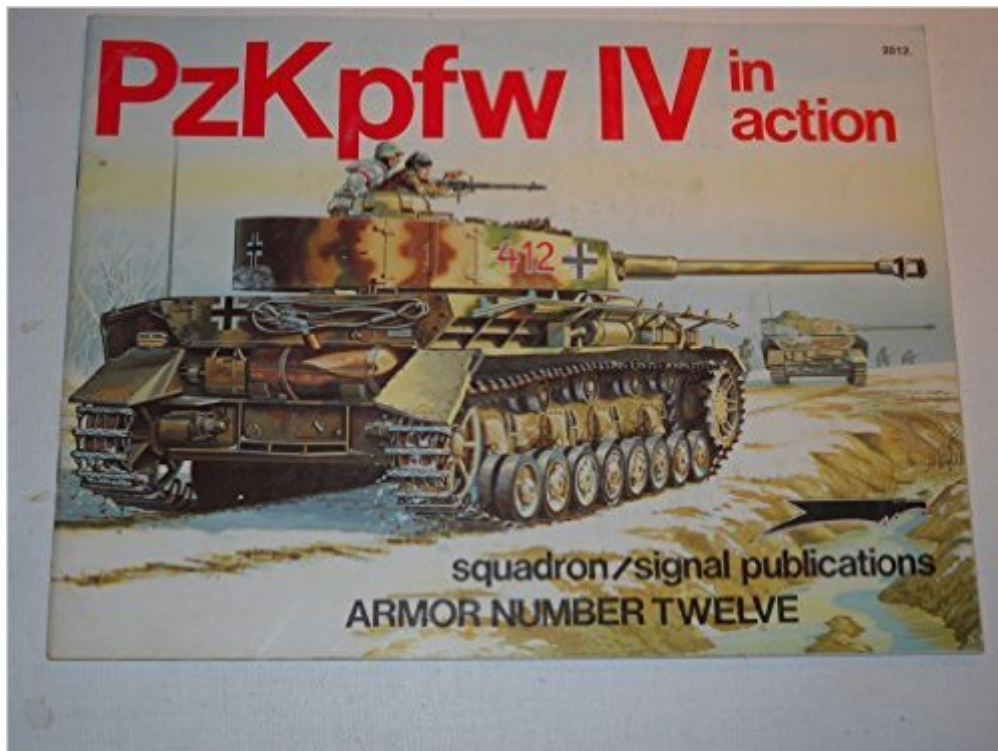


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The Panzer IV was the "Heavy Tank" originally conceived by Guderian et al as the support weapon platform for their revolutionary Panzer formations. In many ways the design was not as universally good as the Panzer III, which was intended to be the workhorse tank of the armor formation. For one thing, since it was envisaged as engaging from the rear of the formations the rear of the tank is much weaker in terms of armor protection when compared to the front and sides. Indeed, had the Panzer III been able to take a larger gun, \*it\* would have had a longer life than the IV according to various German generals of the time. All of which is laid out in the Squadron books dealing with the tanks. This book deals exclusively with the Panzer IV, pushed into service long past its expected lifetime as a design. It embodies thinking already outdated by the time WWII was brewing, with its alarmingly upright armor plating and antiquated roadwheel setup. Inside you will find a huge collection of pictures of the Panzer IV in action. It has to be said that when a mark subtype involves small surface detail changes, finding photos that clearly show what the changes looked like was challenging for the archivist/author. Culver did a stand-out job on this one, but even so the results are by necessity at times less pleasing than he managed with the less varied Panther and Tiger types. There is a small collection of color drawings depicting various forms of the Panzer IV and its markings. These, being derived from black and white photos are sometimes the subject of heated debate.

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