

## *Kampfgruppe Wolfe*

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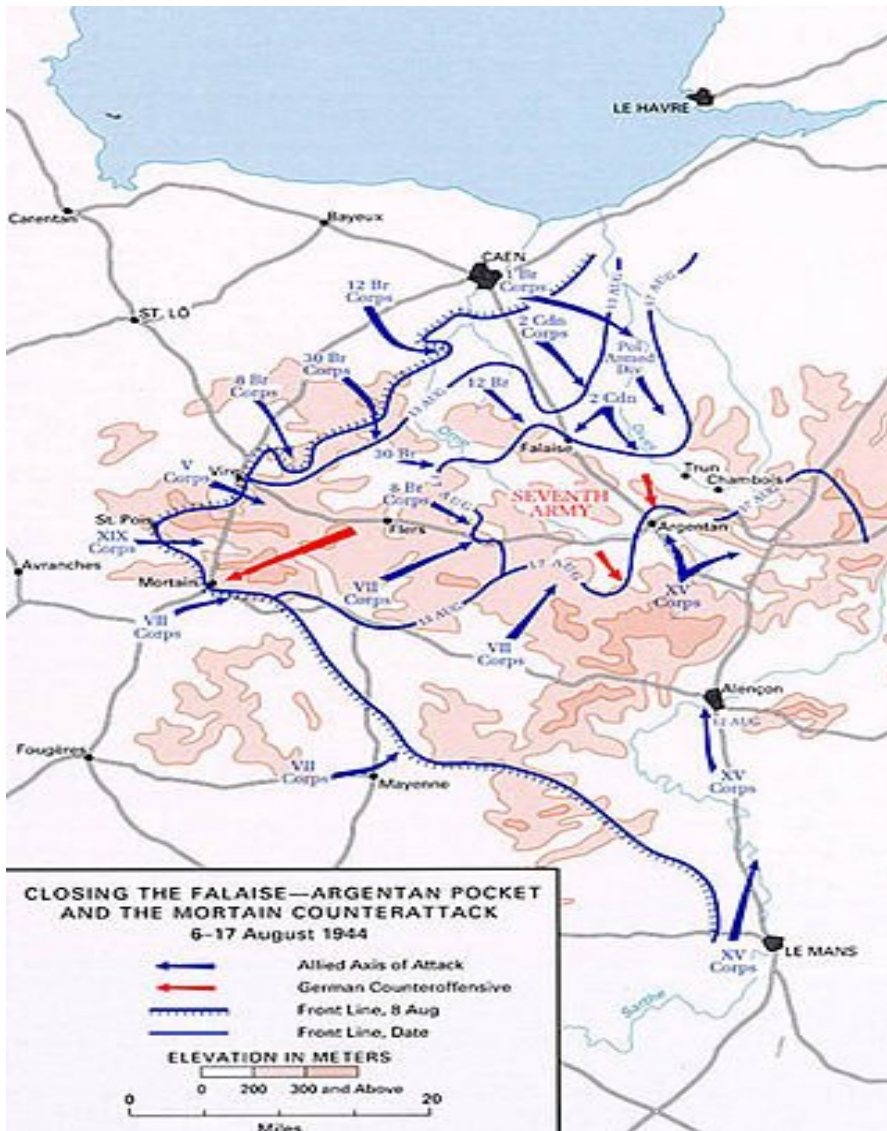
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Kampfgruppe Wolfe was formed on 3 August 1944 in France from the remaining elements of the 21<sup>st</sup> Panzer division and a section of Brummbars from the 5<sup>th</sup> Panzer Army towards the end of the desperate attempts to break out of the Falaise pocket. With the desperate shortage of men and materiel, use was made of everything that could be spared, and units were grouped together from anything that was at hand. The remnants of the 5<sup>th</sup> Kompanie were given support from the Army Sturmabteilung, antiair assets, the much depleted Panzer Kompanies, and ordered to break through the Allied lines no matter the cost.

Furious attempts were made by the Kompanie and assigned elements to break out of the pocket, but the American and British superiority in men and supplies was telling; by the end of August the 21<sup>st</sup> Panzer Division had ceased to exist as a fighting force, not to be reconstituted until late September of 1944. The bedraggled men of the Kampfgruppe were left to straggle on their own back to Germany, in the process being forced to abandon much of their equipment.



Oberst Hans von Luck, Battalion Commander



Battles of the pocket



The men of the Kampfgruppe ready themselves for action!!

The men of the



Antitank platoon destroys another Sherman!!

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