

## DIVISION NR. 526 - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/08/25	Muenster, Wehrkreis VI, Rheine, German-Dutch border, between Lingen and Coesfeld	Callup of border guards for Grenzschutz-Abschnittskommando 9, control and security, training	Subordinate to: Wehrkreiskommando VI, 1939/08/25-1939/10/21 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Hans von Sommerfeld, 1939/09/01-1940/11/15
1939/10/15	Rheine	Redesignation as 526. Division	Subordinate to: AOK 2 Wesel, 1939/10/22-1939/10/28 Armeeabteilung E, 1939/10/29-1939/10/30 Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VI, 1939/11/04-1939/11/16 AK 10, 1939/11/17-1940/05/10
1940/01/01	Lingen, Nordhorn, Rheine, Ahaus, Gronau, Coesfeld, German-Dutch border	Training, border control and security	
1940/05/10	Bunde, Gendringen, 's Heerenberg, Beek, Babberich, Netherlands	Movement, securing rear areas, control and movement of prisoners of war	AOK 18 (Wuppertal), 1940/05/10-1940/05/12 Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VI (Muenster), 1940/05/12-1940/10/31
1940/05/29	Dueren, Germany	Transfer	
1940/06/01	Maastricht, Netherlands; Eysden, Welkenraedt, Herbsthal, Belgium; Dueren, Hallschlag, Kronenburg, Stadtkyll, Juelich, Geilenkirchen, Stolberg, Aachen, Germany	Movement, quartering, control and transporting prisoners of war, regrouping	
1940/10/17- 1940/10/31	Maastricht, Netherlands; Malmedy, Belgium; Aachen, Cologne, Bonn, Dueren, Wuppertal-Ronsdorf, Duesseldorf, Krefeld, Germany	Movement, quartering, control and transporting prisoners of war	
1941/12/20	Aachen	Formation of Divisionsstab Aachen (526.Div.)	Wehrkreiskommando VI, 1941/12/20-1942/10/05 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Fritz Kuehne, 1941/12/20-1942/10/05

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1941/12/21- 1942/09/30	Maastricht, Netherlands; Malmedy, Belgium; Aachen, Cologne, Bonn, Duisburg, Duesseldorf, Krefeld, Euskirchen, Dueren, Germany	Assignment and transfer of personnel, organization and regrouping of units, securing rear areas, air raid protection, control and movement of prisoners of war, command inspections and conferences	
1942/10/05	Aachen, Muenster	Reorganization as Div.Nr. 526, assignment of subordinate units to Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 406	

Records of Division Nr. 526 are reproduced on roll 2223 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1942/10/05 were available in the National Archives, manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS B-210 (Activity report of my division (526. Div., later 476th "W") between 3 Dec 1944 and 29 Mar 1945), by Gen.Lt. Hans Bergen and the general officer personnel files show:

1944/12/03	Wuppertal, Wesel, Cologne, Iserlohn, Hamm	Combat training, release of replacement personnel	Gen.Lt. Kurt Schmidt, 1944/03/15-1944/12/10 Gen.Lt. Hans Bergen, 1944/12/03-1945/03/29 Subordinate to: AK 6
1945/01/24	Neuss, Euskirchen, Dueren, Juelich, Rheydt	Movement, redesignation as Division Nr. 476 "W", training, construction of positions, defensive operations	
1945/03/02	Hamm, Dortmund, Luedenscheid, Arnsberg	Movement, reorganization	C.O.: Oberst d.R. Erich Neumann, mFb, Div.Stab zbV. 526, 1945/03/05
1945/03/25	Duelmen, Haltern, Hiddingsel, west of Muenster	Movement, dispersed	

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Ia, KTB 1 d. Grenzschutz-Abschnittskommando 9, ab 15.10.39 526. Division. War journal concerning callup of border guards in the Grenzschutz-Abschnittskommando 9 sector by Wehrkreiskommando VI, Muenster, 25 Aug 1939; security and control of the German-Dutch border between Lingen and Coesfeld with headquarters at Rheine, and training, 26 Aug-31 Dec; and redesignation as 526.Div., 15 Oct. Includes a register of officers and combat and ration strength reports.	1939/08/25-1939/12/31	526.Div.Nr. W57a	2223	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1, Grenzschutz-Abschnittskommando-u. Divisionsbefehle 1-47. Orders relating to daily reporting, special events, supply and equipment, and status of fuel, ammunition, and motor vehicles; disciplinary and administrative matters; medical and veterinary services; commitment of engineers and signal corps, securing the harvest, training, and security and control of the German-Dutch border in the Lingen, Coesfeld, Dorster, and Bocholt areas. Includes a list of code names.	1939/08/26-1939/12/30	526.Div.Nr. W57b	2223	43
Ia, Ib, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, V, Tagesbefehle 1-27 des Hauptquartiers als Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders relating to duty assignments for officers of the day; guard duty; church services; certificates of efficiency; granting awards, leave, and promotions; medical and veterinary services; training; and supply, personnel, administrative, and transportation matters.	1939/08/27-1939/12/19	526.Div.Nr. W57c	2223	154
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning training and control and protection of the German-Dutch border by the 526.Div. and attached units in the Lingen, Nordhorn, Rheine, Gronau, Ahaus, and Coesfeld areas, 1 Jan-9 May 1940; advance into the Netherlands, securing rear areas, and control of prisoners of war in the Coevorden, Bunde, Gendringen, 's Heerenberg, Beek, and Babberich areas, 10-27 May; relief by V.G.A.D. (Verstaerkter Grenzaufsichtsdienst), 27-28 May; and	1940/01/01-1940/10/31	526.Div.Nr. W5289/1	2223	196

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<p>transfer to Dueren, Germany, 29-31 May. Movement, quartering, control and transporting prisoners of war, and regrouping in Maastricht, the Netherlands; Eysden, Welkenraedt, and Herbesthal, Belgium; and Hallschlag, Kronenburg, Stadtkyll, Geilenkirchen, Juelich, and Stolberg, Germany; and the division's headquarters at Aachen, 1 Jun-17 Oct, and in Maastricht, the Netherlands; Malmedy, Belgium; and Aachen, Coloqne, Bonn, Wuppertal-Ronsdorf, Duesseldorf, Dueren, and Krefeld, Germany, 18-31 Oct. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports.</p>	1941/12/20-1942/10/05	526.Div.Nr. 22884	2223	243
<p>Ia, KTB 1 des Divisionsstabes Aachen (526.Div.). War journal concerning activation of Divisionsstab Aachen with Gen.Lt. Fritz Kuehne as commanding officer of troops and units (Truppen und Dienststellen) formerly subordinate to the 526.Division by order of Wehrkreiskommando VI, Aachen, 20 Dec 1941; formation, assignment and transfer of personnel, organization and regrouping of units, securing rear areas, air raid protection, control and movement of prisoners of war, and command conferences and inspections in Maastricht, the Netherlands; Malmedy, Belgium; and Aachen, Coloqne, Bonn, Duisburg, Duesseldorf, Krefeld, Euskirchen, and Dueren, Germany, 26 Dec 1941-30 Sep 1942; and reorganization of Divisionsstab Aachen as Div.Nr. 526 in Aachen and assignment of subordinate units to Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 406, Muenster, effective 5 Oct 1942. Includes tables of organization of Divisionsstab Aachen as of 20 Dec 1941 and showing changes in organization due to transfer of units for training and assignment to combat duty on the eastern front.</p>				