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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/09/28	Hannover, Wehrkreis XI	Activation of the 347.ID (bodenst.) (18.Welle)	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich Bayer, 1942/09/27-1943/11/30 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XI, 1942/09/28-1942/11/03
1942/10/03	Truppenuebungsplatz Bergen, Celle, Wehrkreis XI	Formation from elements of AOK Norwegen and the 471.ID	
1942/10/30	Netherlands	Transfer	
1942/11/04	Alkmaar, Oosthuizen, Petten, Islands of Texel, Vlieland, and Terschelling; Helder, Schagen	Occupation, training, coastal defense	AK 88, 1942/11/04-1944/08/31
1942/11/29	Helder	Assignment of Gren.Rgt. 860 as Kommandant d. Verteidigungsbereichs	
1943/01/25	Schagen, Castricum, Schoorl, Bergen, Alkmaar, Petten	Coastal defense, security, regrouping, reorganization	
1943/04/01	Hoorn, Alkmaar	Construction of fortifications	
1943/05/01	Petten, Schoorl, Callantsoog	Reorganization of the coastal sector	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Wolf Trierenberg, 1943/12/01-1945/02/01
1944/04/12	Callantsoog	Alert and defense exercises	
1944/04/21	Schagen	Redesignation as K.V.A./347.ID (Kuestenverteidigungsabschnitt)	
1944/06/16	Beverwijk, Zandvoort, Hillegom, Ijmuiden	Expansion of the coastal sector	
1944/07/01	The Hague to Wassenaar	Assembly, mobilization for defense	
1944/07/04	Schagen to Alkmaar	Transfer of division headquarters	
1944/08/09	Alkmaar	Conversion to mobile status	
1944/08/30		Relief by Bfh. d. Waffen-SS i.d.Niederlanden, preparations for withdrawal from the coastal sector	

Subordinate to: SS PzK 1, 1944/09/01-1944/09/04  
AK 74, 1944/09/05

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Records of the 347.ID (bodenst.) are reproduced on rolls 2144-2145 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1944/08/30 were available in the National Archives, manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 347.ID as follows:

Belgium, 1-14 Sep 1944: MS B-164;

Aachen (Westwall), 15 Sep-15 Nov 1944: MS B-563; and

Lorraine, Palatinate, 15 Nov 1944-24 Mar 1945: MS C-010, by Gen.Lt. Wolf Trierenberg

Rhineland-South Germany Campaign, 16 Nov-27 Dec 1944: MS C-023; and

MS C-039 (Comment on the report of 20 Nov 1947 on Operation Nordwind (also called Sylvester offensive) in Alsace, 25 Dec 1944-3 Jan 1945),  
by Gen.Lt. Max Simon

Thuringia, 4-10 Apr 1945: MS B-111 (Combat report of the 347.ID) by Gen.Lt. Maximilian Siry.

Record item EAP 11-c-14/2 "Grundgliederung fuer die 347.ID" issued by OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., May 1944, was filmed on roll 170 of NARS Microfilm Publication T84, Guide No. 36, p. 14.

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Ia, KTB 1. A report relating to the activation of the 347.ID (bodenst.) in Hannover, Wehrkreis XI, 28 Sep 1942; formation from elements of AOK Norwegen and the 471.ID and training at Truppeneubungsplatz Bergen-Celle, 3-29 Oct; and transfer to the Netherlands, 30 Oct-3 Nov 1942. War journal concerning occupation, training, and coastal defense and relief of elements of the 167.ID, 26 Nov, in the Alkmaar, Oosthuizen, and Petten areas and the Islands of Texel, Vlieland, and Terschelling of Kuestenverteidigungsabschnitt (K.V.A.) Schagen, 4 Nov-31 Dec 1942; and assignment of Gren.Rgt. 860 as Kommandant des Verteidigungsbereichs Den Helder, 29 Nov, with subordination of naval units of Hafenkommendant Den Helder and Seekommendant Nordholland. List of command records transferred.	1942/09/28-1942/12/31	347.ID 28380/1	2144	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders, reports, and maps relating to the division's activation in Hannover, Wehrkreis XI, 28 Sep 1942; formation and training at Truppeneubungsplatz Bergen-Celle, 3-29 Oct; transfer to the Netherlands, 30 Oct-3 Nov; assignment of areas within the coastal defense sector; relief of the 167.ID, 26 Nov; and coastal defense, including inspections, surveys of billets, liaison with naval and air force units, formation of alert units, measures against air attacks and airborne landings, pockets of resistance, and alternate positions, in the Alkmaar, Oosthuizen, Petten, and Helder areas and the Islands of Texel, Vlieland, and Terschelling of K.V.A. Schagen, 4 Nov 1942-3 Jan 1943. Status and strength reports and an order on establishing a switch position and bridgeheads on the North Holland Canal. Order on dividing K.V.A. Schagen into two sectors: Inselabschnitt (Terschelling, Vlieland, and Texel) and Verteidigungsbereich Den Helder (under the	1942/09/27-1943/01/03	347.ID 28380/2	2144	27

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command of Gren.Rgt. 860, with subordinate naval units); and Petten (under Gren.Rgt. 861). Directives and order-of-battle charts on the formation of bodenstaendige divisions. An organization chart showing the subordination of various naval units to Gren.Rgt. 860 as of 30 Nov 1942. (See documents of the German Naval Archives (Tambach Collection) 1922-45, NARS Microfilm Publication T1022, PG 47545, roll 2727; PG 83077, rolls 3753-3754; PG 83086, roll 3755; PG 83090, roll 3756; PG 83095, roll 3757; and PG 83097, roll 3757.)				
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning completion of formation of the intelligence branch and its transfer as the division's advance echelon from Bergen to Schagen, Netherlands, 30 Oct; and transfer of the division, 1-3 Nov; intelligence operations, and troop indoctrination in the Helder, Harlingen, Alkmaar, and Oosthuizen areas and the Islands of Texel, Vlieland, and Terschelling of K.V.A. Schager, 4 Nov-31 Dec 1942.	1942/10/29-1942/12/31	347.ID 28380/3	2144	285
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning coastal defense and security, training, and alert exercises in the K.V.A. Schagen; takeover from the 167.ID of the Castricum and Schoorl areas as Unterabschnitt Bergen with subsequent reorganization and regrouping of the division, 25-31 Jan; inspection by OB West Generalfeldmarschall von Rundstedt, 27 Jan; participation of division officers in a Waffen-SS exercise in occupation of advanced coastal positions, 27 Mar; arrival of Reichsarbeitsdienst (R.A.D.) personnel (Reich Labor Service) to support construction and improvement of field fortifications and to serve as fighting forces in case of emergency, 5 Apr; and a conference of officers of the Wehrmacht and Waffen-SS with leading personalities of government and the party, 14 Apr 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	347.ID 38739/1	2144	298

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, correspondence, messages, and maps concerning coastal defense and security and training in K.V.A. Schagen; assignment and discipline of the Turkmenian (Turkeستاني) Inf.Btl. 787; amphibious exercise to ferry the Radfahrbataillon Schulze to the Island of Texel; the activities of the Verstaerkter Grenzaufsichtsdienst (V.G.A.D.), R.A.D., and other civilian auxiliary organizations; and firing reports.	1943/01/01-1943/03/30	347.ID 38739/2	2144	396
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, correspondence, messages, and maps concerning coastal defense and security, training, and inspections in K.V.A. Schagen; construction of fortifications at Hoorn and Alkmaar, 1 Apr-9 Jun; reorganization in Abschnitte Petten, Schoorl, and Callantsoog, 1 May; assignment and inspection of the Indian II. / IR 950 at Hargen, 26 May-10 Jun; and a conference of division officers, 18 Jun 1943. A list of Wehrmacht officers present at the conference with NSDAP leaders, 14 Apr 1943.	1943/04/01-1943/06/30	347.ID 38739/3	2144	762
Ia, Anlageheft 3 zum KTB 2, Karten. Maps showing the Islands of Terschelling, Vlieland, and Texel, the Helder area, and the North Sea coast indicating pockets of resistance and the organization and positions of division units as of 26 Jan, 26 Mar, and 26 May 1943. Includes order-of-battle charts.	1943/01/01-1943/05/26	347.ID 38739/4	2144	995
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning troop indoctrination and entertainment, Allied air activity over the coastal sector and capture of Allied airmen, control of the civilian population, coastal security, discussion of the battle of Stalingrad, orientation of	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	347.ID 38739/5	2144	1023

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Ic, TB. Activity report concerning intelligence operations, troop indoctrination and entertainment, disciplinary measures, Allied air activity over the coastal sector, registration of qualified translators, and evacuation of civilians from security areas of K.V.A. Schagen; a report of the body of British Lt.Col. L.S. Ford washed ashore at Vlieland Island, 14 Jul; and naval action between German patrol ships and British motor torpedo boats, 4 Aug 1943.	1943/07/01-1943/12/31	347.ID 44223/3	2145	421
Ia, Mob.-Kalender des Divisions-Kommande 347 fuer den Fall "Barbara-Sued". Mobilization orders and timetable concerning preparations for assembly of division units in the area between The Hague and Wassenaar for defense	1944/07/01-1944/07/06	347.ID 77650	2145	466

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<p>of a possible Allied landing in the Netherlands.</p> <p>Ia, Verschiedene Befehle. Orders and reports relating to construction of dummy positions, laying of dummy minefields, reorganization of the coastal defense sector, a complete review of alert and defense measures, 5 Apr, alert exercise "Nordseesturm" in the Callantsoog area, 12 Apr, expansion of the division sector to include the Ijmuiden area, 15 Apr, and redesignation of the sector as K.V.A. 347.ID, 21 Apr 1944; formation of mobile battle units to combat the landing of enemy airborne troops, 24 Jul; and relief of the 347.ID by the Befehlshaber der Waffen-SS in den Niederlanden, 30 Aug 1944. Status report of 1 Jun, list of code names for division units, 16 Jun 1944, and order-of-battle charts.</p>	1944/03/18-1944/08/30	347.ID 77652/1	2145	483
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Ia, Befehle. Orders concerning gasoline rationing, 24 Feb; Fall Wilhelm and reorganization, 23 Jun; flooding the lowland areas, 24 Jul; conversion to mobile status, 9 Aug; and agricultural destruction within a radius of at least 15 kilometers around Ijmuiden and Helder, 29 Aug 1944. Defense orders by Generalfeldmarschall Rommel, 26 May, and an order by Kampfgruppe Herrmann to Bataillon Graefing on defense of the Meuse bridgehead in the event of a large-scale enemy attack, 8 Nov 1944.	1944/05/03-1944/08/30	347.ID 77652/3	2145	1150
Ia, Anweisungen. Miscellaneous directives concerning submission of status reports of landeseigene Verbaende, 7 Jan; inspection by Generalfeldmarschall Rommel, 23 Mar; and establishment of a relay station at Alarmstufe II in Alkmaar for communication between the ordnance officer and the corps, 14 Jun 1944.	1944/01/07-1944/06/14	347.ID 77652/4	2145	1206
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Orders for compilation of mobile battle units as of 26 Aug, for withdrawal of the 347.ID from the coastal sector on 29 Aug, and for preparations to withdraw from the Netherlands upon further orders.

List of officers duty assignments and order-of-battle charts.