

431. DIVISION z.b.V. - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/10/ca.	Dresden, Wehrkreis IV	Activation of the 431. Division z.b.V	
1939/10/20	Leipzig	Formation of Div.Stab z.b.V 431	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. IV, 1939/10/20-1939/11/03 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hermann Meyer-Rabingen, mFb., 1939/10/25-1939/12/06
1939/11/03	Kalisz (Kalisch), Poland	Transfer	Subordinate to: Wehrkreiskommando XXI, 1939/11/05-1943/03/25
1939/11/06	Kalisz, Kolo, Wrzesnia (Wreschen)	Taking command of Landesschuetzen-Verbaende (local defense units), administration, security, training	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Emil Zimmermann, 1939/12/07-1941/10/06
1941/01/01- 1943/03/24	Lodz (Litzmannstadt), Kalisz, Kepno, Konin, Ostrowo, Kutno, Lask, Poznan province	Supervise and control security activity, defense against air attacks and agents, construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, training	Gen.Lt. von Schwerin, 1941/10/11-1943/03/25
1943/03/25	Lodz	Disbandment	

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<p>Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal, including orders, reports, and maps concerning arrival of personnel for the formation of Div.Stab z.b.V. 431 in Leipzig, Wehrkreis IV, 20 Oct 1939, to be completed by 25 Oct, but was actually on 2 Nov with Wehrbezirkskommando Leipzig I as the recordkeeping (Kalenderfuehrend) office for the formation of the division staff; transfer to Kalisz, Wehrkreis XXI, 3-5 Nov, to take command of Landesschuetzen-Verbaende (local defense units), Landwehr-Inf.Rgt. 183, and Requirements-Gruppen in the Kalisz, Kolo, and Wrzesnia (Wreschen) areas, 6-7 Nov; command conferences and inspections regarding administration and security activity, control of the Polish population, and security of railroads and bridges; training, release, and assignment of units; local patrols; and medical service and administrative and personnel matters in the Poznan province of Poland, 8 Nov 1939-31 Dec 1940.</p> <p>Reports on the formation of Div.Nr. 197 in Wehrkreis XXI, with the aid of Div.Stab z.b.V. 431 and Gen.Maj. Meyer-Rabingen assuming command and transfer to Kornik near Poznan, 21 Nov-14 Dec 1939; a register of officers; lists of officers duty assignments; Standortverteilung (a list of garrison duty assignments and location), periodically from 20 Nov 1939 to 23 Apr 1940; strength reports; a brief history of Kalisz; a propaganda leaflet entitled "Lodz, a German city"; and periodic situation reports.</p>	1939/10/20-1940/12/31	431.Div. zbV 30007/1	2211	1
<p>Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal, including orders and reports pertaining to command conferences and inspections on supervising and control of security activities, defense against enemy parachutists, agents, and air raids; road construction and maintenance; military security; maneuvers and various training</p>	1941/01/01-1941/12/31	431.Div. zbV 30007/2	2211	293

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<p>courses; awarding decorations, assignments, transfer, and promotions of personnel; disciplinary matters; and regrouping of Standortkommandanturen and Landesschuetzen-Btle. (local defense units) in Lodz (Litzmannstadt), Kalisz, Kepno (Kempen), Ostrowo, Konin, Kutno, and Lask of the Poznan province, Poland. Includes monthly situation reports and strength reports.</p>				
<p>Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal, including orders and reports pertaining to command conferences and inspections regarding supervising and control of security activities; defense against air attacks; construction of bridges; various training courses; formation of a transportation unit; medical service; and disciplinary, administrative, and supply matters and troop entertainment of Standortkommandanturen and Landesschuetzen-Btle. in Lodz, Kutno, Kalisz, Kepno, Ostrowo, Lask, and Lowicz of the Poznan Province. Includes monthly situation reports and casualty and strength reports.</p>	1942/01/01-1943/03/25	431.Div. zbV 30007/3	2211	465