koku-Fan Special, January 1979 [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

p.75 - Sturm & Drang No.5; Panther (Delta Publishing)

### Image No 62(a)

StuG IV crossing river in Tarnopol area, Ukraine Spring 1944. This vehicle belongs to 311th StuG Brigade. It has the tactical number "111" on the side skirts.

p.12 - StuG IV by Jansuz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.42 - Sturmgeschütze III by Mikhail Svirin (Armada Publications No.3)

### Image No 62(b)

Same vehicle as above, but LHS.

p.25 - StuG IV by Jansuz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.42 - Sturmgeschütze III by Mikhail Svirin (Armada Publications No.3)

Note: Unit identification images on 62(a) and (b), is once again questionable. StuG.Brig. 311 was actually wiped out in the fighting around Tarnopol, but according to other sources it only had the standard equipment of 22 StuG III and 9 StuH. The 100. Jg.Div. and the 361.Inf.Div. were also engaged in the general Tarnopol area, but they only received their StuG IV months

later (July and September 1944 respectively). Also in the area were the 349.Inf.Div, which had received 10 "StuG" in February/March 1944. Unfortunately the records do not show if these were StuG III or StuG IV. Nevertheless, although not having the information available on which the original caption is based, it should be equally fair to speculate these images might show a StuG IV of StuG.Abt. 1349!

As can be seen from the many dubious captions listed here from the books the photos are found in, authors often tend to simply assign any photo of a StuG IV to the nearest possible Sturmgeschütz Brigade in the area, neglecting the fact that these guns were used by other types of combat formations too and/or were often not fielded by that particular StuG Brigade upon examining its issue records in detail.

### Image No 63

StuG IV knocked out near in East Prussia, March 1945.

p. 81 - The Battle of Berlin 1945, Ground Power Special Issue, June 1998 (Delta Publishing)

p.184 - The Great Patriotic War by Peter G. Tsouras (Greenhill Books) [info provided by Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 64

StuG IV's of the 4th SS Polizei Division in Saloniki Greece, 1944 - high view

Tomek Basarabowicz private collection (thanks Tomek)

p.82 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.41 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.24 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

### Image No 65

Same unit as above - halted on roadside

p.210 - 4th SS Polizei Division 1939-1945 "Die Guten Glauben Waren"; Band III Bildband [via James Blackwell, thanks James].

### Image No 66

Same unit as above - halted on roadside.

p.129 - Wehrmacht by Dr John Pimlott (Aurum Publishing)

p.80-81 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

Cover & p.8 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.142 - Sturmgeschütze and its Variants by Walter Spielberger (Schiffer Publishing)

p.11 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

### Image No 67

Same unit as above - high view.

p.82 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.23 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.27 - German Military Vehicles in Photographs 2 (Delta Publishing 1998/07)

p.9 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

p.154 - Hutchinson's Pictorial History of WW2; April 12 to September 26 1944 by Walter Hutchinson

p.11 - Bellona MV Print No.29 (Bellona Publications) [via Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 68

Same unit as above - rounding corner

Tomek Basarabowicz private collection (thanks Tomek)

p.62 - Wehrmacht by Dr John Pimlott (Aurum Publishing)

p.83 - Ground Power No.9 (Delta Publishing 1995/02)

p.22 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.9 - StuG IV by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

### Image No 69

Same unit as above - passing under archway

p.126 - The German Sturmgeschütze in World War 2 1939-45; a Photo Chronicle by Wolfgang Fleischer & Richard Eiermann (Schiffer Publishing) [Via Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 70

StuG IV's in Normandy 1944, again very probably of the SS.Pz.Rgt.17 of 17th SS Pz.Gr. Division "Götz von Berlichingen"

p.51 - Normandie 1944, Cobra, La bataille decisive, by George Bernage & George Cadet (Editions Heimdal Publications)

p.150 - The Panzers & The Battle of Normandy by Georges Bernage (Editions Heimdal Publications)

### Image No 71(a)

StuG IV's supposedly of "StuG Brigade 12" surrendering to the Russians in Courland/Kurland, May 1945. These

vehicles have a few very interesting features. In this picture you can see these StuG IVs have been fitted with wooden planks around the rear deck. They also have strange "elbowed" exhausts (see Image No 71c). The front StuG, "Elizabeth" also has a remote MG mount.

p.2 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11)

p.71 - Wehrmacht Larger Panzer Units 1945 (Frontline Publications)

p.26 - StuG IV, by Janusz Ledwoch (Wydawnictwo Militaria No.94)

### Image No 71(b)

Same vehicles as above. Notice the different style of travel lock on these vehicles, another interesting feature.

p.64 - Ground Power No.42 (Delta Publishing 1997/11) [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

p.30 - Tankmaster Magazine 6-2001 "StuG Special" [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

*Note:* The information of the above 3 pictures say the StuG IV are from StuG Brigade 12. There was only the Fallsch.StuG.Brig 12 and this unit surrendered to British/Canadian troops in north-west Germany! The Stu.G.Brig in Courland were 202, 393, 600 and 912 and none of them reported having StuG IV on 15 April 1945. Only Inf.Div.s 11, 24, 81, 121, 122, 132, 225 and 263 had StuG IV in Courland.

The other possible explanation is the Russians having found the entry of "12. Pz.Div." as having 14 (11) StuG IVs in "Heeres-Gruppe Courland" on the April 15-April 18 1945 Strength list (reproduced here below), and thereby assigning them to this unit? But it has since been discovered that these vehicle numbers were actually Jg.Pz.IV L/48s that were simply entered in the StuG IV column as there wasn't one on the list for Jg.Pz.IVs. But regardless, these StuG IVs are thus not from this unit either, so the mystery remains...

### Image No 71(c)

A close-up of the above picture, with a detail diagram by JB (thanks James) of the "elbowed" exhausts.

### Image No 72(a)

An interesting shot showing a StuG IV "23" with the extra armour on the driver's station, and a concrete infill on the opposite side and lacking the roof MG.

p.127 - The German Sturmgeschütz in World War 2 1939-45; a Photo Chronicle by Wolfgang Fleischer & Richard Eiermann

(Schiffer Publishing) [via Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 72(b)

A shot showing the roof of same StuG IV. This can be recognised by both the crew, the black stain on the RHS sloping glacis and the background. Note the plated over mount for the remote MG not fitted to some vehicles due to shortages and the Loader's hatch configuration.

p.117 - The German Sturmgeschütz in World War 2 1939-45; a Photo Chronicle by Wolfgang Fleischer & Richard Eiermann (Schiffer Publishing) [Via Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 73

A poignant shot of a StuG IV taken in June 1949 by workers from Brandenburgische Bergungs AG, just before they blew it up! This vehicle was lost in a minefield in April 1945 near the village of Gorgast. Notice the human skull next to the commanders' cupola, possibly of a former crewman?

p.150 - The German Sturmgeschütz in World War 2 1939-45; a Photo Chronicle by Wolfgang Fleischer & Richard Eiermann (Schiffer Publishing) [Via Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 74

Another fine shot of a StuG IV with extra armour. Notice the large hinges on the driver's side sloping armour to allow access to the transmission and final drive access hatches.

p.117 - The German Sturmgeschütz in World War 2 1939-45; a Photo Chronicle by Wolfgang Fleischer & Richard Eiermann [via Øyvind Leonsen, thanks Øyvind]

### Image No 75

A StuG IV looking a little worse for wear. From the background a guess might well suggest it could be in Italy? The Tank Museum Bovington Archives

### Image No 76

The following five shots show StuG IV's of the 17th SS Pz.Gren. Division "Gotz von Berlichingen". These pictures were taken in Theinezay, France on 1 June 1944. Notice the name "Florian Geyer" on the gun mantle.

"Panzer Voran!" No 8 by Alan Verwicht [via Mirko Bayerl, thanks Mirko]



**Image No 77**

Same as above

"Panzer Voran!" No 8 by Alan Verwicht  
[via Mirko Bayerl, thanks Mirko]

**Image No 077(b)**

Yet another StuG IV StuG IV belonging to SS-Pz.Abt. 17. Date and location unknown.

"Panzer Voran!" No 8 by Alan Verwicht  
[via Mirko Bayerl, thanks Mirko]

p. 145 - Die Sturmflut und das Ende by Hans Stöber Bd. II (Munin Verlag 1987)  
[via Martin Block, thanks Martin]\*

**Image No 78**

"Panzer Voran!" No 8 by Alan Verwicht  
[via Mirko Bayerl, thanks Mirko]

**Image No 79**

"Panzer Voran!" No 8 by Alan Verwicht  
[via Mirko Bayerl, thanks Mirko]

**Image No 80**

"Panzer Voran!" No 8 by Alan Verwicht  
[except via Hans Weber, thanks Hans]

**Image No 81**

StuG IV in ammo dump. Unfortunately there was no information on this vehicle as to unit or location. Notice the "eyes" and "nostrils" painted on the gun mantlet and the wider Ostketten tracks.

Thomas Anderson personal collection  
(thankyou Thomas)

**Image No 82**

StuG IV under maintenance with Ostketten. Note the hinges for the Driver's sloped armour (obviously removed in this shot while work on the transmission is carried out).

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(thankyou Thomas)

**Image No 83**

Another shot showing the wider Ostketten tracks worn and the sloped plate over the Driver's position.

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(thankyou Thomas)

**Image No 84**

Vehicle from the same unit sporting the same features

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(thankyou Thomas)

**Image No 85**

This StuG IV has normal size tracks and a slightly different style of driver's armour that appears to be two pieces, while the others are one piece.

Thomas Anderson personal collection  
(thankyou Thomas)

**Image No 86**

Rear view

Thomas Anderson personal collection  
(thankyou Thomas)

**Image No 87**

Another view, this time from the side. Notice the mottle camouflage.

Thomas Anderson personal collection  
(thankyou Thomas)

**Image No 88**

A nice shot of a late StuG IV (notice remote MG mount) knocked out at Courtil in the Ardennes.

Stefan de Meyer personal collection  
(thankyou Stefan)

**Image No 89**

A StuG IV of SS-Pz.Abt.17 knocked-out by the US 30.Infantry Division in Marigny (Normandy) France 1944.

Stefan De Meyer personal collection  
(thankyou Stefan)

**Image No 90**

A StuG IV of SS-Pz.Abt.17 (or possibly StuG.Abt.1331) knocked-out somewhere in Normandy 1944.

Stefan De Meyer personal collection  
(thankyou Stefan)

**Image No 91**

A StuG IV from the 276.Volks Grenadier Division knocked out by Bazooka on 21 December 1944 at Savelborn in Luxemburg.

Stefan De Meyer personal collection  
(thankyou Stefan)

**Image No 92**

A StuG IV on display at a Trophy Material Exhibition at Gorky Park, Moscow summer 1945.

p.35 - Pz.IV/L70 (V) by Frontline Publications

**Image No 93**

A fantastic shot of a very unique StuG IV. Note the very unusual box mantlet [cf. w/No.18(b)], and what is thought to be a 20mm KwK gun ring mount for the roof! This was one of 2 StuG IV's that were so remodeled at the front by the Luftwaffe! They belonged to 1353.StuG.Abtteilung (353.Inf.Div). The US 78.Inf.Div knocked out this vehicle in Waldbroel on 8 April 1945. This vehicle's former driver, Hans-Joachim Schulz, took the picture in 1946

Bis zur Stunde Null by Wilhelm Tieke (Verlag Gronenberg, 1985)  
<http://www3.plala.or.jp/Last-Kampf/Diary.htm> Website

Direct picture link:  
<http://www3.plala.or.jp/Last-Kampf/IVSturm.jpg> [via Akira Takahashi, thanks Akira]

**Image No 094**

A StuG IV of the 904 Assault Gun Brigade, abandoned near Neidenburg, East Prussia, January 1945. Note the unusual scalloped schurtzen. Also visible just behind the engine cooling fans is the remote MG.

p.21 - Panzertruppen 1945, Organisation and Armament by Ilya Moshchanskiy, Andrey Aksyonov and Nikolay Lebedev (Military Chronicles Pt. 1)

**Image No 095**

StuG IV smouldering in a field next to a German built wooden roadblock. According to the caption the vehicle was abandoned and destroyed by its crew. No date and location are given, but the context suggests the photo was taken somewhere on the Western Front in Central Germany in the spring of 1945.

p. 57 - Finale 1945 Rhein - Main by Heinz Leiwig (Droste Verlag 1990) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 096**

Rear view of a StuG IV belonging to SS-Pz.Abt. 17. Date and location unknown.

p. 145 - Die Sturmflut und das Ende by Hans Stöber Bd. II (Munin Verlag 1987)  
[via Martin Block, thanks Martin]



**Image No 097(a)**

A StuG IV of StuG.Abt.1122 (of 122.Inf.Div.) taken near Viipurinlahti in Southern Finland in the summer of 1944.

p. 264 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Wehrmacht Panzers in Finland) by K. Kuusela [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 097(b)**

Same as above

p.221 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 097(c)**

Same as above

p.266 - Wehrmacht Panssarit Suomessa (Panzer units in Finland) by Kari Kuusela (Wiking-Divisoona Oy, Helsinki) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 098**

A StuG IV of SS-Pz.Abt 17 in Normandy.

p.9 - Die Sturmflut und das Ende, Vol. 3 by Helmut Gunther (Schild Verlag, 1991) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 099**

Another StuG IV of SS-Pz.Abt.17.

Exact location unknown, but in Normandy, 1944.

p.8 - Die Sturmflut und das Ende, Vol 3 by Helmut Gunther (Schild Verlag, 1991) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 100**

Another StuG IV from SS-Pz.Abt 17.

On the driver's front armour there appears to be a portrait, possibly of Götz von Berlichingen?

p.8 - Die Sturmflut und das Ende, Vol 3 by Helmut Gunther (Schild Verlag, 1991) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 101**

A mid/late StuG IV KO'd somewhere in Russia, 1944 (Sadly caption is in Russian so no further details can be gleaned).

p.28 - Tankmaster Magazine 6-2001 "StuG Special" [via James Blackwell, thanks James]

**Image No 102**

A StuG IV attacking, unfortunately no information on picture.

Der Sturmartillerist - Zeitschrift der 'Gemeinschaft der Sturmartillerie e.V.', 26.Jahrgang, Issue 65, April 1975 (this is a German Veterans journal) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

**Image No 103**

An interesting shot of a StuG IV from Stu.Gesch.Kp. 1225 in the Pz.Jg.Abt. 225 of the 225.Inf.Div, taken in early 1945 in the Courland area. Of note on this particular vehicle is the wide Ostketten tracks.

p.46 - Alte Kameraden, Nr. 7/8 Jul/Aug 1971 (another Veterans Journal) [via Martin Block, thanks Martin]

## The (Almost) Complete Unit Allocation List for the StuG IV

by Martin Block

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This list of allocations of StuG IV to Heer, Luftwaffe and Waffen-SS Panzer and Panzerjäger units, is based on the following main sources:

- 1) RH 10/349 and 350 Zuweisungen von Panzern, Sturmgeschützen etc.
- 2) RH 10/106 Übersicht der von Aug 1943 - Apr 45 in Umgliederung und Auffrischung befindlichen Panzerjäger-Abteilungen
- 3) RH 10/352 Panzer, StuG, Pak-Sf., gp.Kfz. Lage 30.12.44/15.1.45
- 4) W.J. Spielberger, Sturmgeschütze
- 5) RH 10/109 Übersicht der in Aufstellung oder Umgliederung befindlichen großen Verbände und Teile großer Verbände der Panzertruppe Jan. 1944 - Febr. 1945 and various unit histories

It should be mentioned that with rare exceptions document [1] does not separate between allocations of StuG III or IV until July 1944. It simply uses the term "Sturmgeschütz".

Only document [2] made it possible to identify StuG IV units before that date. It is a list of all the assault gun companies within the Anti-tank Battalions (StuG.Abt. in Pz.Jg.Abt.) of Infantry Divisions, giving the dates of arrival/departure at a certain training ground (Mielau, Milowitz, Burg etc.) as well as the type of assault gun/tank destroyer the units were trained on (StuG III, StuG IV and Jg.Pz.38).

In case anyone wonders about the difference of this listing against that of W.J. Spielberger ([4] page 249, German edition), this is because he used the month of allocation, while I used the month of actual shipment which I consider to be the more relevant date.

For instance the StuG IV for 14. Inf.Div. were allocated by the Gen.Insp.d.Pz.Tr. on Feb 23, 1944. The actual shipments from a HZA however, only happened two and three weeks later respectively. The first StuG IV was shipped on March 6 while the other 9 followed on March 13, 1944. In rare cases there was even more than a month delay between date of allocation and actual shipment!

For all of you that are familiar with my two postings of this list on the 'Missing Links Axis WWII AFV Discussion Group' from January 2002, please note that this is an updated version! Some new information has been added and a few errors have been corrected.

### February 1944

90. Pz.Gren.Div. = 42  
SS-Pz.Abt. 17 = 5

### March 1944

14. I.D. = 10  
32. I.D. = 10  
68. I.D. = 10  
93. I.D. = 10  
129. I.D. = 10  
Pz.Abt. 8 = 42(\*)  
SS-Pz.Abt. 4 = 64(\*\*)  
SS-Pz.Abt. 17 = 20  
[StuG.Brig. 177](\*\*\*)

(\*) In June 1944 Pz.Abt. 8 did get a full complement of 42 new StuG. Most probably this time they were StuG III, since all told this allocation list contains ~1100 StuG IV, not counting a few 'probables' and those that went to testing facilities. So this simply doesn't leave enough StuG IV for a complete second outfit!

(\*\*) Actually only 42 of these 64 arrived! A batch of 22 shipped on March 20, 1944 carries the remark "für SS-Wiking". This indicates that they went to 5.SS-Pz.Div. instead. It is still uncertain if SS-Pz.Abt. 5 or SS-Pz.Jg.Abt. 5 got them (Mirko Bayerl suggests these were fielded in SS-Pz.Rgt.5 and not SS-Pz.Jg.Rgt.5). No reference to them can be found either in the Divisional or the Regimental (SS-Pz.Rgt.5) History. Nevertheless according

to [3] the 5.SS-Div. still reported 5 StuG IV on hand as late as Jan 15, 1945.

(\*\*\*) StuG.Brig. 177 received a full complement of 31 StuG and StuH including an unknown quantity of StuG IV (possibly up to 10) on March 23, 1944 as is related in the Battalion History. No direct shipments of new StuG IV are recorded in [1], but the Brigade (later renamed to Pz.Jg.Abt. 69 of the 3. Kav.Div.) still reported a few StuG IV on hand in early 1945 in document [3] and others. Why this allocation does not appear in document [1] is unclear.

### April 1944

23. I.D. = 10  
26. I.D. = 10  
30. I.D. = 10(\*) [57. I.D.]  
31. I.D. = 10  
36. I.D. = 10  
81. I.D. = 10  
88. I.D. = 10  
134. I.D. = 10  
331. I.D. = 10(\*\*)  
389. I.D. = 10  
SS-Pz.Abt. 17 = 17 for a total of 42

(\*)Entry in [1] carries the remark "für 57. I.D." = "for 57. I.D." indicating the StuGs were redirected to this division.

(\*\*) According to document [2] StuG.Abt. 1331 was trained on and equipped with StuG IV in Mielau. If this is not a typo and

no unrecorded change happened, this would indicate that SS-Pz.Abt. 17 wasn't the only StuG IV unit in Normandy as is now commonly thought!!!

The 331. Inf.Div. entered combat in Normandy as late as early August 1944 under LXXXI. Korps some 20-50 kilometres east of Argentan. It was not encircled in the Falaise Pocket but nevertheless suffered so badly during the retreat from France that it had to be disbanded in early October.

### May 1944

12. I.D. = 10  
30. I.D. = 10(\*)  
35. I.D. = 10  
45. I.D. = 10  
95. I.D. = 10  
110. I.D. = 10  
131. I.D. = 10  
206. I.D. = 10  
267. I.D. = 10  
342. I.D. = 10

(\*) This new shipment to the Division only weeks later indicates that the 10 StuG IV in April indeed went to the 57. I.D. The entries in [2] also seem to indicate that StuG.Abt. 1030 became 1057 and vice versa.

**June 1944**

11. I.D. = 10(?)  
 58. I.D. = 10(\*)  
 61. I.D. = 10  
 320. I.D. = 10  
 329. I.D. = 10(\*\*) [122. I.D.]  
 337. I.D. = 10

(?) This delivery is still somewhat uncertain. Document [2] lists StuG.Abt. 1011 as being "zur Umgliederung auf StuG III" (not IV!) in Mielau from April 21 until August 25, 1944. During this time document [1] shows two shipments of StuGs to the unit: 10 in June (most probably, but not 100% sure these were StuG IV) and another 10 (definitely StuG III) in August. It appears possible that first batch of 10 StuG was for an unknown reason passed on to another, currently unknown unit.

(\*) Document [2] shows Stu.G.Abt. 1158 in Mielau for training on StuG IV from April 23 until September 18, 1944, i.e. 5 months! Document [1] shows that in addition to those 10 StuG IV in June another 6 StuG III were shipped from HZA in early August. According to document [3] the 58. I.D. reported having 8 StuG III, 7 StuG IV and 1 StuH on January 1, 1945.

(\*\*) While the entry in [1] reads "329. I.D.", document [2] shows that Stu.G.Abt. 1329 was renamed to Stu.G.Abt. 1122 and went to 122. I.D. instead! The 1329 apparently later was recreated, see below.

**July 1944**

Korps-Abt. E = 10(\*)  
 1. I.D. = 10(\*\*)  
 101. Jg.D. = 10  
 121. I.D. = 10  
 122. I.D. = 7(\*\*\*)  
 126. I.D. = 10  
 197. I.D. = 10(+) [95. I.D. new]  
 253. I.D. = 10  
 290. I.D. = 10  
 299. I.D. = 14(+++) [196./131. I.D.]  
 Führer-Gren.Bttn. = 10

(\*) to Stu.G.Abt. 1251 (created from Stu.G.Abt. 1186/86. ID)

(\*\*) In late 43/early 44 this unit had used StuG III

(\*\*\*) In addition to those 7 StuG IV another 14 StuG III were shipped 15 days later. According to document [3] the division still had 12 StuG IV on Jan 15, 1945 but no StuG III.

(+) The 197. I.D. never got its StuG IV! While StuG.Abt. 1197 was still training in Mielau, its parent division was wiped out on the Eastern Front and not raised again. Document [2] shows that 1197 was then renamed to 1195. The original 1195 also had just been wiped out on the Eastern Front with its parent 95. I.D. But in con-

trast to the 197. I.D. the 95. I.D. was fully recreated.

(++) Similar to the 197. I.D. the 299. I.D. was wiped out on the Eastern Front in the summer of 1944. StuG.Abt. 1299 was waiting in Mielau for its StuGs at the time and was renamed to Stu.G.Abt. 1233 for the 196. I.D. instead. And to make matters even more complicated, the 196. I.D. was incorporated into the 131. I.D. in Sep/Oct 1944!

**August 1944**

96. I.D. = 10  
 121. I.D. = 10(\*)  
 225. I.D. = 10  
 254. I.D. = 10  
 292. I.D. = 10  
 329. I.D. = 10 [Finally! Compare June]  
 Mielau (training base) = 6

(\*) The unit had already received 10 in July. It is not likely all of them had already been lost. The unit appears to have been over-strength, since on Dec 30, 1944 it still had 10 StuG IV available with no replacements sent after August 1944.

**September 1944**

12. I.D. = 10 [refit]  
 14. I.D. = 10 [refit]  
 34. I.D. = 10  
 88. I.D. = 10 [refit]  
 211. I.D. = 10(\*)  
 340. I.D. = 10  
 361. I.D. = 10  
 371. I.D. = 10

(\*) This is still unclear! Document [2] lists StuG.Abt. 1211 training on StuG IV in Mielau from Aug 3 until Nov 6, 1944. Two and a half weeks later (Nov 24) it appeared in Milowitz where it stayed until Jan 15, 1945 training on Jg.Pz.38 - and 14 Jg.Pz.38 were actually shipped to the unit on Jan 1, 1945!

Question is: Was StuG.Abt. 1211 transferred to the front and lost all its StuG IV in mid November 1944, or was it simply transferred from Mielau to Milowitz after handing over its StuG IV to another unit??

**October 1944**

24. I.D. = 10  
 36. I.D. = 10  
 83. I.D. = 10(\*)  
 100. Jg.D. = 10  
 102. I.D. = 10  
 205. I.D. = 10  
 389. I.D. = 10

(\*) StuG.Kp. 1183 later left behind its remaining StuG IV to an unknown unit in

Courland in December 1944 and later converted to the Jg.Pz.38.

Note: In very late November or very early December the "StuG.Abt." were renamed to "Stu.G.Kp.", regardless if they were equipped with Sturmgeschütze or Jg.Pz.38 "Hetzers".

**November 1944**

12. VGD = 10(\*)  
 276. VGD = 10(\*\*)  
 331. I.D. = 10(+) [89. I.D.]  
 348. I.D. = 10(+++) [3. F.J.D.]  
 353. I.D. = 10  
 17. SS-Pz.Gren.Div. = 19 [replacements]

(\*) According to document [5] a second StuG.Kp. for the 12. VGD was formed from Personal-Einheit 43a in Burg. This unit had received 10 StuG IV in Nov 44.

(\*\*) According to document [5] a second StuG.Kp. for the 276. VGD was formed from Personal-Einheit 4e in Burg where it had received 10 StuG IV in Nov 44.

This partially explains the strength report of the 276. VGD in document [3]: 9 StuG IV plus 10 StuG III in the process of delivery. I could however not yet establish from what unit the StuG III company was formed?

(+) The 331. I.D. had been disbanded in Oct 44. Document [2] shows that Pz.Jg.Abt. 331 became part of the 89. I.D. instead. Strange thing is that document [3] lists 10 StuG III L/43(?) with 89. I.D. on Jan 15, 1945. In this respect it should be mentioned that [3] is a massive document of about 60 pages compiled from hundreds of strength reports sent to the Gen.Insp.d.Pz.Tr. Records are prepared by human beings and human beings do make mistakes. I have already discovered a number of them in the document, and maybe this is yet another one!?

(++) The 348. I.D. had been disbanded in late Sep 44. Document [2] shows that Pz.Jg.Abt. 348 became attached to 3. F.J.D. instead but kept its designation. Later in Feb 1945 the Abteilung was renamed to Pz.Jg.Abt. 1190/190. I.D. According to document [3] all 10 StuG IV were still present on Jan 15, 1945.

**December 1944**

11. I.D. = 10  
 12. V.G.D = 10 [replacements]  
 19. V.G.D = 3(\*)  
 32. I.D. = 10  
 36. V.G.D = 5 [replacements]  
 215. I.D. = 10  
 263. I.D. = 10  
 353. V.G.D = 3  
 17. SS-Pz.Gren.Div. = 17 [replacements]

(\*) Another mystery! StuG.Abt. 1119 is listed in Document [2] as training on StuG

III in Mielau until Oct 4, 1944. No direct shipments of StuG III or IV show up in document [1] in October or November. Nevertheless on Jan 15, 1945 the 19. V.G.D. reported 8 StuG IV on hand plus 3 in the process of delivery.

### January 1945

4. Pz.Div. = 14 [8./Pz.Rgt. 35]

20. Pz.Div. = 10

Pz.Gren.Div. Brandenburg = 21

[Pz.Jg.Abt. BR]

Jg.Pz.Kp. 1032 = 10(\*)

Jg.Pz.Kp. 1269 = 10(\*\*)

(\*) Either the shipment of 10 StuG IV to 32. I.D. was redirected, or all guns were lost in a very short time. According to document [3] on Jan 15, 1945 the Division reported no StuG on hand, but 10 in the process of delivery.

(\*\*) This company was formed by using Personal-Einheit (P.E.) 3a and shortly thereafter became assigned as

1./Pz.Jg.Abt. 1 to Pz.Jg.Brig. 104. The 2./Pz.Jg.Abt. 1, (ie. Jg.Pz.Kp. 1021(L) of the 21. Lw.Feld-Div.), was originally also meant to be a StuG IV company, and the company is actually listed as training on StuG IV in Burg until late January 1945 in document [2]. The allocation files for StuG however show, that the unit in the end received StuG IIIs instead!

### February 1945

10. Pz.Gren.Div. = 12 [Pz.Abt. 7]

Führer-Gren.Div. = 21

### March 1945

2. Pz.Div. = 10 [Pz.Jg.Abt. 38]

Pz.Jg.Abt. 1 = 10(\*)

Nachschub Ob. West = 17

(\*) Replacements for the most part probably intended for 1./Pz.Jg.Abt. 1 (ex Jg.Pz.Kp. 1269). Some of them may also have been given to the 2./Pz.Jg.Abt. 1 (ex

Jg.Pz.Kp. 1021(L)) which had only 4 StuG III left by March 15, 1945.

### April 1945

Pz.Jg.Abt. 49 = 11(\*)

Sturmgeschütz-Schule Burg

[1./Pz.Jg.Abt. 18] = 10(\*\*)

(\*) No longer with its parent 4. Pz.Div., but was refitting in Grafenwöhr.

(\*\*) Pz.Jg.Abt. 18 was refitting in Burg. It is not likely it returned to its parent 18. Pz.Gren.Div., since it had been replaced by Pz.Jg.Abt. Schlesien. It appears possible that the 10 StuG IV saw action with StuG.Brig. Schill instead. This however still needs confirmation by documents.

Comments, corrections and/or additions are welcome!

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### Inventory List of StuG IVs as of January 15, 1945

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(Sturmgeschützlage 15.01.1945, part of Bundesarchiv/Militärarchiv Freiburg i. Br. File No. RH10/353)

( )=Instandsetzung (or under repair)

#### Heeresgruppe Sud:

3. Kav.Brig. – 1 (1)

5. SS Pz.Div. “Wiking” – 2 (3) [in

4./SS.Pz.Rgt.5 and not their Pz.Jg.Abt.]

96. Inf.Div. – 3 (7)

101. Jg.Div. – 4

#### Heeresgruppe Mitt:

K.gr 10 Pz.Gren.Div – (3)

291. Inf.Div. – 10

88 Inf.Div. – 10

3./He.Stu.Art.Brig 184 – 6 in transport to Battery (main part of Brigade is listed with 18.Armee/H.Gr.Kurland)

253. Inf.Div. – 10

StuG.Brig. 301 – 1

20. Pz.Div. – 10 in transport to Division

StuG.Brig. 300 – (15)

Stum-Rgt.Pz. AOK – 12

Pz.Gren.Div. “Brandenburg” (for Pz.Jg.Abt. “Brandenburg”) – 21 in transport to Abt.

#### Heeresgruppe Weichsel:

4. SS-Pol.Div. – 16 (4)

251. Inf.Div. – 7

542. Volk.Gren.Div. – 14

252. Inf.Div. – 1 (2)

K.gr.7 Inf.Div. – 13 (1) 1 in transport to Division

#### Heeresgruppe Nord:

32. Inf.Div – 10

4. Pz.Div. – 14 in transport to Division

541. Volk.Gren.Div. – 14

102. Inf.Div. – 10 (2)

292. Inf.Div. – 8 (2)

131. Inf Div. – 9

21. Inf.Div. – 10

61. Inf.Div. – 5 (2)

278. Inf.Div. – 7 (1)

95. Inf.Div. – 8

548. Volk.Gren.Div – 6

58. Inf.Div. – 7

#### Heeresgruppe Kurland:

Stu.G.Brig. 600 – 2 in transport to Brigade

11. Inf.Div. – 10 plus 2 in transport to Division

263. Inf.Div. – 8 (3) 4 in transport to Division

121. Inf.Div. – 8 (2) 3 in transport to Division

132. Inf Div. – 7 (3) 5 in transport to Division

225. Inf.Div. – 5 (3)

389. Inf.Div. – 9

329. Inf.Div. – 5 (3)

215. Inf.Div. – 10 (1)

24. Inf.Div. – 8

122. Inf.Div. – 10 (2)

93. Inf.Div. – 8 (1) 3 in transport to Division

81. Inf.Div. – 6 (4) 6 in transport to Division

#### In the West:

Führer Gren.Div – 1

353 Volk.Gren.Div – 7 (5)

12 Volk.Gren.Div – 9 plus 10 in transport to Division

3 Fallschirm Jg.Div – 8 (2)

276 Volk.Gren.Div – 2 (7)

212 Volk.Gren.Div – 2 (3)

17 SS Pz.Gren Div – 12 (18)

36 Volk.Gren.Div – 5 (1)

19 Volk.Gren.Div – 3 (5) 3 in transport to Division

() = In repairs/workshop



## Inventory List of StuG IVs as of April 15 - April 18, 1945

by Martin Block

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This list of units reporting StuG IV in their inventory on April 15/18, 1945 is based on the Bundesarchiv file RH 10/355 Panzer-und Sturmgeschützlage an der Ostfront. The first number gives the total, while the second in parentheses reflects the operational status. If the first number is replaced by a '?' the unit only reported operational StuGs but did not give a total.

### H.Gr. Kurland (April 15, 1945):

- 16. Armee
- 24. Inf.Div. = 5 (4)
- 81. Inf.Div. = 7 (6)
- 122. Inf.Div. = 8 (8)
- 12. Pz.Div. = 14 (11)[\*]
- 18. Armee
- 11. Inf.Div. = 10 (9)
- 121. Inf.Div. = 8 (8)
- 132. Inf.Div. = 8 (8)(\*\*)
- 225. Inf.Div. = 7 (7)
- 263. Inf.Div. = 12 (12)

[\*] Although in the document the 12. Pz.Div. reports StuG IV, these actually were Jagdpanzer IV L/48 as several orders of battle of the Division from the same period of time show.

This is due to the simple fact that such compilations like RH10/355 and others during the later stages of the war no longer have a column for the Jg.Pz.IV. Therefore this type of vehicle often was entered in the StuG IV column and sometimes even in the Jg.Pz.38 column, causing a lot of confusion indeed for today's researchers!

(\*\*) The Division was trained on StuG IV in Mielau until late September 1944, but received a shipment of 10 StuG III in Aug 1944 instead. Nevertheless the Division reported having StuG IV on hand on Jan 15, Apr 5 and Apr 15, 1945. When exactly these were allocated is not yet clear...

### A.O.K. Ostpreussen (April 18, 1945):

- Raum ostw. Danzig und Hela
- 4. Pz.Div. = 2 (2)
- 23. Inf.Div. = 1 (1)
- 35. Inf.Div. = 4 (4)
- 252. Inf.Div. = 1 (1) [\*]

Raum Pillau

- Pz.Gren.Div. "GD" = ? (5) [\*\*]
- 32. Inf.Div. = 1 (0)

Gruppe Klasing = 5 (3) [\*\*\*]

[\*] ? StuG.Kp. 1252 had been equipped with the Jg.Pz.38 in December 1944

[\*\*] ? Pz.Gren.Div. never officially received any shipments of StuG IV or Jg.Pz. IV

[\*\*\*] Formed from ??

### H.Gr. Weichsel (April 16, 1945):

- 9.Armee
- no unit reporting StuG IV
- 3. Pz.Armee

Pz.Ausb.Verb. Ostsee = 4 (4) [\*]

StuG.Brig. 210 = 12 (12) [\*\*]

Pz.Jg.Abt. 1 = 11 (10)

[\*] Formed from replacement and training units

[\*\*] Other documents from H.Gr. Weichsel show, that these actually were no StuG IV but Jg.Pz.IV/70(V) of the 2./Pz.Jg.Abt. 42 attached to the brigade.

### H.Gr. Mitte (April 15, 1945):

- 1. Pz.Armee
- 10. Pz.Gren.Div. = 9 (8)
- 4. Pz.Armee
- 20. Pz.Div. = 7 (7)
- 21. Pz.Div. = 2 (1) [\*]
- Pz.Gren.Div. Brandenburg = 7 (6)
- 17. Armee
- 100. Jäg.Div. = 9 (8)

[\*] The monthly reports of the 21. Pz.Div. to the Gen.Insp.d.Pz.Tr. show, that these actually were two Jagdpz. IV L/48 and not StuG IV

### H.Gr. Süd (April 15, 1945):

- 2. Pz.Armee
- 23. Pz.Div. = 1 (0) [\*]
- 3. Kav.Div. = 2 (2)
- 6. Pz.Armee
- Fhr.Gren.Div. = 15 (5)
- 3. SS-Pz.Div. = 1 (0) [\*\*]
- 6. Armee
- 1. Pz.Div. = 2 (2) [\*\*\*]

8. Armee

101. Jg.Div. = 1 (0)

[\*] Most likely the last surviving Jg.Pz. IV of Pz.Jg.Abt. 128

[\*\*] Most likely the last surviving Jg.Pz. IV of SS-Pz.Jg.Abt. 3

[\*\*\*] The 1. Pz.Div. never officially received any StuG IV or Jg.Pz. IV. Nevertheless it reported StuG IV on several occasions in 1944&5, so these two might have been genuine [see photos 61 (a)-(d) for possible evidence of one]?