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Army: German Panzerkompanie

26th Panzer Division



On 11 May 1944, the allies launch a new offensive against the Gustav Line. British, Polish and Indian troops lead the way, with the Canadian following closely behind. The 8th Army now has its turn to attack Monte Cassino. From the west US and French troops of the 5th Army attack as well. The French make a decisive push, allowing the II Polish Corps to finally take the heights of Monastery on 18 May.



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On 23 May the US VI Corps breaks out of the Anzio beachhead and finally makes contact with the US 5th Army. Combined they drive towards Rome. German forces arrayed in front of the city reposition behind the Italian capital.



On 4 June units of the US 5th Army enter Rome. The Germans conduct their usual tenacious fighting withdrawal towards their new defensive line running from just north of Florence, across the Apennine Mountains to the Adriatic sea. The defences in the west run along the Arno River.



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The Germans hold up the Allies as they advance, finally taking up their new positions in mid July.



This army list reflects a company from the 26th Panzer Division and supporting elements, as they fall back to positions along the Gothic line.



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Order of Battle

26th Panzer Division

26th Panzer Regiment

with elements of

216th Sturmpanzer Battalion

504th Schwere Panzer Battalion