

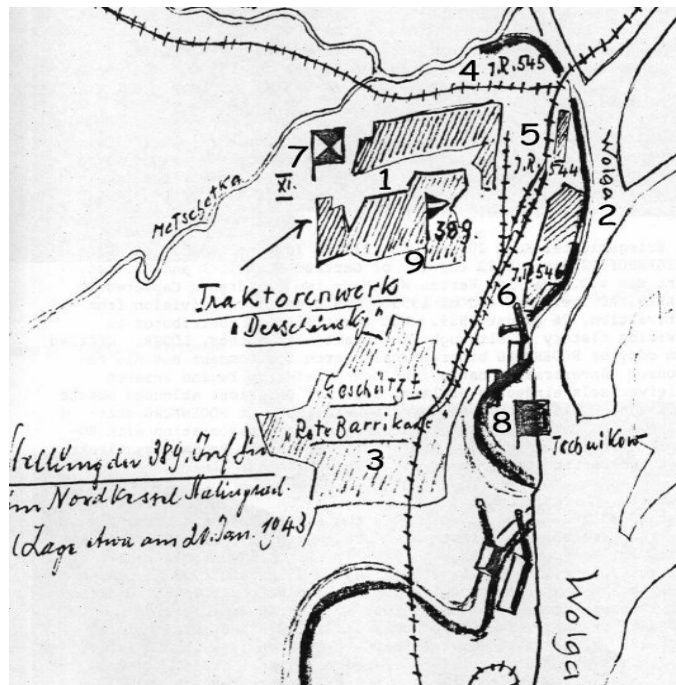
## 546. Infanterie Regiment



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Part of 6<sup>th</sup> Army during the Stalingrad battle, the 546 was organized like most German Grenadier Regiments of the time and survived with distinction during the battle. Commanding the 546 at the outset of the Stalingrad operation was Major Hans Ritter von Schmidt who would receive the Iron Heart for actions at Stalingrad. By the surrender of German forces at Stalingrad, Obersleutant Wilhelm Hartenstein was leading the 546 Infanterie Regiment.

They were given several different goals during the Stalingrad operation. The first was to establish a foothold across the Don and Volga rivers and later on another main goal was capture large parts of the industrial sector of Stalingrad. During the battle of Stalingrad, the 546 would see over 50% wounded, missing and killed. After the encirclement of 6<sup>th</sup> Army at Stalingrad, a few survivors and those who were wounded or on leave managed to escape the encirclement and then later formed the 352 Infanterie Division that would fight at Normandy.



- 1) Tractor Factory
- 2) Volga River
- 3) Red Baricade Factory
- 4) Infanterie Regiment 545
- 5) Infanterie Regiment 544
- 6) Infanterie Regiment 546
- 7) XI. Army Corps headquarters. The Corps was under command of General Strecker.
- 8) Chuikov's headquarters (Red Army and defender of Stalingrad)
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