



German 107th Panzer Brigade

September, 1944

107th
Panzer
Battalion

16	A	12	6	H	12
12	Panther	10	6	Ostwind	8
x 6			x 1		

2107th
Panzer
Grenadier
Battalion

6	I	1	2	C(I)	2	3	M	12	5	H	8	9	H	10
6	SMG	1	4	Halftrack	10	4	Sdkfz 251/2	10	4	Sdkfz 251/9	10	4	Sdkfz 251/21	10
x 6		x 6			x 1		x 2		x 7					

The 251/21 halftracks have a triple mount 20mm aircraft gun primarily intended for AA fire. There were a whopping 42 of these in the battalion. Each platoon represents 6 such halftracks.

2107th
Panzerjäger
Battalion

16	A	12
11	Pz.IV/70	8
x 2		

2107th
Panzer
Pioneer
Company

3	I	2	2	C(I)	2	30	H	1
10		1	4	Halftrack	10	4	Sdkfz 251/16	10
x 3			x 3			x 1		

This is one of the “emergency” century series type 1 (numbered 100 to 110) Panzer Brigades built from veterans of destroyed units. New tanks and halftracks were shipped straight from the factory to these brigades to quickly build them to their authorized strength (despite the objections of Guderian, who thought all tank production should go toward restocking depleted panzer divisions). The entire brigade was armored, which meant all the infantry and supporting units were equipped with halftracks. The 107th was one such brigade and was built out of the remnants of the 25th Panzer Grenadier Division, which had been effectively destroyed near Minsk while fighting the Russians. The 107th Brigade was ordered to be formed in July but did not get completely equipped until early September.

When Market-Garden began, the brigade was rushing on its way to Aachen but was instead rerouted to Holland and ordered straight into action. The brigade made attacks on September 19th and 20th from the east against the 101st Airborne soldiers defending the temporary Bailey bridge built across the canal just south of Son. Although the 107th Brigade destroyed a number of vehicles and directly threatened the bridge, the Screaming Eagles, with their anti-tank guns and the much welcomed support of a few British tanks from the 15th/19th Hussars, were able to drive the Germans off and hold the bridge.

Shortly after Market-Garden ended, the 107th Panzer Brigade was disbanded and used to reconstitute the 25th Panzer Grenadier Division.