

Armee-Abteilung von Zangen

On January 24, 1944, the LXXXVII Armeekorps was redesignated Armee-Gruppe von Zangen. The latter took over the territory formerly under the jurisdiction of AOK 14. A.Gr. von Zangen was subordinate to Heeresgruppe C. Von Zangen's missions were to secure the Alpenvorland, to defend the Ligurian coastline between Genoa and Livorno and the Adriatic coastline between Ravenna and Fiume, and to continue with the construction of the Apenines fortifications (later called Gotenstellung and later still Grdn-Linie). Effective May 19, 1944, Armee-Gruppe von Zangen became Armee-Abteilung von Zangen. About the end of July 1944, A.A. von Zangen was renamed the LXXXVII Armeekorps. Later still, this Armeekorps was converted to Armee-Abteilung Ligurien (which in turn became AOK Ligurien).*

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. OB Südwest Orders Nrs. 1, 6 and 7 dealing with the mission, organizational breakdown, strategic concentration, march movements, and the construction of fortified positions by A.Gr. v.Z. units in the execution of Operations "Luise", "Grete", "Renate", "Cäcilie" & "Pauline" (the setting up of strong points at Livorno, Genoa, Rimini-Ravenna, Civitavecchia, and Pescara, respectively, in case of enemy landings along the Ligurian and Adriatic coasts of Italy). Order Nr. 13 pertaining to actions to be taken by A.Gr. v. Z's units to stop or slow down enemy movements northward. Jan 21 - Jun 12, 1944.	64839/2	1638	311
Ia, Anlage 7 z. KTB. Ferngespräche. Daily notes on long distance calls between A.Gr.v.Z./Führungsabteilung and Generalfeldmarschall Kesselring, Genstb. Chef Genlt. Röttinger, Chef Ia Oberst Dietrich Beelitz of H.Gr. C, and Chef d. Verbindungsoff. Marine Kdo Italien. May 1 - Jun 17, 1944.	64839/3	1638	430
Ia, Anlage 1 z. KTB. Armeegruppenbefehle, Teil I. A. Gr. Orders Nrs. 2-5, 7-10 dealing with the proposed execution of Operations "Luise", "Grete", and "Cäcilie" (i.e. plans for establishing strong points at Livorno, Genoa and Civitavecchia, respectively, in case of enemy landings in Northern Italy). Daily messages to OB Südwest and orders to subordinate units about the tactical situation, movement and equipment of troops, transfer of command, coastal defense, transportation, etc. A. Gr. v.Z.'s order on the establishment of the "Waffenschule OB Südwest", Feb 12, 1944 (frames 520-22). Orders of A. Gr. v. Z. regarding the activation of alert units and their mission and operational activities. Jan 24 - May 6, 1944.	64839/4	1638	461
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Ia, Anlage 3 z. KTB. Orientierungsberichte, Teil I. Reports and orders dealing with the organization, subordination, boundaries, commitments, assembly, march movements, mobility, combat readiness, billeting, equipping, supplying, and training of A. Gr. v.Z. units. Reports and orders concerning the security of railroads, roads and tunnels, coastal defense, and anti-partisan activities along the Ligurian and Adriatic coastal areas. Directives dealing with service with Italian Army units. Notes on staff conferences pertaining to the establishment and organization of and mission in the zone of operations in Alpenvorland, and the commitment of the fire power of the battleship "Cavour" for coastal defense. Report on the number of divisions required for coastal and interior defense, including map (n.s.) showing the location of each division along the Ligurian and Adriatic coasts and in the defense line from La Spezia to Pesaro. Officers' assignment roster of A. Gr. v.Z. and list of Italian units subordinate to A.Gr. v. Z. Jan 22 - Apr 9, 1944.	64839/7	1639	1
Ia, Anlage 3 z. KTB. Orientierungsberichte, Teil II. Orders and reports dealing with the organization, commitments, march movements, strength, combat readiness, and equipping A.A. v.Z. units. Orders and reports concerning the security of railroads, roads, tunnels and dams, the construction of defensive positions, in depth, coastal defenses and the destruction of port installations and bridges. Minutes of telephone conversations between Generalfeldmarschall Kesselring and Gen. d. I. v. Zangen on the critical situation in the south because of the enemy breakthrough. Special Directives Mrs. 1 and 2 for Italian units concerning increasing the combat readiness of Italian troops and the handling of Italian deserters. Appraisal of the partisan situation which was endangering the construction of the "Grün-Stellung". Information concerning Operations "Untersberg" (destruction of enemy resistance in the Zolla-Idria area) and "Braunschweig" (action against partisans in the Monte-Maggiore area). Maps and overlays (1:100,000) showing			

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Ia, Anlage 4 z. KTB. Karten u. Gliederungen, Teil I. Orders and reports dealing with the organization, reorganization, renaming, commitment and billeting of A.A. v.Z. units in the Ligurian and East and West Adriatic coastal areas and Northern Italy. Order of battle data covering A. A. v. Z. units, including supply and Gen Hq troops, and order of battle and initial organizational data covering Italian units with the German Armed Forces. Survey of the tactical disposition of A.A. v.Z. supply units in Northern Italy, Apr 1, 1944. Maps and overlays (1:100,000 and 500,000) showing the tactical disposition of A.A. v.Z. units, including reserves, supply and Gen Hq. units, along the Ligurian coast from Livorno to Genoa and the Adriatic coast from Rimini to Trieste. Jan 22 - Jun 23, 1944.	64839/9	1652	778
Ia, Anlage 4 z. KTB. Karten u. Gliederungen, Teil II. Maps and overlays (n.s.) showing the tactical disposition of A.A. v.Z. units, including construction detachments, along the "Grün-Stellung" from Pesaro to Viareggio, the coastal areas along the Ligurian and Adriatic Seas, and in the Alpenvorland. Survey of Italian units subordinate to A.A.v.Z. May 1 - Jul 5, 1944.	64839/10	1639	570
Ia, Anlage 5 z. KTB. Tagesmeldungen, Teil I-V. A.Gr.v.Z.'s consolidated reports to OB Süd-west and daily reports of subordinate units about troop movements, transportation, own and enemy air activity, guerilla warfare, casualties, etc. Jan 23 - Jul 4, 1944.	64839/11-15	1639	598
Ia/Gabo, Ia/Mess, Ia/Pi.FÜ., Anlage 6 z. KTB. Tätigkeitsberichte. Consolidated activity report of Ia/Gabo for the period Jan 24 - Apr 30, 1944. Monthly activity reports of Ia/Gabo, May 1 - Jun 30, 1944, including reports on inspection trips to subordinate units. Monthly activity reports of Ia/Mess (Korpskartenstelle) and Ia/Pi.FÜ., May 8 - 20, 1944. The appendices to the Pi.FÜ. reports consist of OB data for construction and engineer units, statistics on construction completed along the coastal areas and the Grün-Linie, list of number and types of mines laid during the period Jan 11-May 10, and report covering the antitank defenses of the Grün-Linie. Jan 24 - Jun 30, 1944.	64839/16	1652	887
Ia, Anlage 6 z. KTB. Tätigkeitsberichte. Consolidated activity report of A.Gr. v.Z./Ia (Ital) for the period Jan 24 - Apr 30, 1944; and monthly activity report of Ia (Ital) for the period May 1 - 31, 1944. Report on the execution of the "Goering and Sauckel Program" (i.e. use of forced labor) and orders dealing with combatting partisan units. Report of the Deutscher Verbindungs-Offizier with Marshal Grazziani on Grazziani's visit to Rome, on Rome's fall and on the effect the Normandy invasion had on the southern front (making it of			

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secondary importance). Jan 24 - Jun 15, 1944.	64839/17	1640	698
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Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Monthly Ic activity reports, Jan 24 - Jul 4, 1944. Ic semi-monthly reports on the partisan situation in the A.Gr. v.Z. sector and on the sea and air situation, Jan 24 - Jul 4, 1944. Dr. Rüll's report about his trip into the partisan area near Bardi for the exchange of three wounded German officers. Jan 24 - Jul 4, 1944.	64840	1640	916
IIa/b, Anlage 6 z. KTB. Tätigkeitsberichte. Daily activity reports IIa/b, Jan 19 - Jul 14, 1944. Officers' register as of Apr 30 and monthly lists of officers' assignments.	64841	1640	1050
III, Anlage 6 z. KTB. Tätigkeitsberichte. Abt. III's monthly activity reports, Mar 11 - Jul 31, 1944. Abt. III was disbanded on Jul 31, 1944 and its jurisdiction was assumed by Abt. III of Heeresgruppe C.	64842	1640	1124