

# ZBV 406th Division

September 18-19, 1944

KG von Furstenberg

3 ●●● 8 RIFLE	2* ●●● 1	4 ●●● 4 HMG	4 ●●● 1	5 A 2 37 mm	0 C 0 Truck	4 H 10 1 Sdkfz 10/4	2 H 4 2 Sdkfz 231/8
x 5	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1

2/6th Landeschutzen Battalion plus attachments.

KG Greschick

3 ●●● 8 RIFLE	2* ●●● 1	4 H 10 20 mm
x 7	x 2	

Part of 17th Luftwaffe Fortress Btn.

KG Goebel

3 ●●● 8 RIFLE	2* ●●● 1	3 M 12 81 mm	3 ●●● 1
x 7	x 1		

Ohr Battalion

3 ●●● 8 RIFLE	2* ●●● 1	6 ●●● 6 SMG	4 ●●● 4 HMG	4 ●●● 1	3 M 12 81 mm	4 H 10 20 mm	20 A 20 88 mm
x 6	x 2	x 2	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	

These are mostly men with ear problems. SMG's represent Panzerschreck platoons.

Divisional Support

60 (H) 36 150 mm	0 C 0 Limber
x 2	x 2

Guns represent Russian howitzers

KG Stargaard

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These landeschutzen battalions were composed of older men who usually served as prison camp guards and other rear area non-combat roles.

ZBV 406th Division was a temporary division composed of a motley inexperienced collection of kampfgруппes cobbled together mostly from various rear area and secondary troops. These groups made piecemeal attacks against the American drop zones near Groesbeek on Days 2 and 3.

Much of this group was thrown at the American landing zones on Day 2. The goal was to keep the Americans off balance and hide how weak the German forces in the area really were. The attack experienced some initial success with some landing zones overrun but was broken up in the end by waves of gliders landing with more of the 101st, along with troops shifted from other areas.