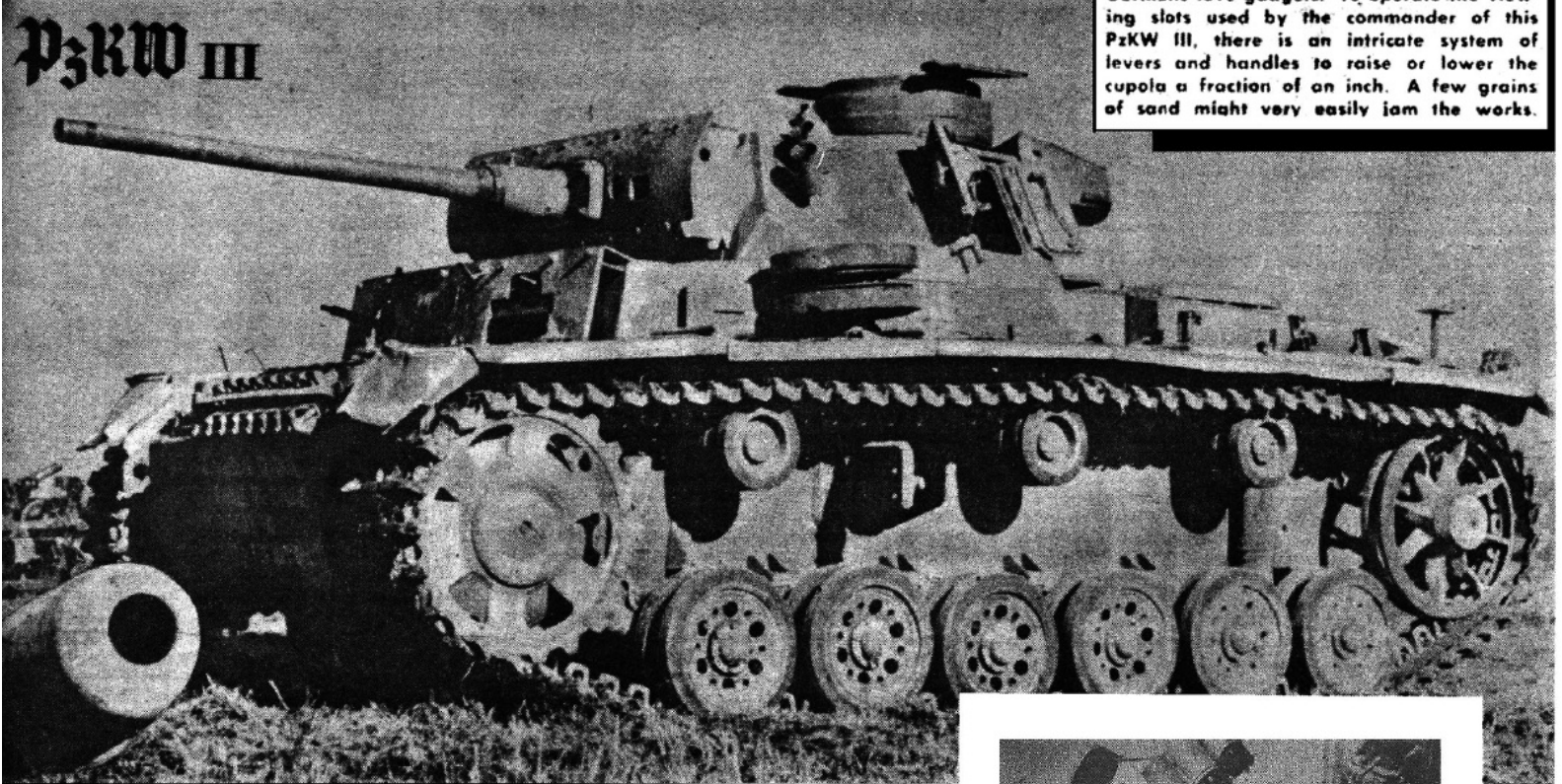
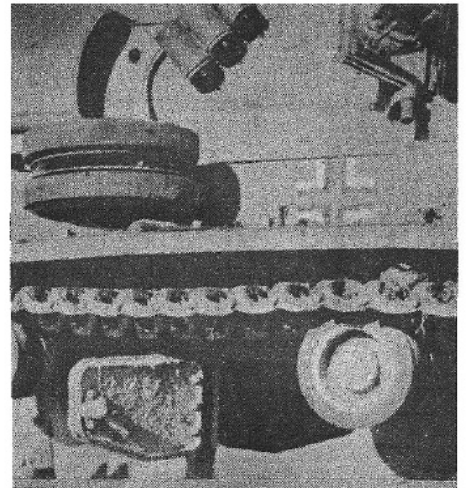


PzKW III

Germans love gadgets. To operate the viewing slots used by the commander of this PzKW III, there is an intricate system of levers and handles to raise or lower the cupola a fraction of an inch. A few grains of sand might very easily jam the works.



The German medium tank (above) is driven by a 280-horsepower 12-cylinder Maybach engine. It can do 29 mph at top speed. Compared with the Tiger, the PzKW III is lightly armored, weighing a mere 19 tons. This tank mounts a 5-cm (two-inch) kampfwagen kanone and two 7.92-mm MG34 machine guns, and has a crew of five. It ranges somewhere between our own light and medium tanks, and in the early days of the war it was a mainstay of the German Wehrmacht's famed blitzkrieg tactics.



Close-up of the PzKW III shows spare bogie wheel and, on the side of the turret above is, three smoke projectors. Escape hatch, with door open, can be seen in the side of the hull.

Enemy Vehicles

The PzKW IV is slightly heavier than the III, weighing 22 tons, and is a later model. It has the same engine as the III, but its speed is less, 22 mph maximum. It is armed with a 75-mm gun and two 7.92 MG34s. Cannon shown here, like the 88 on the opposite page, is fitted with a muzzle brake which reduces recoil. Nazis festoon their tanks with spare tracks, as seen here on the front sloping armor and on the turret.

PzKW IV

