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# Intelligence Information Special Report

COUNTRY POLAND/USSR/WARSAW PACT



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The Setting and Conclusions for Warsaw Pact Exercise  
BARYER (BARIERA)-73

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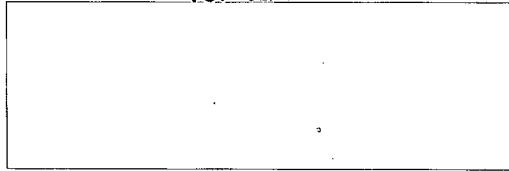
The following report is a translation of two SECRET Polish Ministry of National Defense documents dealing with Warsaw Pact exercise BARYER (BARIERA)-73. One document announces and describes the exercise to the Polish Party and the second reports the exercise on Polish territory involving a river crossing. The evaluation of the exercise by the Chief Polish Quartermaster, who was the senior Polish participant, is quite favorable and positively assesses allied relations during the exercise.

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Warsaw, 22 June 1973

FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY  
Comrade Edward Gierek

M E M O R A N D U M

on the "BARIERA-73" training exercise

I am reporting to the Comrade Secretary that in accordance with the training plan of the Staff of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact, the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, Marshal of the Soviet Union I. Yakubovskiy, will conduct a specialized rear training exercise, code name "BARIERA-73", in Poland from 26 June to 5 July 1973.

The subject of the training exercises will be: "PLANNING REAR SERVICES SUPPORT DURING THE ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF FRONT AND ARMY OPERATIONS BY ALLIED TROOPS. THE WORK OF THE REAR SERVICES ORGANS DURING ATTACK, PREPARATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AND FERRY CROSSINGS OVER WIDE WATER OBSTACLES UNDER CONDITIONS OF THE USE OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS".

The staffs and particular rear services and engineer units of the Soviet Army, the National People's Army of the GDR, and the Polish Army are taking part in the training exercise.

Conceptually, the training exercise embraces a portion of the territory of the Soviet Union, Poland, and the German Democratic Republic, but actually it will be conducted in the west central part of Poland (Szczecin and Zielona Gora provinces), as well as on the territory of the German Democratic Republic.

The training exercise leadership will be located on the territory of Poland in the installation of the 18th Tank Regiment.

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in Wedrzyn (Sulecin county) from 26 June to 1 July, and in the GDR from 2 July.

I have designated the Chief Quartermaster of the Polish Army Major-General M. Obiedzinski as deputy to the Chief of the Training Exercise for Polish Army Matters, along with a group of generals and officers.

On the part of the Polish Army, the following will participate:

- partially deployed--in accordance with requirements--staffs and 43 rear, engineer, chemical, and combined-arms units;
- a ferry crossing unit (towed W-2 ferries with a capacity of over 110 tons);
- the county hospital in Skwierzyna;
- support units of the training exercise leadership (while on the territory of the Polish People's Republic).

There will be 7,050 soldiers altogether, including 3,526 reservists, and 1,595 motor vehicles (exclusively from army holdings), 46 combat vehicles, 15 helicopters, and equipment for the construction of bridges and crossings.

The Polish Army units participating in the training exercise represent the operational-tactical and organizational skills of the commands, staffs, and units in practical control of the execution of tasks arising from their nature and purpose. Beyond the conceptual aspect (games on maps with communications means), problems of collaboration with the Soviet Army and the People's Army of the GDR in the organization of a Temporary Transloading Area, in the construction of bridges and ferry crossings over water obstacles, and in the liquidation of the effects of nuclear strikes will be solved practically.

A particularly interesting training problem will occur on 28 June 1973, especially the practical organization of the Temporary Transloading Area, within its framework:

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- activation of crossings using the W-2 ferries:
- transloading of material means from railroad transport onto vehicles;
- detraining an infantry battalion on railroad tracks using a folding ramp made by the Polish State Railway (PKP) forces;
- function of a POL depot during unloading of fuels from transport and construction of a pipeline;
- unloading rocket propellants on railroad tracks:
- construction of a DMS-65 high-water road bridge and antiaircraft cover for the construction.

Insofar as possible, it would be useful for the representatives of our Leadership to participate on that training exercise date (28 June).

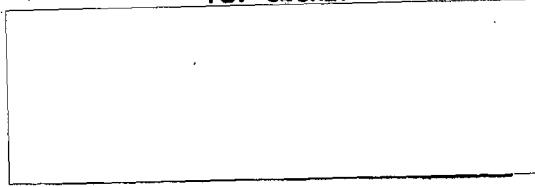
The coalition nature of the training exercise will constitute a broad plane for the demonstration of the qualities of the Polish Army in the XXXth anniversary jubilee year, manifestation of our preparations and achievements to the other armies and, also, it is to serve as a further deepening of friendship and fraternity of arms with the soldiers of the allied armies.

I am reporting, at the same time, that in connection with the training exercise "BARIERA-73", Marshal Ivan Yakubovskiy, Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, is coming to Poland on 25 June 1973. His welcome by the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party in the presence of the President of the Council of Ministers, as in all

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cases of this kind, appears to be indicated. I am submitting attached the material for eventual use in this talk.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

/s/

Lt.-Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski

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Warsaw, 10 July 1973

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
Lieutenant-General

Wojciech Jaruzelski

For information  
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
VICE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
Major-General Florian Siwicki

I N F O R M A T I O N

on conclusions from the "BARIERA-73"  
training exercise

I am reporting to the General that the main theme pervading the entire training exercise, as well as the talk by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, was the matters of the theory and practice of the rear support system of the external front forces in the coalition set-up with emphasis on the problems of coordination of operational link commands with national operational commands in support of coalition operational large units (the army and the front). On the other hand, in the tactical-specialized episodes of training exercises with units, the problem of communication support was exercised, and in it, the problems associated with the organization and functioning of the border temporary transloading areas.

In the training exercise we subjected to successive verification the modified organizational structure of the rear of the

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operational forces recommended for incorporation as a result of decisions at the 1970 Prague conference. The essence of the changes accepted for the training exercise of an organizational-systemic structure is based on:

- adaptation of dates for achieving readiness by the rear units of the army and the front to the requirements of operational deployment of the forces;
- increasing the degree of maneuverability of the first echelon of the rear of the front (two mobile bases on a personnel carrier) permitting more flexible organization of supplying the army;
- making the organizational structure of hospital bases uniform, with appropriate adaptation of the profiles of hospitals;
- perfecting the system of directing the rear within the structure of supply and hospital bases (combining small units into larger organisms);
- increasing the viability of the rear and mechanization of loading work.

Rear units assigned to tactical-specialized training exercises were also formed in accordance with the new T/O.

The successive verification in training exercise practice of general and specific premises permitted an assessment of the effectiveness and usefulness of the undertakings assumed in this regard. The collected materials constitute a subject for further study by a specially constituted team and will be included in a suitable timetable of the aims of the Quartermaster Headquarters of the Polish Army and other collaborating institutions for implementation in the years 1973 and 1974.

As an achievement of the training exercise, taking into consideration the address at the discussion of General of the

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Army SHTEMENKO and Marshal YAKUBOVSKIY, the following conclusions worthy of particular attention emerged:

1. The modified organizational structure of the rear of the operational forces, applied in the training exercise practice since 1970, modeled on the accepted principles applied in the operational large units of the Soviet Army and other allied armies anticipated for activity in the Western Theater of Military Operations (with the inclusion of the specific character of our armed forces and geographic location) corresponds to actual requirements and capabilities. That is why it is necessary to intensify work in the General Staff and in the Quartermaster Headquarters of the Polish Army to incorporate it in the mobilization plan and to make it effective--which was stipulated in the plan of aims for 1973.

Presenting the problem of the organizational structure of the operational rear services, I report that in the front of the Soviet Army which was training there were no technical support bases as with us. The problem of technical support was discussed with appropriate specialists and divergent views were expressed in the discussion. I represented the view that our structure in this regard is experimental in seeking optimum solutions.

2. The problem which was particularly demonstrated in the training exercise was the command of the rear services. The importance and its significance, however, resulted from the complexity of the coalition operations in which the units of the national economy of particular states were also engaged. For that reason, also, the matter of collaboration among the operational large units of the allied armies on the one hand and organs of the army with organs of ministries and territorial administrations on the other hand, also takes on fundamental significance. The sharpness with which they were outlined and their significance for successful implementation of undertakings of rear support of troop operations,

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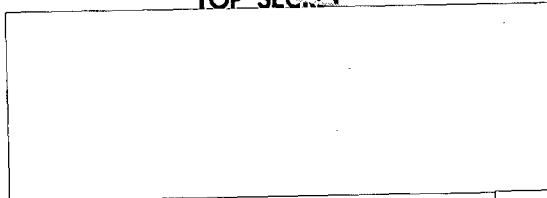
including in this regard the conclusions from training exercise "KRAJ-73", points to the need for intensifying the training of cadres in this area.

3. The need to increase the degree of maneuverability and viability of the rear was stressed, not only on the army scale but also on the front scale. From the long-range standpoint, complete maneuverability of the rear elements of the front link is a possibility. That is why in developmental perspectives particular pressure should be put on the development of a multi-ton transport vehicle adapted to containerized cargoes, and also on the mechanization of transloading jobs.
4. The young cadre from the accelerated development fund, appearing in practical operations episodes, performed positively and distinguished itself favorably among the other armies in the tasks placed before it. The problem, however, is the question of unconstrained use of the Russian military language. According to our assessment, previous efforts in this regard do not give the desired results. Activity in this sector should be intensified, corrections in plans for improvement of the cadre in the short-term courses in Soviet Army schools be made, and the officers on operational-rear faculties be directed to the Academy of Rear Services and Transport in the USSR.

The conclusions from previous training exercises were confirmed relative to the need for organizing a short-term all-round rear services course for the managerial cadre of rear services large units rear units on the army and front level for the purpose of training in the area of the overall system of the functioning of the rear support service. This problem was preliminarily discussed with the Chief Inspector for Training, General Molczyk.

5. Particular attention and universalization should be paid to the very organization and methodology for conducting command-staff training exercises, the necessity of which is expressed in the fact that the

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leadership of the training exercise, prior to listening to the decisions of the teams in training, is in possession of the substantive assessment of the essence of the proposed decisions, the value of the prepared documents, etc., made by the groups of specialists operating on particular axes. The head of the training exercise receives the suggested assessment proposals with an indication of the matters requiring clarification during the presentation. Each day there is a firming up of the plan of operation for the next day. With such an organized method of work, the leadership of the training exercise can concentrate its attention on the problems involved and have the possibility of making a full evaluation of the positive solutions presented and, also, to draw out the weakness to which to call the attention of the trainees for their resolution. Materials thus prepared at particular stages of the training exercise constitute themselves, at the same time, the main source of data for the discussion team, whose work can and does proceed simultaneously.

Therefore, it appears purposeful to adapt this method, as well as to incorporate it into practice in our activity.

6. During the course of the training exercise, the representatives of the central rear links of individual armies expressed a view of the usefulness and the need for organizing joint working conferences of the chiefs of the rear services and the chiefs of the staffs every two to three years, on the model of actual specialist conferences. The purpose of these conferences (or meetings) would be the exchange and working out of generalized views in the field of the future development of the organization and system of rear support of the external front forces; discussion and determination of the problems of collaboration with consideration of the aspects of coalition activity, including also--which is of particular interest to us--the problems of the organization and method of deploying the first echelon of the strategic rear to the Western Theater of Military

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Operations. The subject of the conferences would also be matters connected with the current exchange of information on actual achievements, training problems, and other matters. The above matter will be considered by the Staff of the Combined Armed Forces.

7. In addition, I wish to report to the General that the harmony of collaboration with the services of the technical section achieved during this training exercise deserves special attention. Productive collaboration occurred also in the operation group which was training on the Maritime Front, as well as in the leadership group of the training exercise, which was conducive to the successful performance of the task.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER OF THE POLISH ARMY

/s/

Major-General Engineer  
Mieczyslaw Obiedzinski

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