

Divs; 15 ID], LVIII Corps [2, 9, 116 Pz Divs]; in reserve were I SS Corps HQ, 12 SS Div, 340 ID

1945 - Retreated from Belgium back to the West Wall, 1-31 Jan; fought on the Urft and Roer, 31 Jan-10 Feb; retreated from the Roer to the Rhine, 10 Feb-17 March; **OB** on 19 Feb:

- LXVI Corps [5 Para Div; 18, 246 ID], LXVII Corps [28, 69, 277 ID], LXXIV Corps [3 Para Div; 3, 85, 272 ID]

Was encircled and destroyed in the Ruhr, 8 March-18 April; **OB** on 12 April was:

- LVIII Corps [9 Pz Div; 12, 62, 183, 353 ID], XII SS Corps [3 Para Div; 59, 363 ID; Witte's Group]

-6th Panzer Army

Formed on 24 Sept 1944; sometimes called 6th (SS) Pz Army; HQ staff was from WK XIII; served until the war ended

FRONTS - West front, Sept 1944-Feb 1945; East front, Feb-May 1945

COMMANDERS - Still forming until 26 Oct 1944, when commander was appointed: Joseph ("Sepp") Dietrich, Oct 1944 to 8 May 1945

ARMY TROOPS - None

HISTORY

1944 - In reserve until Dec; entered the line on 16 Dec for the Ardennes Offensive (through 2 Jan 1945); **OB** on 31 Dec was:

- II SS Corps [2 & 9 SS Divs, 560 ID], LXVI Corps [2, 18 ID]; in reserve was 12 ID

1945 - Retreated to the West Wall, 3-31 Jan; HQ was in reserve for all of Feb, and finally moved to Hungary; conducted the final German offensive of the war, the Battle of Stuhlweissenburg (a defeat), 6-23 March; retreated from NW Hungary into Lower Austria (lost Pressburg on 4 April); **OB** on 12 April was:

- II SS Corps [2 & 3 SS Divs, 6 Pz & Führer Gren Divs; Groups Bunau & Folkmann], Schultz' Group [710 ID, Group Staudinger], I SS Corps [1 & 12 SS Divs, 356 ID, Group Keitel]

Vienna was lost on 13 April; Army stayed in Austria until the general surrender; **OB** on 7 May was:

- II SS Corps [3 SS & Führer Gren Divs], Bunau Group [710 ID, Group Stegmann], I SS Corps [1 SS Div; 117 & 356 ID; Group Keitel]; in reserve were 12 SS & 10 Para Divs

-1st Parachute Army

Formed in March 1944 as a training HQ; was ex HQ of XI Flieger Corps; since it was a Luftwaffe staff, it wasn't assigned to a specific WK. Became an operational army on the lower Rhine, 4 Sept; served through May 1945. In Nov 1944, while 15 Army was under its command, was also called "Armee Gruppe Student"

FRONT - West front, Nov 1944-May 1945