



Operation Edelweiss: the Nazi war for oil

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During the last century oil became increasingly determinant, it first influenced and then ruled the destiny of wars, diplomacy, politics and of course economy. By World War II it became a crucial issue as the Nazi tanks and planes, the U-boats and ships, especially Hitler's Wunderwaffen like the V1 and V2 rockets or Messerschmitt jet planes, all needed huge amounts of oil to do their job. And Germany didn't have these resources. Therefore, in 1942 the Wehrmacht started an operation in order to conquer the richest Soviet oil reserves: the fields of Grozny and Baku. The 49th Mountain Corps was engaged in a battle, which remained in the myth as one of the toughest and unknown challenges of the whole war: the operation Edelweiss.



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