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## 286. SICHERUNGS-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/03/15	Wenkreis VIII	Activation of SichD 286 (source: records of OKH/AHA, H 37/160 (MR 1315))	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Kurt Mueller, 1941/03/15-1942/06/14 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VIII, 1941/03/15-1941/05/25
1941/03/24	Bunzlau, Naumburg am Queis, Loewenberg	Formation, training	
1941/05/15	Glogau, Sprottau, Radom, Deblin, Pulawy	Movement, training	AK 53, 1941/05/24-1941/06/11
1941/06/13	Parczew, Polana	Movement, assembly	AOK 4, 1941/06/12-1941/06/19
1941/06/22	Brest, Kobrin, Stolin, Baranovich	Invasion of Russia, movement	PzAOK 4, 1941/06/20-1941/07/19
1941/07/02	Volkovysk, Luninets, Lida, Minsk, Borisov, Krupki, Tolochin, Lepel, Orsha, Smolensk	Operations against partisans, security	
1941/07/26	Borisov, Orsha	Formation of Eingreifgruppe for security of railroad lines, disbandment	Bfh.rueckw.HGeb Mitte, 1941/07/20-1942/03/31
1941/08/31			
1941/09/01	Vitebsk, Borisov, Osipovich, Moglev, Orsha, Liozno, Mstislavl, Khislavich, Pocninok, Krasnoye, Byknov, Slavgorod, Roslavl, Kirov, Spas-Demensk	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	
1942/01/01	Borisov, Cherven, Byknov, Slavgorod, Cherikov, Roslavl, Krasnoye, Orsha, Tolochin, Krupki	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	KomGen d SichTr u Bfh i HGeb Mitte, 1942/04/01-1943/06/30 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Johann-Georg Richter, 1942/06/15-1943/11/05
1942/12/18	Vitebsk, Nevel, Polotsk	Formation of Division Richert, operations against partisans, disbandment	
1943/01/24	Orsha		
1943/01/01	Borisov, Cherven, Byknov, Cherikov, Slavgorod, Krichev, Roslavl, Gorki, Bogusnevs	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	

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1943/02/01	Bykhov, Chausy, Gorki, Bogushevsk, Chasniki, Lepel, Borisov, Cherven	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	
Records of the 286.SichD are reproduced on rolls 1884-1885 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.			
Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/06/30 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost and the general officer personnel files show:			
1943/07/01	Borisov, Belynicni, Shklov, Orsna, Senno, Lepel, Krupki, Tolochin, Krugloye	Operations against partisans, security, regrouping	
1943/12/04	Krugloye	Redesignation as 286.SichD	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Hans Oschmann, 1943/11/05-1944/08/05
1944/06/26	Krupki, Borisov	Defensive operations, attachment to Gruppe Altrock	
1944/07/02	Germany	Transfer for rehabilitation	
1944/08/10	Augustow, Poland Szczuczyn	Arrival of part of the division and attachment to Kampfabt. G, arrival of mass of 286.SichD, defensive operations	Gen.Lt. Friedrich Eberhardt, 1944/08/05-1944/12/11
1944/08/24	Radzilow east of Szczuczyn	Defensive operations	Gen.Lt. Wilhelm Thomas, mstFb, 1944/09/08-1944/11/18, 1944/12/26-1945/01/26
1944/12/15	Przecznody	5 Btl. attached to 541.VGrD, defensive operations	
1944/12/29	Karkeln west of Kuckerneese, East Prussia	Formation of Stab 286.ID	
1945/01/04	Karkeln	Completion of formation, defensive operations	
1945/01/20	Labiau, Schnaaksvitte, Cranz	Remnants of 286.ID, defensive operations (source: records of OKH/GenStab/Org.Abt., H1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 118) formation of 286.ID from units of the 286.SichD excluding Festungstruppen)	
1945/02/03		Probably destroyed or captured	

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Ia, KTB 1. War journal concerning activation of SichD 286 in Wehrkreis VIII, 15 Mar 1941; formation and training in the Bunzlau, Naumburg am Queis, and Loewenberg areas, 24 Mar-14 May; operational readiness, 15 May; movement to and entraining at Glogau and Sprottau for Radom, Deblin, and Pulawy, Poland, 22 May-2 Jun; assembly at Parczew, 13-21 Jun; invasion of Russia and movement to the Brest, Kobrin, Slonim, and Baranovich areas, 22 Jun-1 Jul; operations against partisans and securing railroads, supply routes, and depots in the Volkovysk, Slonim, Luninets, Lida, Baranovich, Minsk, Borisov, Krupki, Tolochin, Lepel, Orsha, and Smolensk areas, 2 Jul-31 Aug; formation of Eingreifgruppe (reinforced Inf.Rgt. 354) to secure the Borisov-Orsha railroad line, 26 Jul-31 Aug 1941. Operations against partisans, security activity, and regrouping in the areas bounded by Vitebsk, Borisov, Osipovich, Mogilev, Orsha, Liozno, Mstislavl, Khislavichi, Pochinok, Krasnoye, Bykhov, Slavgorod, Roslavl, Kirov, and Spas-Demensk, 1 Sep-16 Dec 1941. A register of officers and data relating to German casualties and enemy partisans killed in battle and executed.	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/1	1884	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders and messages pertaining to formation and training in the Bunzlau, Naumburg am Queis, and Loewenberg areas, 24 Mar-14 May; operational readiness, 15 May; movement to and entraining at Glogau and Sprottau for Radom, Deblin, and Pulawy via Piotrkow and Tomaszow Mazowiecki, 22 May-2 Jun; assembly at Parczew, 13-21 Jun; invasion of Russia in the Brest area; movement to the Kobrin, Slonim, and Baranovich areas, 22 Jun-1 Jul; and operations against partisans, security activity, and control of prisoners of war in the Volkovysk, Slonim, Lida, Luninets, Baranovich, Minsk, Borisov, Krupki, Tolochin, Lepel, Orsha, and	1941/03/31-1941/08/07	286.SichD 16182/2	1884	142

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Smolensk areas, 22 Jun-7 Aug 1941. Status reports; order-of-battle charts; billeting surveys; maps showing the location of division units; a report concerning the supply situation; an activity report of Feldkommandantur 683, 18-31 Jul; afteraction report pertaining to the commitment of II./Art.Rgt. 213 during the invasion of Russia; tables showing administrative procedures and a plan for distribution of work of the Stab d. SichD 286; and reports on the enemy military situation, army unit identification, and partisan activity and losses.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders pertaining to operations against partisans; securing roads, railroads, bridges, and rear areas; use of prisoners of war as a work force; and regrouping in the areas bounded by Vitebsk, Borisov, Osipovichi, Mogilev, Mstislavl, Khislavichi, Pochinok, and Krasnoye, 1 Nov-16 Dec 1941. Afteraction reports concerning the combat assignment of the Schuetzenzug of Dulag 127 in the defense of Kaluga, 21-23 Dec, and Inf.Rgt. 354, 18 Aug 1941-21 Jan 1942; afteraction critiques relating to the use of "Panje" (Russian ponies) by reconnaissance troops and the use of camouflage during the commitment of mopping-up companies; activity report of Eingreifgruppe IB 354, 26 Jul-19 Aug; reports on enemy activity, losses, and situation; an interrogation summary; and status reports.	1941/07/26-1942/01/21	286.SichD 16182/3	1884	392
Ic, IIa, IB als Anlagen zum KTB 1 Ia. Activity reports of the intelligence branch, 15 Mar-31 Dec 1941, and the personnel branch, 25 May-31 Dec 1941; combat and ration strength reports, 22 May-21 Dec 1941; and casualty reports, 22 Jun-31 Dec 1941.	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/4	1884	668
Ib, KTB 1. War journal concerning formation of SichD 286 in Loewenberg, Wehrkreis VIII, under the	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/5	1884	728

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supervision of SichD 213, 15-31 Mar; operational readiness, 15 May; movement and operations in Poland, 22 May-21 Jun, and Russia, 22 Jun-31 Dec 1941; supply branch operations; transportation; security activity; administrative service; postal matters; and operations against partisans. Reports regarding the establishment and equipping of supply depots and the supply situation and a billeting survey.				
III, TB zum KTB 1 Ib. Activity report of the judge advocate.	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/6	1884	790
IVa, TB zum KTB 1 Ib. Activity report of the administrative officer concerning formation and movements and operations in Poland and Russia.	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/7	1884	795
IVa, Beitrage zu den besonderen Anordnungen fuer die Versorgung als Anlage zum KTB 1 Ib. Supplements to special directives concerning supply.	1941/04/05-1941/12/30	286.SichD 16182/8	1884	848
IvA, Anlagen zum TB zum KTB 1 Ib, Verwaltungsanordnungen. Administrative directives.	1941/04/20-1941/12/10	286.SichD 16182/9	1884	1039
IvB, TB und KTB. Activity report, 24 Mar-20 Jun, and a war journal, 21 Jun-31 Dec 1941, of the medical officer.	1941/03/24-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/10	1885	1
IvC, TB. Activity report of the veterinary officer and a list of veterinary officers duty assignments.	1941/03/15-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/11	1885	50
IvD, TB. Activity reports of the Protestant and Catholic chaplains.	1941/04/01-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/12	1885	97
FPM, TB. Activity report of the postmaster.	1941/05/05-1941/12/31	286.SichD 16182/13	1885	130
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning operations against partisans and security activity in the area bounded by Borisov, Cherven, Bykhov, Slavgorod, Cherikov, Krichev, Roslavl, Krasnoye, Orsha, Tolochin, and Krupki; data regarding German casualties and the number of partisans killed, captured, and executed; a register of officers; an activity report of the intelligence branch pertaining to enemy activity, strength, and losses, and counterintelligence activity and troop entertainment;	1942/01/01-1942/03/31	286.SichD 19970/1	1885	139

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and an activity report of the personnel branch. Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders relating to operations against partisans; securing the Vitebsk-Rogachev railroad line; air raid protection; assignment of regional defense units and military police service; construction, maintenance, and security of roads; and regrouping. Activity report of the operations branch, 1 Jan-31 Mar; and the intelligence branch, 1-31 Jan; status reports; order-of-battle charts; maps showing the location of division units and military administrative and town headquarters; special signal communications directives; afteraction reports pertaining to assignment of various division units and their operations against partisans; and periodic reports on the enemy military situation along the Russian combat front, the German army rear area, and partisan activity and losses in the division sector.	1942/01/01-1942/04/04	286.SichD 19970/2	1885	209
Ib, KTB 2; IVa-IVd, V, FPM, III, TB. War journal pertaining to supply, transportation, security activity, and air raid protection in the area bounded by Borisov, Cherven, Bykhov, Slavgorod, Roslavl, Krasnoye, Orsha, Tolochin, and Krupki; maps showing the location of division units and military administrative and town headquarters for 29 Jan, 28 Feb, and 29 Mar 1942; order-of-battle charts; an activity report of the administrative officer; supplements to special supply directives; administrative directives; and activity reports of the medical, veterinary, motor transport, and postal officers, the judge advocate, and the Protestant and Catholic chaplains.	1942/01/01-1942/03/31	286.SichD 19970/3	1885	347
Ib, KTB 3 mit Anlagen; IVa-IVd, V, FPM, III, TB. War journal pertaining to supply, transportation, security activity, personnel matters, preparations for the thaw period, and operations against partisans in the area bounded by Borisov, Cherven, Bykhov, Slavgorod,	1942/04/01-1942/12/31	286.SichD 29027	1885	465

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Roslavl, Krasnoye, Orsha, Tolochin, and Krupki and the formation of Division Richert, 18 Dec, consisting of the division staff, Sich.Rgt. 61, Radfahr-Gren.Rgt. 354, and the commander of Div.Nachschub.Tr. 354, for special assignment (Sich.Rgt. 61 was relieved by Feldausb.Rgt. 637 and the III./Feldausb. Rgt. 636, and the supply troops of SichD 286 kept their current assignment). Order-of-battle charts; a report dated 12 Apr 1942 and special directives on the activities of the supply branch and supply troops; and maps showing the location of division units and military administrative and town headquarters for 25 Apr, 1 May, 1 Jun, and 6 Jul 1942.				
Activity reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, motor transport, and postal officers; the chaplain; and the judge advocate.				
Ia, KTB 4; Ic, IIa, TB. War journal pertaining to operations against partisans and road and railroad security in the areas bounded by Borisov, Cherven, Bykhov, Slavgorod, Cherikov, Krichev, Roslavl, Gorki, Bogushevsk, Chashniki, Lepel, Tolochin, and Chaussy; and reorganization of SichD 286, excluding Division Richert which participated in operations against partisans and exploitation of the Russian economy, mostly for food, in the rail triangle Vitebsk-Nevel-Polotsk until 24 Jan, when it was disbanded and its units returned to the division. A register of officers; casualty and combat and ration strength reports; an activity report of the intelligence branch concerning enemy activity and losses, control of the civilian population, German and enemy propaganda, and troop entertainment; interrogation summaries; and an activity report of the personnel branch.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	286.SichD 38424/1	1885	707
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 4. Orders relating to operations against partisans, road and rail security,	1943/01/01-1943/07/04	286.SichD 38424/2	1885	899

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<p>and regrouping in the areas bounded by Borisov, Cherven, Bykhov, Slavgorod, Cherikov, Krichev, Roslavl, Gorki, Bogushevsk, and Tolochin, 1-31 Jan, and Bykhov, Gorki, Chausy, Bogushevsk, Chashniki, Lepel, Borisov, and Cherven, 1 Feb-4 Jul 1943; data concerning German casualties and enemy activity, losses, and situation; order-of-battle charts; status reports; maps showing location of division units and military administrative and town headquarters; monthly reports on the activities of the operations branch from January through June 1943; and afteraction reports pertaining to Unternehmen Cottbus, 28 Apr-10 May, and Unternehmen Auslauf, 6-7 May (operations against partisans).</p>	1942/12/23-1943/06/30	286.SichD 38424/3	1885	1117
<p>1b, KTB 4 mit Anlagen; IVa-IVd, V, FPM, III, TB. War journal concerning supply, transportation, security activity, personnel matters, air raid protection, and operations against partisans in the Mogilev, Shklov, Gorki, Orsha, and Lepel areas and operations against partisans and exploitation of the Russian economy for food by Division Richert in the railroad triangle Vitebsk-Nevel-Polotsk. Activity reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, motor transport, and postal officers, the Protestant and Catholic chaplains, and the judge advocate.</p>				