



## Waffen SS at War (1) the Early Years 1939-1943

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By Robert Michulec

Concord Publications Co ,Hong Kong. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Waffen SS at War (1) the Early Years 1939-1943, Robert Michulec, "One of the most memorable and feared symbols of the German war machine of WWII was the Waffen-SS. The name actually means "Armed" (Waffen) Protection Squads" (Schutz Staffeln), and their "SS" initials were portrayed as runic lightning bolts. The "SS" name reflected the force's origins as a political unit to protect senior party officials, but of course it was to develop into a powerful combat entity. A total of thirty-eight Waffen-SS divisions were raised during the course of the Second World War, although many of the late-war divisions were of poor quality or were poorly equipped. The book covers the development of the Waffen-SS from its establishment on 6 December 1939, through to the end of 1942. A second companion volume will trace the Waffen-SS from 1943 through to the close of WWII. The book includes a brief description of how this notorious military organization expanded under the tutelage of Reichsfuhrer der SS Heinrich Himmler. There is a list of the eleven SS divisions formed up till 1942, and a useful table that compares German and U.S. Army ranks...



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