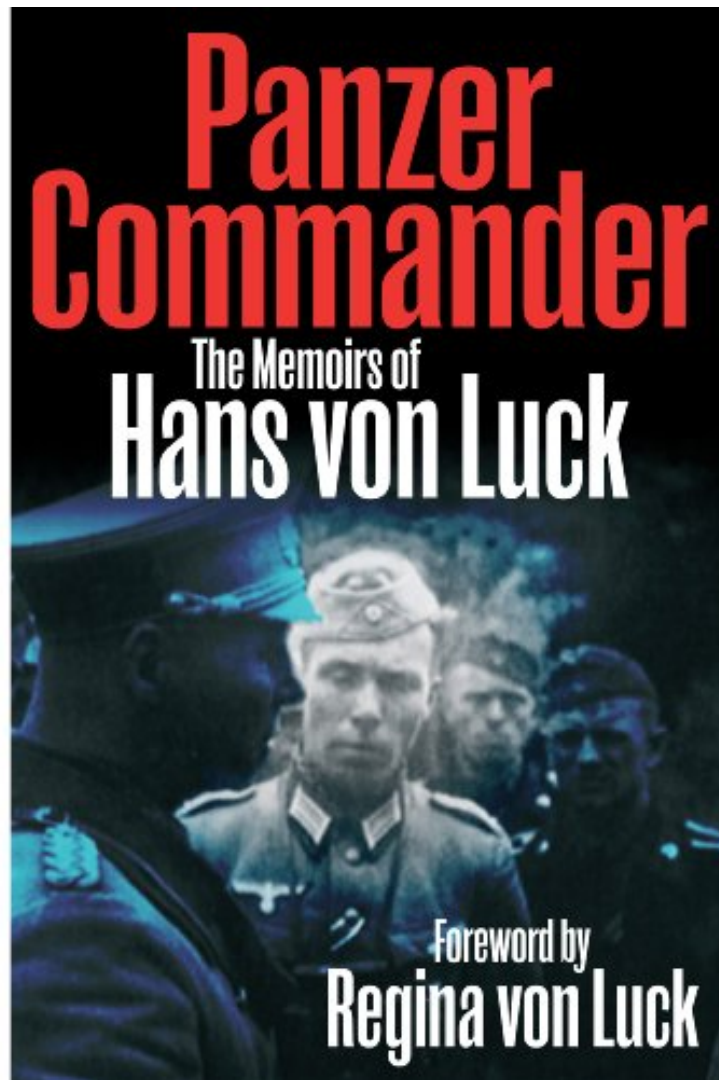


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Panzer Commander is one of the classic memoirs of the Second World War. A professional soldier, Hans von Luck joined the Panzerwaffe in its earliest days, where he served under Erwin Rommel, and went on to fight in the Blitzkrieg in Poland, France and the Soviet Union. He then served with the Afrika Korps in the Western Desert, and tells of the sometimes chivalrous relationship with the British 8th Army. After the collapse in Africa, he returned to Europe and fought throughout the Normandy campaign, and was responsible for the failure of the British breakout attempt, Operation 'Goodwood'. He then took part in the final desperate battles on the Eastern Front. Captured by the Soviets at the end of the war, he was held for five years in a prison camp in the Caucasus. After the war, he formed friendships with those who had been his opponents during it, including Major John Howard, who had led the capture of Pegasus Bridge in Normandy. With a new preface by the author's widow, this unique and valuable account of one man's war and its aftermath is required reading for all those interested in the Second World War.

'this unique account of one German man's war is required reading for all those interested in WWII' *Military History Monthly*. About the Author Born in 1911 in Flensburg, Germany, HANS VON LUCK joined the Reichswehr as a cadet in 1929. He served in the Panzerwaffe from its earliest days until the very end of the Second World War. After five years in a Soviet prison camp, he returned to Germany in 1950, working first as a hotel receptionist and then in the coffee business. He died in 1997.