

21. WAFFEN-GEBIRGS-DIVISION SS "SKANDERBEG" (ALBANISCHE NR. 1) - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1944/05/00	Prizren SW Serbia, Yugoslavia (Albania, 1941-44)	Activation of 21. SS GebD (source: GMDS MS German Manpower, ch. 14, SS Organizations, app. 9)	C.O.: SS Oberfuehrer August Schmidhuber Subordinate to: SS FHA
1944/06/15	Prizren	Listed as SS Geb.-Freiw. "Skanderbeg" (Albanische Nr. 1) (i.Aufst.) (source: situation maps Lage Suedwest und Suedost)	AK 21 Geb; PzAOK 2
1944/07/19	Novo Selo, Zljeb, Pec	Waffen-Gebirgs-Division SS "Skanderbeg" (Albanische Nr. 1) (i.Aufst.)	
1944/07/27	Jakupica (Mokra Gebirge)		
1944/09/23	Prizren, Novo Selo, Pec		
1944/11/14	Pec, Prizren Rankovicevo (Kralyevo), Konarevo	En route	AK 22 Geb
1944/11/16	Rankovicevo (Kralyevo), Dubac, Rocevic	Listed with main units (Masse) 7.SSGebD "Prinz Eugen"	
1944/11/30	Sarajevo, Kusace, Vlasenica	Listed with main units 11.LwD (Vor.Abt.)	
1944/12/08	Zvornik, Loznica	SS RgtGr "Skanderbeg" with 7.SS GebD "Prinz Eugen"	AK 34
1945/01/10	Bijeljina, Amajlije, Petrovo Polje	Last trace as "Skanderbeg" on situation maps; absorbed by 7.SS GebD "Prinz Eugen" Nov 1944; (source: GMDS MS German Manpower, ch. 14, SS Organizations, app. 9)	

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<p>Ia, Zusammenfassender Bericht ueber die Aufstellung und den Zustand der 21. Waffen-Gebirgs-Division der SS "Skanderbeg." Report concerning the activation and formation of the division with Albanian Muslims in the Kosovo-Prizren areas, Serbia; assignment of the division to arrest 281 Jews and 210 Communist leaders; evaluation of the combat efficiency of the Albanians; political and military setbacks in the Balkans caused differences in the division and heavy desertions (3,425) by 1 Oct 1944. Mass desertions and dependency on German and other national units in the Kosovo, Pristina, Decani, Pec, Prizren, and Gnjilane areas of Yugoslavia necessitated reorganization of the division. Also a strength report.</p>	1944/10/02-1944/10/02	21. SS WGebD (Skbeg) 78022/1	160	3805937