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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Sixth Army Group was an Allied military organization responsible for the invasion of Southern France during World War II. The headquarters of the Sixth Army Group was activated on August 1, 1944, on the island of Corsica, under the command of Lt. Gen. Jacob Devers, and was originally part of the Allied Force Headquarters (AFHQ) of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. The Sixth Army Group consisted of the French First Army, commanded by General de Lattre de Tassigny, and the U.S. Seventh Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch.

The Sixth Army Group launched the invasion of southern France on August 15, 1944. After capturing the port of Marseille, it advanced up the Rhone Valley and encountered Allied forces in northern France on September 11. The Sixth Army Group was transferred from AFHQ to the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF) on September 14, 1944. It then attacked eastward through eastern France and southern Germany into Austria. After the war ended the Sixth Army Group was placed in charge of the military government in the Salzburg-Munich area. The Sixth Army Group was discontinued on July 14, 1945.

This collection consists of two copies of a narrative history of the Sixth Army Group, covering the period from August 1, 1944 to May 31, 1945. The original history is at the National Archives as part of Record Group 331, Records of Allied Operational and Occupation Headquarters. Additional information on the history of the Sixth Army Group is in the papers of General Jacob Devers. The Center for Military History of the Department of the Army has also published two volumes describing the activities of the Sixth Army Group. These are Riviera to the Rhine by Jeffrey Clark and Robert Smith (1993) and The Last Offensive by Charles MacDonald (1973).

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