

Heeresgruppe B (Army Group B)

Army Group B was formed from the prior Army Group North on October 5, 1939, and was placed in the West until September 1940 when it was moved, after a short stay in Germany, to the German-Soviet border area in occupied Poland. On April 1, 1941, it was renamed Army Group Center. Army Group South was designated Army Group B in July 1942 and controlled the armies advancing in the region between Stalingrad and Kursk. Disbanded in February 1943 it was re-formed in May 1943 as OKW-Auffrischungstab Rommel. In July 1943 it was reorganized as Army Group B and was located in south Germany, the Balkans, north Italy, and France. The Army Group was charged with control of anti-invasion forces along the Channel coast and was commanded by Gen. Erwin Rommel until July 1944. Field Marshal Guenter von Kluge took it over for a short time and from August 18, 1944, until the capitulation it was under Field Marshal Walter Model. Army Group B took part in operations in France and controlled the Ardennes counteroffensive.\*

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| Ic, Anlage zum Tätigkeitsbericht. Reports relating to the political and military situation in Italy, Italy's capitulation, and disarmament of Italian units; also includes German military communiques. Jul 30 - Nov 14, 1943. | 49354               | 276         | 1                |
| Ic, Meldungen. Daily activity reports covering Allied progress in France. Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1944.  | 65881/1-2           | 276         | 195              |
| Ic, Meldungen. Daily reports relating to activities of Allied units on the western front. Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1944.  | 65881/4-<br>65881/7 | 277-<br>278 | 1<br>395         |
| Ia, Heeresbefehle. Military orders and instructions for strict enforcement of combat requirements and for severe measures to be taken against offenders. Dec 2, 1944 - Apr 4, 1945.  | 75145/2             | 278         | 1067             |
| Ia, Oberkommando der Heeresgruppe B, Der Adjutant. Activity reports and key correspondence between military commanders (Rommel, Kluge, and subordinates) concerning the Normandy front. Jun 6 - Sep 24, 1944.                  | 85604               | 278         | 1246             |

\* The greater part of the records of Army Group B are described in Guide No. 40, Army Groups (Part I).