

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/09/25	Hersfeld, Wehrkreis IX	Activation of the 346.ID (bodenst.) (18.Welle)	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. IX, 1942/09/25-1942/09/30
1942/09/27	Truppenuebungsplatz Coetquidan (Guer), France	Formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Erich Diestel, 1942/09/27-1944/10/16
			Subordinate to: AK 25, 1942/10/01-1942/11/30
1942/11/05	Kuestenverteidigungsabschnitt (K.V.A.) Quimper	Transfer, coastal defense, security	
1942/11/23- 1944/01/04	Kuestenverteidigungsabschnitt Dinan (Saint-Malo, Saint-Brieuc, Granville, Mont-Saint-Michel)	Transfer, coastal defense, alert exercises, security, training	AK 87, 1942/12/01-1943/07/31 AK 74, 1943/08/01-1943/09/30

Records of the 346.ID (bodenst.) are reproduced on roll 2143 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/09/30 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage West, the general officer personnel files, Tagesmeldungen OB West, 1 Jan-30 Apr 1944, in the records of OKH/GenStdH/Operations-Abt. II, H 22/55 (T78, roll 312, Guide No. 30, p. 20), and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies show:

1944/01/05	Gamaches, Bolbec	Transfer, conversion to a mobile reserve division
1944/06/09	Benouville, Breville, Bois de Bavent, Dive River, Troarn, Argences, Mezidon	Defense against enemy bridgehead, position defense
1944/08/19	Dozule, Bonnebosq, Lisieux, Touques and Garonne Rivers, Epaignes, Bourneville, Caudebec, Seine River, Neufchatel, Longpre, Somme River, Auxi-le-Chateau, Hesdin, Halloy, Aire-sur-la-Lys, Bailleul, France	Withdrawal, defensive operations
1944/09/04	Ypres, Meulebeke, Syngem, Kruishoutem, Maria-ter-Heide, Waerschoot, Terneuzen, Scheldt River, Lillo, Brasschaet, Wuestwezel, Esschen, Horendonk, Belgium	Withdrawal, defensive operations

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1944/10/19	Achtmaal, Achterhoek, Posthoorn, Klundert, Willemstad, Heenvliet, Hellevoetsluis, Netherlands	Withdrawal, defensive operations	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Walter Steinmueller, 1944/10/16-1945/02/09
1944/11/21	Goudswaard	Position defense	Obst. Erich Neumann, mstFb, 1944/11/07-1945/02/09
1945/01/21	Sommelsdijk, Overflakkee Island	Coastal defense	
1945/02/02	Rotterdam	Position defense	
1945/02/11	Dordrecht	Position defense	Obst. Gerhard Lindner, mFb, 1945/02/09
1945/03/12	Harskamp	Rest and rehabilitation	

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 346.ID as follows:

Atlantic Wall: MS B-008 (The 346th Infantry Division, Feb-24 Jul 1944, Employment of the division at the invasion front, 6 Jun-24 Jul 1944) and

Normandy and Belgium: MS B-532 (Fighting of the 346th Inf Div from 24 Jul to 19 Sep 1944), by Obst. i.G. Paul Frank

MS P-182 (Die 346.ID in den Abwehrkaempfen zwischen Schelde und Maas in der Zeit vom September bis Anfang November 1944), by Obst. i.G. Hermann Rehm.

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Ia, Ib, KTB 4 mit Anlagen. War journal with orders, reports, messages, and maps of the operations branch concerning coastal defense, training, defensive and security measures, and alert exercises in the Dinan, Saint-Malo, and Granville areas; a report relating to an enemy operation attempt against Ile d'Ouessant (Ushant) on 4 Sep; and French code words for resistance mobilization. War journal of the supply branch and activity reports of the intelligence and personnel branches, the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers, and the judge advocate. Also includes a register of officers and order-of-battle charts.	1943/07/01-1943/09/30	346.ID 41951/1	2143	601
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