

The panzer divisions of XLVII Panzer Korps were ordered to achieve a breakthrough on a narrow front between the highway and the railroad running from Orel to Kursk. They were to drive at highest speed to the high ground north of Kursk and, if all went well, to make contact there with the Army Group Center. Note that the initial breakthrough was to be achieved by infantry, artillery and the Luftwaffe, with the panzers to follow.

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