

Panzer-Armeeoberkommando 5 (Fifth Panzer Army)

The Fifth Panzer Army was formed in December 1942 through the expansion of the XC Panzer Corps for the purpose of controlling operations in northern Tunisia, where it capitulated on May 13, 1943. It was reactivated as Panzer Group West (Panzergruppe West) in February 1944 in France, redesignated Panzer Group Eberbach (Panzergruppe Eberbach) in August 1944, and finally renamed Fifth Panzer Army (Panzer-AOK 5) in September 1944. It was committed to battle in Normandy, withdrew to Germany in August 1944, and was only intermittently in the line until the Battle of the Bulge, during which it was responsible for the drive aimed at Namur. Commanding generals between December 1942 and April 1945 were Generals Hans-Jürgen von Arnim, Gustav Ritter von Vaerst, Leo Freiherr von Geyr-Schweppenburg, Heinrich Eberbach, Josef (Sepp) Dietrich, Hasso von Manteuffel, and Josef Harpe. The Fifth Panzer Army was disbanded on April 17, 1945.

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