

281. SICHERUNGS-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

127

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/03/15	Deutsch Krone, Wehrkreis II, Schneidemuenl, Schoenlanke, Tr.Oeb.Pl. Gross Born	Activation as Sich.Div. 281, formation, training	Subordinate to: Bfh.rueckw.HGeb. 101, 1941/03/15-1942/03/31 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich Bayer, 1941/03/15-1941/12/08
1941/05/19	Grudziadz, Swiecie, Nowe, Barciany, Poland	Movement, training	
1941/06/11	Gerdaunen, East Prussia	Movement, preparations for the attack on Russia	
1941/06/23	Vilkaviskis, Kaunas, Jonava, Ukmerge, Utena, Zarasai, Lithuania	Movement, mopping-up action, security	
1941/07/14	Daugavpils, Rezekne, Karsava, Latvia	Movement, mopping-up action, security	
1941/07/27	Ostrov, Pskov, Porknov, Novorznev, Opocnka, Pustoshka, Novosokolniki, Podberez'ye, Knolm, Poddor'ye, Staraya Russa, Novgorod, Dno, Strugi Krasnye	Invasion of Russia, movement, security, operations against partisans, training, regrouping	Obst. Johannes Brauer, mFb, 1941/12/20-1942/01/04 Gen.Maj. Theodor Scherer, 1941/12/08-1942/05/19
1942/01/01	Dno, Porknov, Pskov, Ostrov, Opocnka, Sebezh, Idritsa, Knolm, Pustosnka, Novosokolniki, Loknya	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	
1942/04/30	Ostrov	Redesignation as 281.SichD	Subordinate to: KomGen d Sich'Tr u Bfh i HGeb Nord, 1942/04/01-1943/12/31
1943/01/01	Ostrov, Pushkinskiye Gory, Opocnka, Zarech'ye, Idritsa, Pustoshka	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hunold von Stockhausen, 1942/06/20-1944/07/27
1943/07/01	Pskov, Slavkovichi, Ostrov, Novorznev, Idritsa, Sebezh, Opocnka, Pushkinskiye Gory	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	

Records of the 281.SichD are reproduced on rolls 1869-1875 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, the general officer personnel files, and records of OKH/AHA, H 37/160 (MR 1315) show:			
1944/01/01	Ostrov, OPOCHKA, Idritsa, Sebezh, Polotsk, Yuhovichy, Disna	Operations against partisans, movement, security	
1944/07/11	Osveya, Russia to Kaunata, Rezekne, Ludza, Riebini, Preili, Viesite, Latvia	Movement, defensive operations, operations against partisans, security	Gen.Lt. Bruno Ortner, 1944/07/27-1944/08/28
1944/08/01	Bauska	Withdrawal, reorganization as Kampfgruppe 281.SichD, defensive and security operations	Gen.Maj. Alois Windisch, 1944/08/28-1944/09/27
1944/09/18	Jelgava, Klive, Dzueksto	Withdrawal, defensive operations	Gen.Lt. Bruno Ortner, 1944/09/27-1945/04/22
1944/11/07	Dzueksto	Reorganization as 281.ID, defensive operations	
1945/02/08	Saka, Liepaja, Latvia Gotenhafen (Gdynia), Poland	Assembly, transfer	
1945/03/01	Stargard	Assembly, defensive operations	
1945/03/18	Stettin (Szczecin)	Movement, defensive operations	
1945/04/25	Stoeven	Probably captured or destroyed	

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
<p>Ia, KTB. War journal concerning activation as SichD 281 in Deutsch Krone, Wehrkreis II, 15 Mar 1941; formation and training in the Schneidemuehl and Schoenlanke areas and at Truppenuebungsplatz Gross Born, 19 Mar-18 May; movement to and training in the Grudziadz, Swiecie, Nowe, and Barciany areas of Poland, 19 May-10 Jun; preparations for the attack on Russia in the Gerdaunen area, East Prussia, 11-22 Jun; and mopping-up action, control of prisoners of war, and security activity in the Vilkauskis, Kaunas, Jonava, Ukmerge, Utena, and Zarasai areas of Lithuania, 23 Jun-11 Jul, and in the Daugavpils, Rezekne, and Karsava areas of Latvia, 14-26 Jul 1941. Invasion of Russia and movement to the Ostrov, Pskov, Porkhov, Novorzhev, OPOCHKA, and Sebezh areas, 27 Jul-31 Aug; and enlarging the area to include the Pustoshka, Novosokolniki, Podberez'ye, Kholm, Poddor'ye, Staraya Russa, Novgorod, Dno, and Strugi Krasnye areas for road, rail, and rear area security, removal of blockades, patrols, operations against partisans, training, and regrouping, 1 Sep-31 Dec 1941. Strength reports.</p>	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/1	1869	1
<p>Ia, Anlage I zum KTB. Orders, directives, reports, and sketches pertaining to activation of Befehlshaber des rueckwaertigen Heeresgebietes 101 and its subordinate SichD 207, 281, and 285 in Wehrkreis II, 15 Mar 1941; formation and training in Deutsch Krone, Schneidemuehl, and Truppenuebungsplatz Gross Born; movement and training in the Grudziadz, Swiecie, Barciany, and Gerdaunen areas; and movement to and security activity, operations against partisans, training, and regrouping in the Vilkauskis, Kaunas, Jonava, Ukmerge, Utena, and Zarasai areas of Lithuania, the Daugavpils, Rezekne, and Karsava areas of Latvia, and the Ostrov, Pskov,</p>	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/2	1869	364

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Porkhov, Norozhev, OPOCHKA, Sebez, Pustoshka, Novosokolniki, Podberez'ye, Kholm, Poddor'ye, Staraya Russa, Novgorod, Dno, and Strugi Krasnye areas of Russia. Reports on partisan activity, special supply directives, and afteraction and activity reports of units of SichD 281.				
Ia, Anlage I 2 zum KTB; Ic, IIa, TB. Activity report of the intelligence branch, 1 May-31 Dec 1941, concerning enemy propaganda, partisan action, morale and conduct of the civilian population, postal censorship, training in intelligence service, German propaganda, and troop entertainment. A list of intelligence officers duty assignments; interrogation summaries; a diary of a Russian partisan; activity report of the personnel branch, 22 Mar-31 Dec 1941; a register of officers; casualty and strength reports; and order-of-battle charts.	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/4	1870	1
Ia, Anlage I 3 zum KTB, Einsatz des IR 368. Orders, reports, messages, and sketches pertaining to replacements and command inspections for and training, assignments, and security operations of the reinforced IR 368; a status report; and afteraction reports concerning the operations of IR 368, 22 Jul-17 Aug 1941.	1941/07/17-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/5	1870	93
Ib, KTB 1. War journal concerning the activation of SichD 281, 15 Mar 1941; formation of the supply branch, 1 Apr-4 May; supply operations; and transportation and postal matters.	1941/05/01-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/6	1870	243
Ib, Anlagenband I zum KTB 1. Inventories of weapons, ammunition, equipment, and vehicles; march orders; special supply directives; order-of-battle charts; and an order relating to the activation of the Befehlshaber des rueckwaertigen Heeresgebietes 101 and its subordinate SichD 207, 281, and 285.	1941/03/15-1941/05/21	281.SichD 15954/7	1870	499
Ib, Anlagenband II zum KTB 1. Orders relating to the	1941/05/24-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/8	1870	657

281. SICHERUNGS-DIVISION

131

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
reorganization and equipping of security divisions and the establishment of Reichskommissariate in den besetzten Ostgebieten; status reports; march orders; special directives concerning supply; and correspondence on handling of prisoners of war.				
Ib, Anlagenband III zum KTB 1. Inventories of weapons, ammunition, equipment, and motor vehicles.	1941/05/26-1941/06/05	281.SichD 15954/9	1870	893
Ib, Anlagenband IV zum KTB 1. Register of supply officers.	1941/05/01-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/10	1871	1
Ib, Anlagenband V zum KTB 1. Special supply directives.	1941/03/25-1941/08/08	281.SichD 15954/11	1871	7
Ib, Anlagenband VI zum KTB 1. Special supply directives.	1941/08/10-1941/12/29	281.SichD 15954/12	1871	241
Ib/VII, TB als Anlagenband VIII zum KTB 1 Ib. Activity report including correspondence and orders of the military occupation officer pertaining to assignment to the division staff, 22 Jun 1941, and activities in the occupied eastern territories; lists showing the location of Feld- and Ortskommandanturen in the east; and special directives concerning internal administration.	1941/06/22-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/14	1871	495
IVa-IVd, III, FPM, TB als Anlagenband IX zum KTB 1 Ib. Activity reports of the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers, the chaplain, and the judge advocate, 1 Apr-31 Dec 1941, and postal officer 719, 1 Jun-31 Dec 1941.	1941/05/01-1941/12/31	281.SichD 15954/15	1871	637
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning redesignation as the 281.SichD; operations against partisans; securing railroads, bridges, roads, and supply depots and shipments; reconnaissance operations; regrouping; German casualties; enemy acts of sabotage; partisan activity; and losses in the Dno, Porkhov, Pskov, Ostrov, Novorzhev, Opochka, Sebezh, Idritsa, Pustoshka, Novosokolniki, Loknya, and Kholm areas.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	281.SichD 37996/1	1871	756
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders, messages, and maps	1943/01/01-1943/06/28	281.SichD 37996/4	1872	1

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
pertaining to operations against partisans, military security, regrouping, and partisan activity in the Pskov, Slavkovichi, Ostrov, Pushkinskiye Gory, Novorzhev, Opochka, Idritsa, and Sebezh areas. Order-of-battle charts and billeting surveys.				
Ib, KTB. War journal concerning supply operations, transportation, postal matters, and security activity.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	281.SichD 37996/5	1872	254
Ib, Anlagen zum KTB, Befehle und Niederschriften. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to procurement of supplies, equipment, and horses; removal of refugees; establishment of refugee camps; supply problems during the thaw period; issuing winter clothing; maintenance of weapons and equipment; supply economy; rail security; training; destruction of ammunition depots at Ostrov; transporting, supplying, and assigning the Zivilarbeiter-Abt. (ZAA); and exploiting the Russian economy. Notes on command inspections, an inventory of ammunition, and special supply directives.	1942/01/17-1942/12/30	281.SichD 37996/6	1872	628
Ib, Anlagen zum KTB. Special supply directives.	1942/01/06-1942/12/28	281.SichD 37996/7	1872	928
Ib, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal including orders and reports pertaining to supply, transportation, postal, and security matters; control and care of prisoners of war and refugees; conscription, quartering, and assignment of a compulsory work force; exploitation of the Russian economy; securing bridges during the thaw period; a major scrap-metal salvage program; and training. A list of officers duty assignments, a map showing the location of supply points and depots, and special supply directives.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	281.SichD 37996/8	1873	1
Iva-IVc, FPM, III, Ib/VII, TB als Anlagen zum KTB Ib. Activity reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, and postal officers, the judge advocate, and the military occupation officer.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	281.SichD 37996/9	1873	234
Iva-IVd, FPM, III, Ib/VII, TB als Anlagenband zum KTB Ib. Activity reports of the administrative, medical,	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	281.SichD 37996/10	1873	727

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
veterinary, and postal officers, the chaplain, the judge advocate, and the military occupation officer. Ic, Erfahrungsbericht. Afteraction critique concerning partisan activity and the morale, conduct, and attitude of the enemy civilian population and their relation to communism, partisans, and the German armed forces. Order-of-battle charts and a map showing the tactical disposition of the Soviet 22d Army on the 1st and 2d Baltic fronts.	1942/02/03-1944/01/26	281.SichD 43494	1873	990
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders and reports pertaining to operations against partisans, security activity, commitment of Feldstrafgefangenen-Abt. (field disciplinary detachment), regrouping, and enemy operations in the Pskov, Slavkovichi, Ostrov, Pushkinskiye Gory, Novorzhev, OPOCHKA, Idritsa, and Sebezh areas. Monthly billeting surveys with maps of division units and a list of units located in the Befehlshaber des rueckwaertigen Heeresgebietes Nord area; afteraction reports on operations against partisans, 17-20 and 23-24 Aug and 4-6 Sep 1943; and special supply directives.	1943/07/01-1943/12/31	281.SichD 43887/1	1874	1
Ia, Berichte zum KTB. Daily reports concerning operations against partisans, security activity, alerts, patrols, German casualties, regrouping, use of Russian civilians as a work force, and enemy losses and acts of sabotage in the Pskov, Slavkovichi, Ostrov, Pushkinskiye Gory, Novorzhev, OPOCHKA, Idritsa, and Sebezh areas.	1943/07/01-1943/12/31	281.SichD 43887/2	1874	170
Ib, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal with orders concerning supply operations, transportation, and postal matters; security activity; use, treatment, and training of auxiliary volunteers; construction of railroad lines; and exploitation of the Russian economy. Maps showing the location of supply depots, order-of-battle charts, and special supply directives.	1943/07/01-1943/12/31	281.SichD 43887/3	1874	388

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Iva-IVd, FPM, Ib/VII, TB. Activity reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, and postal officers and the military occupation officer.	1943/07/01-1943/12/31	281.SichD 43887/4	1874	638
Ic, Bandenfragebogen. Questionnaires filled out by captured partisans, translations of captured partisans' military orders, and reports on operations against partisans.	1943/03/22-1943/12/16	281.SichD 45072	1874	803
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders, reports, messages, afteraction critiques, and activity reports concerning operations against partisans; security activity; formation and defensive operations of division and Kommandant d. Stuetzpunkten (commanders of tactical localities) units in the Pskov, Slavkovichi, Ostrov, Pushkinskiye Gory, Novorzhev, Opochka, Idritsa, Sebez, and Pustoshka areas. Monthly billeting surveys with maps, order-of-battle charts, and directives on the treatment of captured Russian Army troops.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	281.SichD 77842/1	1875	1
Ib, Wirtschaftsinspektion Nord. Report relating to employment of Russian civilians for the harvest, construction of railroad lines and highways, and the repair of motor vehicles.	1942/07/27-1942/07/27	281.SichD 77842/2	1875	605
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Daily reports concerning operations against partisans, security activity, regrouping, German casualties, and enemy operations and losses in the Ostrov, Pushkinskiye Gory, Novorzhev, Opochka, Zarech'ye, Idritsa, and Pustoshka areas.	1943/01/01-1943/06/29	281.SichD 77842/3	1875	612