

## *The Tank Killers: 61 German Tank Aces*



**T**he following list contains the German Panzer aces of World War II. The list is sorted by the number of enemy tanks destroyed. It must be noted that every tank commander was responsible not only of the destruction of tanks, but also of a similar number of antitank guns (for example Wittmann is credited with 138 tanks and 132 antitank guns) and of a corresponding amount of military equipment, lighter vehicles and field works. Countless enemy soldiers were also victims of the onboard machine guns of a tank.

**1. Kurt Knispel** – 168 Kills (sPzAbt. 503)

**2. Otto Carius** – 150+ Kills (sPzAbt. 502) – Tiger I – Knight's Cross 5/4/44, Oak Leaves 7/27/44.

**3. Johannes (Hans) Bolter** – 139 Kills (possibly 144) (sPzAbt. 502) Tigers – Knight's Cross 4/16/44, Oak Leaves 9/10/44.

**4. Michael Wittman** – 138 Kills (sS. S. PzAbt. 101 Liebstandarte) – Tiger I – Knight's Cross 1/14/44, Oak Leaves 1/14/44 with Swords, 6/25/44.

**5. Hans Sandrock** – 123 Kills (assorted AFV last unit HJ )

6. **Paul Egger** – 113 Kills (s SS Pz. Abt. 102) – Tigers – Knight's cross 4/28/45
7. **Fritz Lang** – 113 Kills (StuG. Abt. 232)
8. **Arno Giesen** – 111 Kills (Das Reich)
9. **Oberfahnrich Rondorf** – 106 kills (sPzAbt. 503) – Tigers
10. **Feldwebel Gaetner** – 103 Kills (sPzAbt. 503) – Tigers
11. **Karl Koener** – 100+ Kills (sS. S. PzAbt. 503) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 4/29/44.
12. **Albert Kerscher** – 100+ Kills (sPzAbt. 502) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 10/23/44.
13. **Balthazar (Bobby) Woll** – 100+ Kills, 81 as Gunner (sSS Pz. Abt. 101) – Knight's Cross – 1/16/44.
14. **Helmut Wendorff** – 84 Kills (sS. S. Pz Abt. 101) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 2/12/44.
15. **Ernst Barkmann** – 82+ Kills (Das Reich) – Panther – Knight's Cross 8/27/44.
16. **Eric Litzke** – 76 Kills (sPzAbt. 509) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 10/20/44
17. **Hermann Bix** – 75+ Kills (4th Panzer Division) – Knight's Cross 3/22/45.
18. **Hans Strippel** – 70 Kills (4. / II/ PzAbt. 1, 1st Pz. Division) – Pz. IV – Knight's Cross 6/4/44.
19. **Emil Seibold** – 69 Kills (Das Reich) – Pz IV+ Captured T-34s
20. **Wilhelm Knauth** – 68 Kills (sPzAbt. 505) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 11/14/43.
21. **Hugo Primozic** – 68 Kills (StuG Abt. 667) – Knight's Cross 9/25/42, Oak Leaves 1/25/43.
22. **Karl Bromann** – 66 Kills (sS. S. PzAbt. 503) – Tigers.
23. **Josef William (Sepp) Brandner** – 61 Kills (StuG Brigade 912) – Knight's Cross 1/17/45, Oak Leaves 4/30/45.
24. **Hans-Bobo von Rohr** – 58 Kills (25 Pz. Abt. , 7th Pz. Division) – Knight's Cross 11/15/44, Oak leaves 4/8/45 (Posthumously).
25. **Karl Heinz Warmbrunn** – 57 Kills, 44 as gunner (s SS Pz. Abt. 101) – Tigers

26. **Albert Ernst** – 55 Kills – (s. Pz. Jgr. Abt. 519) – Nashorn – Knight's Cross – 2/7/44.
27. **Richard Engelmann** – 54 Kills (StuG Abt. 912) – Knight's Cross 7/22/44.
28. **Heinz Kling** – 51 Kills (s SS Pz. Abt. 101) – Tigers.
29. **Johann Muller** – 50 Kills ((sPz. Abt. 502) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 10/23/44.
30. **Josef Dallmeier** – 50 Kills (Fhr. PzJager Kp. 1183) – Hetzer – Knight's Cross 4/3/45(?).
31. **Walter Feibig** – 50+ Kills (StuG Brigade 301)
32. **Heinz Kramer** – 50+ Kills (sPzAbt. 502) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 10/6/44.
33. **Alfredo Carpaneto** – 50+ Kills (sPzAbt. 502) – Tigers – Knight's Cross 3/28/45.
34. **Oberleutnant Mausberg** – 50+ Kills (s. Pz. Abt. 505) – Tigers.
35. **Wolfgang Hans Heimer Paul von Bostell** – 48 Kills – ( Pz. Jgr. Kp. 1023, Pz. Jgr. Abt. 205) – Knight's Cross 9/2/44, Oak Leaves 4/30/45.
36. **Jurgen Brandt** – 47 Kills (sS. S. Abt. 101) – Tigers.
37. **Heinz Deutsch** – 44 Kills (Fsch. StuG Brigade 12) Knight's Cross 4/28/45.
38. **Fritz Amling** – 42+ Kills (in 48 Hrs. with StuG Brigade 202) Knight's Cross 12/5/42.
39. **Heinz Scharf** – 40+ Kills (StuG Brigade 202) Knight's Cross 9/5/44.
40. **Walter Oberloskamp** – 40+ Kills (StuG Brigade 667) Knight's Cross 5/15/43.
41. **Fredrich Tadge** – 39 Kills (StuG Abt. 190) Knight's Cross 10/24/42.
42. **Rudolf Roy** – 36 Kills (12 S. S. PanzerJager Abt. HJ) – JP IV – Knight's Cross 10/16/44.
43. **Gottwald Stier** – 30+ Kills (StuG Brigade 667) Knight's Cross (date unknown).
44. **Josef Trager** – 30+ Kills (StuG Brigade 667) Knight's Cross (date unknown).

- 45. Richard Schram** – 30 Kills (StuG Brigade 202) Knight's Cross 12/12/42.
- 46. Karl Pfreundtner** – 30 Kills (StuG Abt. 244) Knight's Cross 9/18/42.
- 47. Karl Heinrich Banze** – 24 Kills (13 on one day StuG Abt. 244) Knight's Cross 5/27/42.
- 48. Felix Adamowitsch** – 23 Kills (in an 8 day period, StuG Abt. 244) Knight's Cross 10/20/44.
- 49. Eugen Metzger** – 23 Kills (StuG Abt. 203) Knight's Cross 9/29/41.
- 50. Hauptmann Rade** – 23 Kills (StuG Abt. 244)
- 51. Heinrich Teriete** – 22 Kills (in one engagement, sPzJgAbt. 653) Knight's Cross 7/22/43.
- 52. Franz Staudegger** – 22+ Kills (sS. S. Pz Abt. 101) Knight's Cross 7/10/43.
- 53. Franz Kretshmer** – 21 Kills (sPzJgAbt. 653) Knight's Cross 12/17/43
- 54. Horst Naumann** – 21 Kills (StuG Abt. 184) Knight's Cross 1/4/43
- 55. Klaus Wagner** – 18 Kills (in two days, StuG Abt. 667)
- 56. Hermann Feldheim** – 16 Kills (sPzJgAbt. 654)
- 57. Heinrich Engel** – 15 Kills (StuG Abt. 259) Knight's Cross 11/7/43
- 58. Rudolf von Ribbentrop** – 14 Kills (LSSAH+ HJ) Knight's Cross 7/20/43.
- 59. Wachtmeister Moj** – 12 Kills (StuG Abt. 190)
- 60. Siegfried Freyer** – 11 Kills in one engagement (Pz. Abt. 24) Knight's Cross 7/23/43.
- 61. Alfred Reginitor** – 10 Kills (StuG Abt. 279) Knight's Cross (date unknown).