

538. DIVISION (GRENZSCHUTZ-ABSCHNITTSKOMMANDO 20) - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/03/28	Klagenfurt, Wehrkreis XVIII	Activation, formation (Source: records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/131 (T78, roll 412))	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Emmerich von Nagy, 1941/03/28-1941/04/28 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XVIII, 1941/03/28-1941/04/05
1941/04/05	Loibl and Seeberg Passes, Bleiburg, Lavamuend, Assling	Closing and securing the Austrian-Yugoslav border	AK 49 Geb, 1941/04/06-1941/04/12
1941/04/13	Northern Yugoslavia	Disbandment of the Yugoslavian Army	AOK 2, 1941/04/12-1941/04/13
1941/04/14	Birnbaum, Assling, Hoeflein, Stein, Austria; Trzic (Neumarkt1) and Kranj (Krainburg), Yugoslavia	Movement, border security	Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XVIII, 1941/04/13-1941/04/18
1941/04/18- 1941/04/28		Disbandment by order of OKH	

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<p>Ia, KTB 1 mit Anlagen. War journal pertaining to the mobilization of the 538.Div. (Grenzschutz-Abschnittskommando 20) in Klagenfurt, Wehrkreis XVIII, Austria, 27 Mar 1941, after the deterioration of the political situation in Yugoslavia, consisting of Grenzwach-Regimente 194 and 195 and Feuerzabereinheiten from Geb.Jaeq.Ers.Rqte. 138 and 139, with its mission to close and secure the Austrian-Yugoslav border in the Icibl and Seeberg Passes and in the Bleiburg, Lavamuend, and Assling areas, after a state of war with Yugoslavia began on 5 Apr, and the beginning of disbandment of the Yugoslavian Army on 13 Apr. Movement of Grenzschutz-Abschnittskommando 20 for border security in the Birnbaum-Assling area under the command of Gruppe West-Assling, in the Trzic (Neumarktl) and Kranj (Krainburg) areas of Yugoslavia, and in the Hoeflein-Stein area of Austria, under the command of Gruppe Ost-Krainburg, 14-16 Apr, and beginning of disbandment of the 538.Div. (Grenzschutz-Abschnittskommando 20) by order of OKH on 18 Apr and to be completed by 28 Apr. Includes a register of officers, combat and strength reports, and a billeting survey for the Klagenfurt area. (Damaged by fire.)</p>	1941/03/28-1941/04/28	538.Div. 12685/1	2224	1