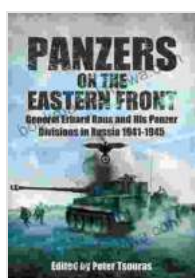


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### **Prologue**

In the vast and unforgiving landscape of the Eastern Front, a German general emerged who would become one of the most respected and feared Panzer commanders of World War II. His name was Erhard Raus, and his panzer divisions would play a crucial role in some of the most pivotal battles of the war.

Raus was a brilliant tactician and a charismatic leader. He was also a master of armored warfare, and his innovative use of tanks and other armored vehicles would help to revolutionize the art of war.

### **Chapter 1: The Early Years**

Raus was born in 1889 in the town of Aalen, Germany. He joined the German army in 1908 and served with distinction in World War I. After the war, he remained in the army and rose through the ranks.

In 1939, Raus was given command of the 6th Panzer Division. This division would go on to play a major role in the German invasion of Poland and the Battle of France.

### **Chapter 2: Operation Barbarossa**

In June 1941, Germany launched Operation Barbarossa, the invasion of the Soviet Union. Raus's 6th Panzer Division was part of Army Group

Center, which was tasked with capturing Moscow.

Raus's division fought its way through the Soviet defenses and played a key role in the capture of Smolensk. However, the Soviet counteroffensive at Moscow forced the Germans to retreat.

### **Chapter 3: The Battle of Kursk**

In the summer of 1943, the Germans launched Operation Citadel, an attempt to destroy the Soviet salient at Kursk. Raus's 6th Panzer Division was part of the northern pincer of the German attack.

The Battle of Kursk was one of the largest tank battles in history. Raus's division fought with distinction, but the Germans were ultimately unable to break through the Soviet defenses.

### **Chapter 4: The Retreat from Russia**

After the Battle of Kursk, the Germans were forced to retreat from Russia. Raus's 6th Panzer Division fought a series of desperate rearguard actions, but was eventually forced to withdraw from the Soviet Union.

In 1945, Raus was captured by the Americans. He was released from captivity in 1947 and returned to Germany. He died in 1956 at the age of 67.

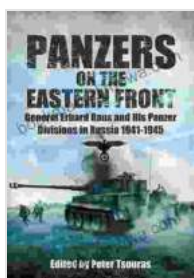
### **Epilogue**

General Erhard Raus was one of the most successful Panzer commanders of World War II. His innovative use of tanks and other armored vehicles helped to revolutionize the art of war. He was a brilliant tactician and a

charismatic leader, and his troops fought with unwavering loyalty and determination.

This book is a tribute to the life and career of General Erhard Raus. It is a fascinating account of one of the most important military commanders of the 20th century.

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