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What was the difference between the SS and the Waffen-SS? The two main constituent groups were the Allgemeine SS (General SS) and Waffen-SS (Armed SS). The Allgemeine SS was responsible for enforcing the racial policy of Nazi Germany and general policing, whereas the Waffen-SS consisted of the combat units of the SS, with a sworn allegiance to Hitler.

Who was the best Waffen-SS general? Hausser was the highest-ranking officer in the Waffen-SS alongside Sepp Dietrich. Unlike Dietrich, Hausser was a trained staff officer before joining the SS.

Were there SS units in Stalingrad? No major SS units were caught in the siege of Stalingrad. SS units were a large part of Manstein's "back-handed" blow that inflicted several heavy defeats on the Red Army when they overextended themselves in a continuation of Operation Uranus (the Soviet counter-attack at Stalingrad).

Did the Waffen-SS have tanks? As the war progressed many front line units were issued better equipment, including the latest vehicles and tanks, largely as a result of the impressive combat performance of the Waffen SS on the Eastern Front.

What was the worst Waffen-SS unit? Dirlewanger's unit is regarded as the most infamous Waffen-SS unit in both Poland and Belarus. Dirlewanger had an impressive career as a junior officer during World War I, and further fought in the post-World War I conflicts, and the Spanish Civil War.

What country killed the most German soldiers in World War 2? An estimated 25 million to 31 million Russians were killed in the conflict — 16 million of them civilians,

and more than 8 million from the Red Army. Russians also point to the fact that Soviet forces killed more German soldiers than their Western counterparts, accounting for 76 percent of Germany's military dead.

Why did the Wehrmacht hate the SS? In the beginning, there was friction between the SS and the army, as the army feared the SS would attempt to become a legitimate part of the armed forces of Nazi Germany, partly due to the fighting between the limited armaments, and the perceived fanaticism towards Nazism.

What was the height requirement for the SS? Recruits had to be between the ages of 17 and 23, at least 1.74 metres (5 ft 9 in) tall (1.78 metres (5 ft 10 in) for the LSSAH). Concentration camp guards had to make a one-year commitment, be between the ages of 16 and 23, and at least 1.72 metres (5 ft 8 in) tall.

Did the Waffen-SS have snipers? Although there was no such thing as a preferred or Waffen-SS sniper rifle and sight, from 1943 the Waffen-SS was a major customer for Kar 98k rifles made by Steyr-Daimler-Puch*. These included sniper rifles using a claw mount system, developed for the Austrian Army in WW 1.

Who did the German army soldiers fear the most?

What was the most feared German unit in ww2? Founded in 1925, the "Schutzstaffel," German for "Protective Echelon," initially served as Nazi Party leader Adolf Hitler's (1889-1945) personal bodyguards, and later became one of the most powerful and feared organizations in all of Nazi Germany.

How did German soldiers feel about WWII? Critically, Neitzel's research underscored that for most German soldiers the Second World War was in the main a continuation of the First World War: bigger, probably more brutal, but in the end the same war for the same reason, which was defence of the Homeland against foreign aggression.

What was the most successful SS unit? 1st SS was notable for having the best training and second highest amount of medals since it was the symbolic bodyguard of Hitler. 2nd SS Das Reich saw the most amount of combat and won the largest collection of medals for any German combat division. It was reputedly the best tank division.

What is the difference between the SS and the Gestapo? The Gestapo were Secret Police, formed out of the existing state police after the Nazis took power. They were administered by the SS leadership, but were not themselves members of the SS.

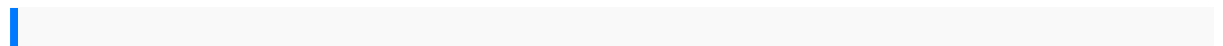
What does waffen mean? noun. armament [noun] (usually in plural) equipment for war, eg the guns etc of a ship, tank etc. The troops are short of armaments. arms [noun plural] weapons.

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What is the difference between the SS and the Gestapo? The Gestapo View this term in the glossary (German secret state police) comes under Himmler's control. Responsible for state security, it has the authority to send individuals to concentration camps. Members of the Gestapo are often also members of the SS.

How many SS divisions were there? The Waffen-SS created some 42 divisions and three brigades, as well as a number of small, independent units. Of the divisions, seven were panzer divisions, 12 panzergrenadier divisions, six mountain divisions, 11 grenadier divisions, four cavalry divisions, and a police division.

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