

The cavalry in the Wehrmacht 1942 - 45

How it all began



Badge of 3rd Cavalry brigade
"Der Schwedter Adler"



Badge of the
41st Cavalry regiment



Badge of the
5th Cavalry regiment
"Field marshal von Mackensen"

Let me begin by telling how my interest in German cavalry started.

I was browsing through the shelves of a local bookshop, which specialises in books about military subjects and my eyes were caught by a book: "Kavallerie der Wehrmacht" by Klaus Christian Richter.

I - being a miser by nature - found the book too expensive (at around 30 £) and left the book on the shelf and the shop shortly thereafter.

Well at home that afternoon I found out, that the book after all had tickled my curiosity to such a degree, that I couldn't live without it (It isn't the first time the inner miser loses the battle - usually shortly after leaving the shop).

As I couldn't spare the time to revisit the bookstore for several days to come, I had to send my mother along with a hastily written note with the approximate title of the book and a description of the cover.

So...

On the following evening I sat down and started reading about the German Cavalry of World War II.

What came out of it?

I'm a wargamer, so the idea was rapidly spawned to create a German wargame cavalry unit for us to use in our battles.

I'm also interested in military history and I was not satisfied with the information that I could get from the wargame rules, that we're using (Command Decision).

Therefore I started to search for more information of the German Cavalry and I've found out a lot, though I'm still searching, for more.

On these pages you'll find

[A short history of the cavalry of the Wehrmacht in the years 1942 - 1945](#)

[A German Cavalry Regiment \(Reiter-Regiment\), 1944 - 45 for Command Decision](#)

A [Glossary](#) where I try to translate to the approximate British equivalent.

I hope to be able to gather and process more information and to be able to share it on these pages in the future.

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