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Patton Through the Eyes of His Adversaries

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[A]Mexican Punitive Expedition



Patton's first mortal enemy was the commander of Francisco "Pancho" Villa's bodyguard during the Mexican Punitive Expedition. Left to right: General Álvaro Obregón, Villa, Brig. Gen. John Pershing, Capt. George Patton.

[A]World War I



Col. George Patton with one of his 1st Tank Brigade FT17s in France in 1918.



Otto Freiherr von Diepenbroick-Grüter, pictured as a cadet in 1872, commanded the 10th Infantry Division at St. Mihiel.



Prince Friedrich Eitel commanded the 1st Guards Division in the Argonne.



General der Artillerie Max von Gallwitz's army group defended the St. Mihiel salient.



Crown Prince Wilhelm commanded the region opposite the Americans.



[A] **Morocco and Vichy France**



Patton and Rear Admiral Henry Kent Hewitt, commanding Western Naval Task Force, aboard the *Augusta* before invading Vichy-controlled Morocco in Operation Torch.



Arriving at Fedala to negotiate an armistice at 1400 on 11 November 1942, Gen. Charles Noguès (left) is met by Col. Hobart Gay. Major General Auguste Lahouille, Commander of French Air Forces in Morocco, is on the right. Major General Georges Lascroux, Commander in Chief of Moroccan troops, carries a briefcase.



Charles Noguès, was Vichy commander-in-chief in Morocco.



Jean Petit, commanded the garrison at Port Lyautey. (Courtesy of Stéphane Petit)

[A]The Axis Powers



Patton and his rival Gen. Bernard Montgomery greet each other on Sicily in July 1943. The two fought the Axis powers in Tunisia, Sicily, and the European theater.



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Some of Patton's enemies as prisoners of war at Trent Park Camp: Front row, left to right: *Oberst* Hans Reimann, *Generalleutnant* Georg Neuffer, *Generalleutnant* Heinrich "Heinz" Eberbach, *Generalleutnant* Fritz von Broich.



Hans-Jürgen von Arnim commanded Army Group Africa in Tunisia.



Rudolf Bacherer tried to stop Patton at Avranches.



Hermann Balck brought eastern front strategy to Lorraine as commanding general of Army Group G.



Franz Beyer commanded LXXX Corps during the long battle west of the Rhine.



Johannes Blaskowitz conducted Army Group G's retreat into Lorraine.



Erich Brandenberger led Seventh Army in the Battle of the Bulge.



Fritz von Broich and his 10th Panzer Division battled Patton in Tunisia.



Kurt von der Chevallerie commanded First Army in France.



Dietrich von Choltitz commanded LXXXIV Corps in Normandy



Paul Conrath hit Patton hard with his Hermann Göring Panzer Division on Sicily.



Hans Cramer commanded the sector including El Guettar in Tunisia.



Hans Felber commanded XIII Corps and Seventh Army against Patton.



Edgar Feuchtinger led the 21st Panzer Division in Lorraine.



Hermann Foertsch commanded First Army in the Saar-Palatinate campaign.



Rudolf-Christoph von Gersdorff participated in the plot to kill Hitler and served as chief of staff of Seventh Army.



Alfredo Guzzoni commanded Italian Sixth Army on Sicily.



Walter Hahn led LXXXII Corps during the collapse in the West.



Paul Hausser was a no-nonsense commander of Seventh Army and Army Group G.



Ludwig Heilmann and his 5th Airborne Division battled Patton in the Ardennes.



Walter Hörnlein commanded the *Grossdeutschland* Division in the east and LXXXII Corps in Lorraine.



Hans Hube led the XIV Panzer Corps on Sicily.



Albert Kesselring opposed Patton in Tunisia, Sicily, and east of the Rhine.



Günther von Kluge fought Patton in France as commander of Army Group B and Commander-in-Chief West.



Baptiste Kniess battled Patton west and east of the Rhine at the head of LXXXV and XII Corps.



Otto von Knobelsdorff was a skilled panzer general who commanded First Army in Lorraine.



Walter Krüger commanded LVIII Panzer Corps in Normandy and Lorraine.



Smilo *Freiherr* von Lüttwitz was the last enemy commander to offer Patton a real fight at the head of LXXXV Corps.



Hasso von Manteuffel commanded Fifth Panzer Army in Lorraine and the Ardennes.



Walter Model led Army Group B after Kluge.



Hans von Obstfelder briefly commanded First Army in Lorraine and Seventh Army during the collapse in the West.



Herbert Osterkamp commanded XII Corps east of the Rhine.



Ralph Oriola led XIII Corps west of the Rhine.



Hermann Priess commanded XIII SS Corps in Lorraine and I SS Panzer Corps in the Ardennes.



Hermann Ramcke defied Patton as commander of Brest.



Eberhard Rodt led the 15th Panzergrenadier Division against Patton on Sicily.



Edwin *Graf* von Rothkirch und Trach led LIII Corps against Patton.



Gerd von Rundstedt battled Patton as Commander-in-Chief West.



Max Simon was a bloodthirsty killer and seasoned panzer general who commanded XIII SS Corps in Lorraine.



Kurt von Tippelskirch was in temporary command of First Army when Patton launched his November offensive in Lorraine.



Gustav von Vaerst commanded Fifth Panzer Army in Tunisia.



Wend von Wietersheim fought Patton at the head of the 11th Panzer Division.