

Sturmgeschetz-Abteilung 242,
Kampfgruppe "Popp"

Monte Cassino, Italy
January, 1944



Formed originally in 1941 for service in North Africa, this unit was completely destroyed in Tunisia in May of 1943. Reformed and refitted with the excellent new StuG IIIG model, the unit redeployed to Italy in October of 1943 and was immediately assigned to the German 10th Army, whose primary mission was to hold positions in and around the town of Cassino. An immediate advantage StuG-Abt. 242 had was their proximity to the elite 1st Fallschirmjäger Division-"The Green Devils".

Kampfgruppen, much like the one created and commanded by Hauptmann Gunther Popp, represented the close cooperation between the Army Group's best infantry and its finest armored vehicles. Throughout the "Four Battles of Monte Cassino", StuG-Abt. 242 was in constant battle with Commonwealth troops and held the town of Cassino until May, when the surviving units of the 242nd, along with the rest of the German 10th Army, slipped away to the relative safety of the "Adolf Hitler Line" as the Allies captured Rome.

The List:

CHQ...2x Stug IIIG...190 points
1st Zug...3x Stug IIIG...285 points
2nd Zug...3x Stug IIIG...285 points

3rd Zug...3x Stug IIIG...285 points

Support Zug...2x Sdkfz. 7/2 (3.7 cm) Armored SPAA...120
points

Support Zug...2x Sdkfz. 231 (8-rad) Armored Car Patrol...80
points

Support Zug...Fallschirmjäger Platoon (3 squads) with CMD
Panzerknacker SMG team...285 points

1500 points total

(Tournament list for Lawrence Boester)