

540. DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/08/29	Brno (Bruenn), Czechoslovakia	Takeover of Landesschuetzen-Kommandeur II and Kdt.d.rueckw. Armeegebietes Maehren West by Gen.Lt. Tarbuk von Sensenhorst	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Karl Tarbuk von Sensenhorst, 1939/08/29-1942/12/31 Subordinate to: AOK 14, 1939/08/29-1939/09/09
1939/11/15	Brno	Redesignation as 540. Division	
1939/08/30-1943/12/31	Brno, Kromeriz (Kremsier), Hodonin (Goeding), Ostrozska Nova Ves (Hradisch), Bohumin (Oderberg), Ostrava (Maehrisch Ostrau), Luhacovice (Luhatschowitz), Breclav (Lundenburg), Presov, Lipnik Nad Becou (Leipnik), Vestin, Kosice (Kaschau), Olomouc (Olmuetz), Prerov, Kojetin, Horni Lidec, Nezamyslice, Weisskirchen, Oslavany	Formation, training, assignment, and transfer of units, security, counterintelligence, administrative duty, regrouping	Wehrbezirkskommando Prag, 1939/09/10-1943/12/31 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Gustav Wagner, 1942/12/31-1943/10/15 Gen.Lt. Benignus Dippold, 1943/10/15-1944/03/15

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1944/03/01-1944/03/15
(Source: general officer personnel files)

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<p>Ia, KTB 1 d. Landesschuetzen-Kommandeur II Bruenn, ab 15. Nov. 1939 540. Division. War journal concerning taking command of Landesschuetzen-Kommandeur II Bruenn and Kommandant des rueckwaertigen Armeegebietes Maehren West by Gen.Lt. Tarbuk von Sensenhorst by order of AOK 14, 29 Aug 1939; formation and training of staff, battalions, and Landesschuetzen-Rgt. 4; redesignation as the 540.Div., 15 Nov; and training and release of units for the Polish campaign and later for the campaign against the Soviet Union. Securing railroad lines, main routes, rear areas, the border between Moravia and Slovakia, and signal communications; guarding military installations and property; counterintelligence activity; assignment and transfer of personnel; training; regrouping; and supply, administrative, and transportation matters of the division in the Brno (Bruenn), Kromeriz (Kremsier), Hodonin (Goeding), Ostrozska Nova Ves (Hradisch), Bohumin (Oderberg), Ostrava (Maehrisch Ostrau), Luhacovice, Breclav (Lundenburg), Presov, Lipnik Nad Becou (Leipnik), Vestin, Kosice (Kaschau), Olomouc (Olmuetz), Prerov, Kojetin, Hcrni Lidec, Nezamyslice, Weisskirchen, and Oslavany areas of Czechoslovakia. (There are no entries in this KTB for the period 28 Feb 1941-8 Dec 1942.)</p>	1939/08/29-1943/12/31	540.Div. 44906/1	2225	1