

**The fighting operations in the Caucasian Mineral Waters area
at the beginning of August, 1942**

The author considers the fighting operations in the Caucasian Mineral Waters area in 1942. In the course of the operation in August, while the German troops were advancing on the territory of Krasnodar and Stavropol districts farther southwards, the Soviet Command did not undertake any serious steps to reinforce the retreating North-Caucasus front. Following the South Front, the North-Caucasus front was also given up for lost. The author discloses why up to its disbandment on the 1st of September it had not received either tank or mechanized units and formations capable of resisting the tank corps and divisions of the enemy. The article reveals the fact that during the Great Patriotic War the USSR had formed ten tank armies and thirty tank corps, but none of those forty large armoured troops came in to reinforce the Soviet troops during the battle for the Caucasus. The battle lasted 442 days and was won by the Soviet Army.

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