

196. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/11/27	Wehrkreis XX, Danzig	Activation, formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Richard Pellengahr, 1939/12/01-1942/03/01 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XX, 1939/11/27-1940/03/05
1940/04/07	Gdynia (Gotenhafen), Poland	Movement, embarkation	Gruppe 21, 1940/03/05-1940/08/14
1940/04/09	Oslo, Norway	Transfer	
1940/04/29		Disarming of Norwegian Army (source: Potsdam catalog)	
1940/06/11	Andalsnes, Kristiansund	Antiaircraft and coastal defense	
1940/07/01	Halden, Sarpsborg, Drobak, Oslo	Movement, known as Territorialbefehlshaber Oslo-Suedost	AK 33, 1940/08/14-1943/12/31
1940/09/15	Mo i Rana, Hennesberget, Bodo, Grong, Levanger, Mosjoen	Coastal and air defense, training	
1941/12/31	Mo i Rana, Folda, Mosjoen	Coastal and air defense, security of industrial plants	
1942/12/31	Mo i Rana, Namsos, Glomfjord	Coastal and air defense, construction of fortifications	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich Franek, 1942/03/01-1943/12/24
1943/12/31	Mo i Rana, Mosjoen, Namsos, Grong, Levanger, Trondheim, Storen	Coastal and air defense, training, regrouping	Gen.Maj. Kurt Moehring, 1943/12/24-1944/06/20

Records of the 196.ID are reproduced on roll 1559 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Norwegen, Daenemark, and Ost, Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, D.C., March 1945), Potsdam catalog, general staff officer personnel files, and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398) and OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/5 (T78, roll 139) and H 41/57 (T78, roll 142) show:

1944/01/01	Bodo, Follafoss, Steinkjer	Regrouping, coastal defense	
1944/06/23	Oslo	Movement	Gen.Lt. Helwig Hans Fedor Luz, 1944/06/20-1944/07/03

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1944/07/15	Kaunas, Lithuania	Transfer	
1944/07/20	Marijampole, Alitus, Kalvarija	Movement, defensive engagements	
1944/08/06	Goldap	Defensive operations	
1944/09/15	Goldap	Elements of 196.ID incorporated into 131.ID	
1944/09/20	Wehrkreis VI, Truppenebungsplatz Koeln/Wahn	Transfer of remainder for reactivation as 32. Welle	

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Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning air and coastal defense in the Andalsnes and Kristiansund areas, movement to the area southeast of Oslo, 20 Jun -11 Jul 1940, the naming of the division commander as Territorialbefehlshaber Oslo-Suedost, 1 Jul 1940, security duty and training, movement to Mo i Rana, 12-15 Sep 1940, and security and coastal defense in the Mo i Rana, Hemnesberget, Bodo, Grong, and Mosjoen areas; and strength reports.	1940/06/11-1940/10/31	196.ID 15793/1	1559	9
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2, Heft 1, Akte A. Orders and reports pertaining to movement from Andalsnes to Oslo, 20 Jun-11 Jul 1940, security duty and training, movement to Mo i Rana to replace the 2. Gebirgs-Division, 12-15 Sep, coastal defense, road maintenance, training, and reorganization in the Mo i Rana, Hemnesberget, Levanger, and Bodo areas; notes on a command conference; order-of-battle charts; and a report on global conditions and disposition of troops in Europe.	1940/06/11-1940/10/31	196.ID 15793/2	1559	38
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Ic, IIa, TB. Activity report of the intelligence branch concerning military security, counterintelligence activity, escape of Norwegian youths to Sweden, security of industrial plants, attitude of the civilian population, surveillance of the press, and troop entertainment and indoctrination. Activity report of the personnel branch.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	196.ID 32039/3	1559	411

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