

7. SS FREIWILLIGE GEBIRGS-DIVISION "PRINZ EUGEN" - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/03/01	Banat, Serbia Bela Crkva (Weisskirchen), Kikinda, Yugoslavia	Activated, SS Frw.GebD formation, training (source: T175, roll 109, frame 2633790)	C.O.: SS Brigadefuehrer Arthur Phleps
1942/04/01		Redesignated SS Frw.-D "Prinz Eugen" (source: T175, roll 109, frame 2633705)	
1942/09/09	Kraljevo, Pec, Mitrovica, Novi Pazar, Rudnica, Raska	Security duty, antipartisan operations	
1942/11/06	Vrnjacka Banja, Trstenik, Krusevac, Belgrade	Antipartisan operations	
1943/01/16	Zagreb (Agram), Petrinja, Karlovac, Bosanski Petrovac, Bihac, Vytina, Livno	Unternehmen "Weiss" I-II (antipartisan operations)	Subordinate to: Befehlshaber Serbien
1943/03/16	Mostar, Imotski, Dresnica	Security duty	Befehlshaber Kroatien
1943/05/25	Bijelo Polje, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Herzegovina, Montenegro	Unternehmen "Schwarz" (antipartisan operations)	
1943/06/18	Mostar, Sokolac, Vlasenica	Redesignated SS Frw.GebD "Prinz Eugen"	
1943/07/24	Dubrovnik, Vares, Zepce, Tetovo	Antipartisan operations	AK 15 C.O.: SS Brigadefuehrer Otto Kumm
1944/08/04	Visegrad, Nis, Uzice, Zepce	Security and antipartisan operations	
1944/11/01	Rogatica, Kraljevo, Sopotnik, Otok, Brcko, Zvornik	Antipartisan and defensive operations	Subordinate to: SS Korps 5 Geb AK 34 AK 21
1945/04/02	Zagreb, Zenica, Luzani Novi, Novska, Potok, Celje	Defensive operations, withdrawal	C.O.: SS Brigadefuehrer August Schmidhuber

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1945/05/08	Drauburg, Klagenfurt, Austria	Retreat	Subordinate to: AK 29
1945/05/10		Capitulation	

Records of the 7. SS Freiwillige Gebirgs-Division "Prinz Eugen" are reproduced on rolls 145-146 of NARS Microfilm Publication T354, listed in Guide No. 27, p. 5, and are described following the unit history. Roll 109 of Microfilm Publication T175, folder EAP 161-b-12/317, contains reference to the division.

Manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contains reference to the 7. SS Freiwillige Gebirgs-Division "Prinz Eugen" as follows:

MS B-168, Balkans (7. SS Mountain Division, 6 Jun 1944-15 Feb 1945), by Gen.Maj. Otto Kumm.

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<p>Ia, KTB Nr. 1, Stab/SS Geb.-Art.Rgt./SS Frw.-Div. "Prinz Eugen". War journal concerning activation of the SS Geb.-Art.Rgt. "Prinz Eugen" in Gross Kikinda Kaserne by Bela Crkva (Weisskirchen), Yugoslavia, 19 Mar 1942; movement to Werschatz Kaserne near Bela Crkva, 10 Apr; formation and training, 11 Apr-22 Jul; security duty and antipartisan operations east of Belgrade and west of Bela Crkva, 23 Jul-8 Sep; movement to and security duty, antipartisan operations, and regrouping in the Kraljevo, Pec, Ulije, Mitrovica, Raska, Novi Pazar, and Rudnica areas, 9 Sep-5 Nov; and in the Vrnjacka Banja, Trstenik, and Krusevac areas southeast of Belgrade, 6 Nov 1942-20 Mar 1943. Movement of part of the regiment to Zagreb (Agram), 10-14 Jan for participation in Unternehmen "Weiss" parts I and II (operations against partisans to secure the bauxite mining region); part I in the area south of Zagreb (Agram), 16 Jan-15 Feb, and part II in the Bosanski Petrovac and Livno areas, 16 Feb-16 Mar; occupation and securing of Mostar, Imotski, and Dresnica areas, 16 Mar-31 May; and movement of the rest of the regiment for antipartisan operations and regrouping in the area south of Sarajevo and north of Dubrovnik for participation in Unternehmen "Schwarz" (encirclement of Tito partisans) in the Bijelo Polje and Cetinje areas southeast of Sarajevo, 25-31 May 1943. Also a register of officers, casualty and strength reports, a sketch of a signal communication network, and maps showing march routes.</p>	1942/03/19-1943/05/31	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 33915/1	145	3785995
<p>Ia, KTB Nr. 1, 1/SS Geb.-Art.Rgt./SS Frw.-Div. "Prinz Eugen". War journal concerning the formation and training in the Bela Crkva area, Yugoslavia, antipartisan operations in the Belgrade area, and</p>	1942/04/03-1943/05/31	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 33915/2	145	3786090

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participation in Unternehmen "Weiss" and "Schwarz." Also a register of officers, casualty and strength reports, maps showing the location of march routes, an activity report of 1/SS Geb.-Art.Rgt., 19 Sep 1942-14 Jan 1943, afteraction reports, 20 Jan-12 Feb, 26 Feb-8 Mar, and 9-17 Mar 1943, and operational orders of Gefechtsgruppe Ost relating to Unternehmen "Weiss."				
Ia, KTB Nr. 1, II/SS Geb.-Art.Rgt./SS Frw.-Div. "Prinz Eugen". War journal concerning formation and training in the Bela Crkva area, antipartisan operations in the Belgrade area, participation in Unternehmen "Weiss" and "Schwarz," and strength reports.	1942/09/03-1943/05/30	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 33915/3	145	3786193
Ia, KTB Nr. 1, III/SS Geb.-Art.Rgt/SS Frw.-Div. "Prinz Eugen". War journal concerning activation, formation, and training in the Bela Crkva area; antipartisan operations in the Vytina, Gacko, Savnik, Mostar, Karlovac, and Bihac areas; and Unternehmen "Weiss" and "Schwarz." Also a register of officers, strength reports, and maps showing the location of march routes.	1942/03/19-1943/05/31	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 33915/4	145	3786228
Ia, KTB Nr. 1, IV (mot)/SS Geb.-Art.Rgt./SS Frw.-Div. "Prinz Eugen." War journal concerning formation and training in the Bela Crkva area; antipartisan operations in the Banja Luka, Jajce, Eugojno, Duvno (Tomislavgrad), Ljubuski, and Niksic areas; and participation in Unternehmen "Weiss" and "Schwarz." Also a register of officers, strength and casualty reports, and maps showing the location of march routes.	1942/07/13-1943/05/31	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 33915/5	145	3786281
Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB. Orders and messages pertaining to the movement of Na/Abt. from Unna, Westphalia, to the Belgrade area, Yugoslavia, 19 Aug-26 Sep; regrouping, security duty, and antipartisan operations of the division in the Kraljevo, Ulije, Rudnica, Pec, Mitrovica, Novi Pazar, Raska, and Biljanovac areas, 11 Sep-5 Nov; movement to and	1942/08/09-1943/03/26	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 39732/1	145	3786360

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Occupation and security duty of the bauxite mining region in the Mostar, Imotski, and Dresnica areas, 21-26 Mar 1943. Also special directives concerning supply service and signal communication, sketches of signal communication networks, and an afteraction critique relating to Unternehmen "Weiss" II, 16 Feb-20 Mar 1943.				
Ia, Ib, NaFue, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB. Division orders relating to regrouping, security duty, and antipartisan operations in eastern Herzegovina, Mostar, Posusje, Savnik, and Avtovac areas, 9 May-30 Jun; execution of Unternehmen "Schwarz," 25 May-18 Jun; redesignation of the SS Freiwillige-Division "Prinz Eugen" as SS Freiwillige Gebirgs-Division "Prinz Eugen," 18 Jun 1943; and movement to Sarajevo, regrouping, and antipartisan operations in the Jablanica, Sokolac, and Vlasenica areas, 19 Jun-23 Jul 1943. Also special directives concerning supply service, signal communication, and cooperation of the air force; sketches of signal communication networks in the Mostar and Sarajevo areas; afteraction critique on Unternehmen "Schwarz" in the eastern Herzegovina and Montenegro areas, 13 May-14 Jun 1943; and data on enemy operations.	1943/05/09-1943/07/23	7. SSFrwGebD PrE 39732/2	146	3786613
Ia, Ib, IIa/b, Allgemein. A letter concerning the handing over of 9,400 Italian POW's to the 114.JgD for labor camps in the east, 29 Sep 1943; lists of personnel ID-tags, 15 Oct 1943; a list of German and	1943/09/29-1945/03/08	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 78012/1	146	3786782

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Ia, KTB Nr. 2, SS Geb.-Pionier Btl. 7. War journal concerning antipartisan operations and constructions of bridges in the Zepce, Uzice, Visegrad, and Nis areas, 4 Aug-21 Oct; in the Rogatica, Kraljevo, Ljubovija, Sopotnik, Otok, Brcko, Bijeljina, Sarajevo, Vares, Zvornik, and Tetovo areas, 22 Oct 1944-1 Apr 1945; and in the Zagreb (Agram) and Zenica areas, 2-13 Apr 1945. Also a personnel roster, a register of officers, casualty and strength report, and copies of newspaper articles regarding SS Brigadefuehrer Otto Kumm's military service as commander of the division and its reassignment to head the 1. SS PzD "LSSAH" and SS Brigadefuehrer August Schmidhuber taking over the command of the division.	1944/08/04-1945/04/13	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 78013/3	146	3786796
Ia, KTB Nr. 3, SS Geb.-Pionier Btl. 7. War journal concerning antipartisan operations, regrouping, and construction of bridges and roads in the Zagreb (Agram), Luzani Novi (Mulabegovi-Luzane), Potok, Novska and Celje (Cilli) areas, Yugoslavia, 13 Apr-8 May, movement to Drauburg and Klagenfurt, Austria, 8-10 May, disbandment of the battalion in the Klagenfurt area, 10 May 1945. Also, casualty and strength reports.	1945/04/13-1945/05/10	7.SSFrwGebD PrE 78012/4	146	3786912
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