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During 1923-4, he advocated the use of tanks in independent armored formations, based on his experiences as a Tank Brigade Commander during WWI. He was responsible for developing tank innovations for the WWII Normandy D-Day Invasion and commanded the training of the 79th Armoured Division, 1942-3.

No books/periodical articles.

PART VI

Hutier, Oscar von. General, Germany, 1857-1934.

In 1918, he served as a Staff Officer and devised tactics intended to overcome the stalemate of trench warfare on the Western Front. German forces used these methods, as well as mustard gas, to bypass strong-points and attain deep penetrations of the lines.

No books/periodical articles.

PART VII


He rewrote an Infantry Tactical Manual in 1920. This led to a new career in writing and theorizing about warfare, including the use of the Blitzkrieg applied to tanks. He advocated surprise, mobility, mechanization, armor as well
as air power. Due to the fact that the German high command were among his staunchest readers, he gained the reputation of being the 'Father of the German Blitzkrieg.' He voluntarily discontinued writing on military strategy during WWII to avoid providing further ideas to alien strategists.

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Seeckt, Hans von, Colonel General, Germany, 1866-1936.

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