

## Iron Cross Brigade - The Story of Werner Gösel and Sturmgeschütz-Abteilung 244

Werner Gösel

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16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Another great book from LHBBBy Thomas ReiterThis is another excellent book from Leaping Horseman Books. This review is not a "verified purchase" because I pre-ordered the book directly from the publisher rather than wait for it to become available on .Honestly, I was a bit torn between giving the book four or five stars based on the text alone--it is good, but not one of those books that is so good that you're sorry when you finish it...the text is the memoirs of a junior officer serving in a Stug brigade in Stalingrad, Kursk (Ponyri), and Bobruisk (south face of Bagration)--there is a lot of action here, and the narrator does an excellent job of describing the day-to-day life in a Stug brigade, including fending off Soviet armored attacks, etc. Overall, very interesting and well-done.But in addition to the text, the book has other features which make it well-worth five stars:1) the book is full of dozens of excellent photos of the men and equipment in the narrator's unit--both of the posed variety and candid shots of the men at rest--really good!2) While there are not that many maps, the maps that are included are adequate and are clearly drawn.3) The book, binding, and paper are all of Leaping Horseman Book's usually high quality.Overall, a nice addition to the library and highly recommended to anyone with an interest in armored warfare on the Eastern Front.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. OutstandingBy TherightsrightAwesome history!!! Very well written.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy perry howardGreat

Stalingrad, Kursk and Bobruisk are names synonymous with untold suffering and death, and the men of Sturmgeschütz-Abteilung 244 fought at each of them. Werner Gösel was deployed as a dispatch rider on the staff of Stug.Abt.244 during Operation Barbarossa. After being trained as an officer, he returned to the front and was wounded during the opening stages of the Stalingrad battle, inadvertently avoiding the fate of his unit. After recovery, he served with Sturmgeschütz-Batterie 395, a unit that existed so briefly that Gösel's report may be the only one ever recorded. With the reorganisation of Stug.Abt.244 in early 1943, Gösel was recalled to his old unit and participated in the Battle of Kursk and the subsequent irreversible retreat. His tenure as adjutant from August 1943 onward and consequent tight bond with the gruff battalion commander enables Gösel to provide an insight into the functions and working methods of an assault gun battalion. In summer 1944, now a battery commander, Gösel was captured during a break-out attempt from the Bobruisk pocket and returned from Soviet captivity five years later, only to encounter problems faced by many ex-servicemen in post-war East Germany. Part autobiography, part unit history, this book reveals the vital role played by assault guns in the Wehrmacht's conduct of warfare on the Eastern Front. - 210 x 157mm portrait format - 492 pages on high-quality gloss paper - Hardcover only - 247 photos - 2 aerial photos - 17 maps - 3 appendices, including the battalion's full war diary from 1943 and comprehensive lists of medal winners