

## 203. SICHERUNGS-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/06/14	Wehrkreis III, Berlin Potsdam	Activation of Brigade 203 (source: OKH/AHA H 37/160, MR 1315)	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Gottfried Barton, 1941/06/18-1943/01/07
1941/06/25	Potsdam	Redesignated Ers.-Brig. 203	
1941/12/24	Potsdam	Redesignated Sich.-Brig. 203	
1942/01/01	Bobruisk, Russia	Transfer, training, security duty	Subordinate to: Kom.Gen.d.Sicherungstruppen u. Befh. im HGeb.Mitte, 1942/04/01-1943/07/31
1942/06/01	Bobruisk, Rogachev, Klichev	Redesignated Sich.-Div. 203, antipartisan operations	
1942/11/01	Bobruisk sector	Redesignated 203.Sich.-Div., training, security duty	
1943/07/31	Bobruisk sector	Security duty, planned transfer	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Rudolf Pilz, 1943/01/01-1944/08/25

Records of the 203.SichD are reproduced on rolls 1585-1586 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/07/31 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, general officer personnel files, and records of OKH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398), OKH/AHA, H 37/160 (MR 1315), contain references to the 203.SichD as follows:

1943/09/07	Bobruisk, Zhlobin, Gorval, Chernigov, Gomel	Movement, security duty	
1943/11/15	Kalinkovichi, Mozyr, Bogushevsk	Movement, security duty	
1944/01/12	David-Gorodok, Luninets	Retreat, security duty	
1944/07/07	Luninets, Brest-Litovsk, Sokolow, Warsaw, Poland	Retreat, defensive engagements	Gen.Lt. Max Horn, 1944/08/25-1944/11/13
1944/11/01	Jedwabne, Lomza	Redesignated 203.ID, defensive operations, retreat	Gen.Lt. Wilhelm Thomas, 1944/11/18-1944/12/26 Gen.Maj. Fritz Gaedicke, 1944/12/26-1945/03/16
1945/03/01	Gotenhafen (Gdynia)		

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Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning operations against partisans and training in the Bobruisk and Rogachev areas; redesignation of Sicherungs Brigade 203 as Sicherungs Division 203, 1 Jun 1942; participation of Sich.-Regt. 608, Sich.-Btl. 244, 420, 473, and 642, Russian volunteer units "Bataillon Beresina," "Bataillon Dnjepr," and the 8./Art.Abt.-Smolensk in Unternehmen Maikaefer (action against partisans in the forest area south of the Berezino highway), in liaison with the Hoehere SS- und Polizeifuehrer Mogilev and Sicherungs Division 286 in Orsha, 29 Jun-13 Jul 1942; and Unternehmen Adler (mopping-up operations in the Klichev area), 21 Jul-8 Aug 1942.	1942/04/01-1942/12/31	203.SichD 29186/1	1585	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Casualty and strength reports, division orders and instructions on combat and security improvements, reports on partisan activities and pictures showing atrocities committed by the partisans, charts and maps showing the division's sector, report of transfer of the Russian volunteer "Bataillon Beresina" to SichD 286, and monthly reports on antipartisan operations.	1942/04/03-1942/12/28	203.SichD 29186/2	1585	83
Ib, KTB 2. War journal of the supply branch containing monthly activity reports of the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers and the judge advocate.	1942/04/01-1942/12/31	203.SichD 29186/3	1586	1
Ia, Lageberichte zum KTB. Situation reports concerning difficulties of newly established administration in occupied areas of Russia and activities of partisans.	1941/12/01-1942/12/31	203.SichD 32104	1585	252
Ia, KTB 3. Operations against partisans, training, and security duty in the Bobruisk and Rogachev areas; arrival of Italian replacement troops; appointment of Gen.Lt. Pilz to position of Kampfkommandant Bobruisk, 5 Mar 1943; Unternehmen Maikaefer I-V (mopping-up actions in the areas of Golyinka, Potok, Usakino and Tolstitsa), 3-17 May 1943; and preparation for planned transfer of	1943/01/01-1943/07/31	203.SichD 35950/1	1586	689

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the division as of 1 Aug 1943. Ia, Anlagen 1 zum KTB 3. Periodic situation reports on partisan activities and division orders for the defense of Bobruisk.	1943/01/01-1943/07/31	203.SichD 35950/2	1586	760
Ib, KTB 3. War journal of the supply branch with monthly activity reports of the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers, and the judge advocate. Special directives pertaining to supply during Unternehmen Maikaefer and the planned westward evacuation of 30,000 civilians.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	203.SichD 36050	1586	1155