

214. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/02/02	Hanau, Wehrkreis IX	Activation by conversion of 214. Landwehr-Division	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. IX, 1939/02/02-1939/08/26
1939/08/26	Hanau, Baumholder	Operational readiness, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Theodor Groppe, 1939/08/26-1940/01/31
1939/09/15	Idar-Oberstein, Merzig, Saarlautern	Movement, border security	Subordinate to: AOK 1, 1939/09/03-1939/09/11 AK 12, 1939/09/12-1939/09/14 AK 30, 1939/09/15-1940/02/03
1940/02/14	Mainz, Wiesbaden	Movement, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Max Horn, 1940/02/01-1944/01/01 Subordinate to: AOK 1, 1940/02/04-1940/03/11
1940/03/15	Gubin, Cottbus, Sommerfeld	Movement, training	AK 21, 1940/03/11-1940/08/13
1940/04/18	Arendal, Kristiansand, Stavanger, Norway	Transfer, coastal defense, training	
1940/06/11	Brevik, Risør, Kristiansand, Mandal, Egersund, Flekkefjord	Training, coastal defense	AK 33, 1940/08/14-1940/08/17 AK 21, 1940/08/18-1940/10/06 AK 36, 1940/10/07-1941/05/09
1941/06/01	Kragerø, Arendal, Lillesand Kristiansand, Mandal, Lista, Egersund, Stavanger	Coastal defense, security duty	AK 70, 1941/05/10-1941/12/31

Records of the 214.ID are reproduced on roll 1636 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1942/05/05 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Norwegen, Daenemark, and Ost and the general officer personnel files show:

1943/03/03	Lista, Farsund, Egersund, Stavanger	Coastal defense, security duty	
1943/11/22	Drammen, Tronsberg, Larvik, Horten	Coastal defense, security duty	
1944/02/18	Kokhtla-Yarve, Estonia, Lake Peipus	Transfer, defensive operations	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Carl Wahle, 1944/01/01-1944/02/15 Gen.Lt. Max Horn, 1944/02/15-1944/04/05

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1944/03/15	Mustvee	Redesignated Stab 214.Sich.Einheit		
1944/04/13	Vladimir-Volynski, Ukrainian S.S.R.	Reconstituted 214.ID, transfer, defensive engagements	Gen.Lt. Harry von Kirchbach, 1944/04/05-1945/01/26	
1944/07/31	Radom, Poland	Withdrawal, position defense		
1945/01/23	Lodz	Encircled		
1945/03/30	Gubin	Reorganization, defensive engagements		
1945/04/25	Beeskow	Surrender		

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Ia, KTB 1. Training in Truppenuebungsplatz Baumholder, Wehrkreis XII, 3-14 Sep 1939; movement to Idar-Oberstein, Merzig, and Saarlautern, 15-18 Sep 1939; security along German and French border and training in the Saar area, 19 Sep 1939-11 Feb 1940; relief by the 95.ID, 12 Feb 1940; movement to and training in the Mainz and Wiesbaden areas, 13 Feb-14 Mar 1940; movement to and training in the Gubin, Cottbus, and Sommerfeld areas, 15 Mar-17 Apr 1940; transfer to Norway via Denmark, 18-24 Apr 1940; mopping-up action in southern Norway, 1-7 May 1940; and coastal defense, security of rear areas, and training in the Arendal, Kristiansand, and Stavanger areas, 8 May-23 Jun 1940. A register of officers.	1939/09/03-1940/06/23	214.ID W1091/a	1636	1
Ic, IIa, TB mit Anlagen. Military security, air reconnaissance of France across from the Saar, transfer to Norway, mopping-up action in southern Norway, enemy losses, activities of the Sicherheitspolizei in Norway, and troop indoctrination and entertainment. A report on the evacuation of the German civilian population along the German-French border in the Saar. Activity report of the personnel branch, a list of officers duty assignments, and strength and casualty reports.	1939/09/03-1940/06/10	214.ID W1091/c-1	1636	92
Ia, KTB 2. Coastal defense, security activity, training, regrouping, and preparations for Unternehmen Herbstreise (planned landing on the coast of Scotland as a diversionary action to Operation Seelowe) in the Brevik, Risor, Arendal, Kristiansand, Mandal, Flekkefjord, Egersund, and Stavanger areas.	1940/06/11-1941/07/01	214.ID 12336/1	1636	141
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, and overlays pertaining to coastal defense, security activity, command inspections, regrouping, training, preparations for Unternehmen Herbstreise, and chain of command in Norway; table of basic allowance for coastal batteries; order-of-battle charts; combat directives; maps showing	1940/06/06-1941/05/29	214.ID 12336/2	1636	202

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the tactical disposition of division units.				
Ia, FB. Coastal defense, security activity, occupation duty, training, and regrouping in the Kragero, Risor, Arendal, Lillesand, Kristiansand, Mandal, Lista, Egersund, and Stavanger areas.	1941/06/01-1941/12/31	214.ID 18234/1	1636	333
Ia, Anlagen zum TB. Coastal defense, occupation duty, security and artillery activity, training, regrouping, transfer of IR 388 and other division units to Finland and replacement by Schuetzenverband Oslo and Art.Abt. 662, and transfer of the 710.ID from Germany to the 214.ID sector, 16-20 Jun 1941, and its assignment and movement to the Brevik, Oslo, and Lillehammer sector, 10 Aug 1941; afteraction critique relating to training for Unternehmen Harpune Nord (planned naval undertaking against Britain's east coast); and a war journal and afteraction reports regarding the transfer of 2/Pi.Btl.214 and IR 388 to Finland via Trondheim and Kirkenes and their combat operations in the Liza River sector, Finland, 7 Aug 1941-30 Sep 1941.	1941/06/02-1941/12/28	214.ID 18234/2	1636	355
Ia, Unterlagen zum Unternehmen Harpune Nord. Operation plans and maps concerning the proposed Unternehmen Harpune Nord, training of amphibious assault troops, sea transport of troops, availability of vessels, selection of embarkation harbors in Norway, cancelation of the operation, and evaluation of experiences gained during the preparations.	1941/05/01-1941/08/12	214.ID 35810/1	1636	786
Ia, Unterlagen zum Unternehmen Harpune Nord. Directives and afteraction critiques concerning preparations for the proposed attack against the British coast. Several photographs showing methods of loading equipment onto vessels and intelligence photographs of British amphibious crafts.	1941/05/15-1942/05/05	214.ID 35810/2	1636	914