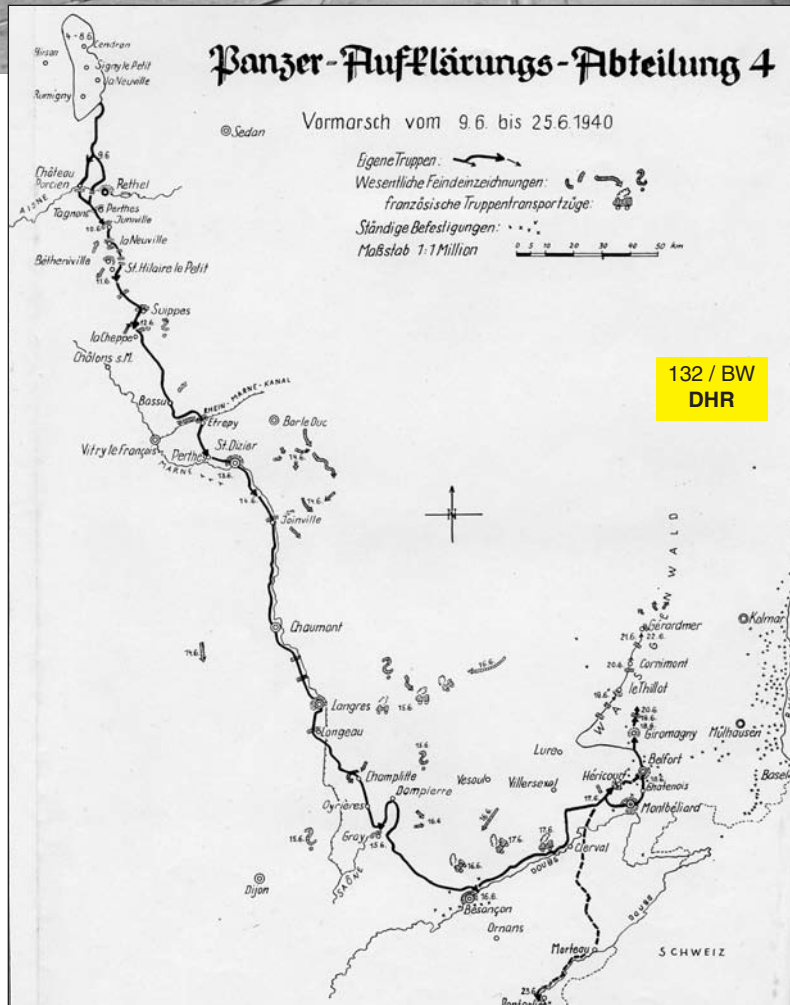




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Once the troops came home, there were innumerable welcoming parades in front of enthusiastic throngs.

Right: As in Poland, there was a great deal of fanfare associated with the defeat of the French. Many combat formations produced unit histories or monographs, and most produced commemorative maps of the routes the campaign had taken them. In this instance, it is for *Panzer-Aufklärungs-Abteilung 4* of the *1. Panzer-Division*, tracing its combat history from 9 to 25 June during the second phase of the campaign. JIM HALEY



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Obergefreiter Anton Niedermeier of *Aufklärungs-Regiment 7 (mot)* of the 2. *leichte Division* paid the ultimate price on the first day of the campaign in the West, 10 May 1940. The actual regiment is not stated in the traditional death notice of the time, but an A/7 can be identified on his shoulder strap.



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The campaign in the Balkans and Greece in April 1941 ultimately proved to be a sideshow to the offensive launched against the Soviet Union in June of that year. The exploits of the reconnaissance elements of the SS formations are perhaps best known, both from the extensive coverage they received from SS war correspondents and photographers and from narratives by charismatic leaders such as Kurt "Panzer" Meyer. Here two *Sd.Kfz. 232 (8-Rad)* armored cars of the *Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler* lead a column down the road.