

## ITALIAN CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW, 1943-1945

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German Army Group B deployed into Italy on 8 Sep 1943 in response to the announcement on 8 Sep 1943 of that nation's surrender to the Allies. The headquarters control element had previously been established at Munich, Germany, in anticipation of the Italian defection. With Field Marshal Erwin Rommel commanding, the following major units and headquarters comprised this force: II Panzer Corps, LI Mountain Corps, LXXXVII Corps, 1<sup>st</sup> SS Panzer Division, 24<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division, 44<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, 76<sup>th</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup> and 305<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions. Some of the units had entered Italy weeks before the surrender and were already concentrated in the northern part of the country.

German forces in southern Italy, many of which had recently been evacuated from Sicily, had been organized into the Tenth Army in 1943 and fell under Rommel's command. The Tenth Army, commanded by General Heinrich von Vietinghoff, comprised the following units: LXXVI Panzer Corps, which included the 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Panzer Grenadier Divisions; XIV Corps, which included the Hermann Goering Division, the 15<sup>th</sup> Panzer Grenadier Division and the 16<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division; XI Flieger Corps, which included the 3<sup>rd</sup> Panzer Grenadier Division and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Division; and the separate 1<sup>st</sup> Parachute Division.

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