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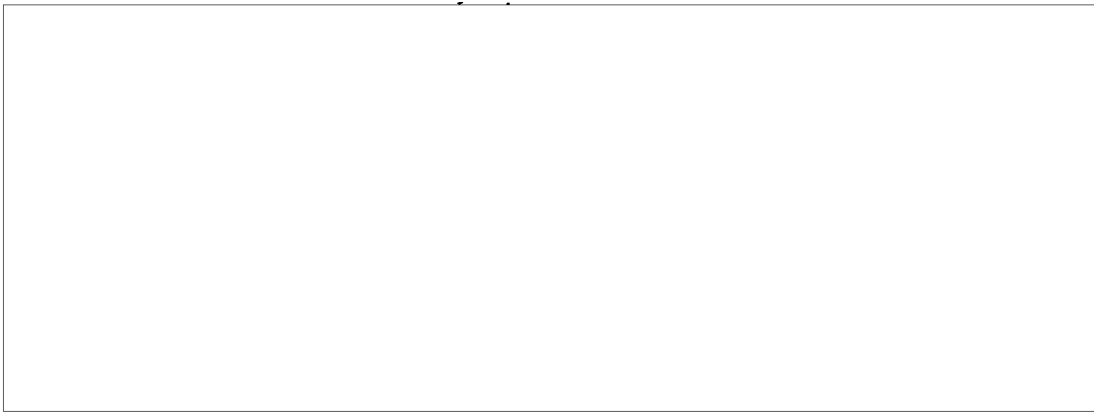
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1. Railroad station. There are four railroad lines, three passenger and one freight. Two lines lead to Lodz, one to Poznan and the freight line leads from Ostrov through Kalisz to Lodz. This freight line does not enter the station but passes two kilometers south of it. The station faces Upper Silesia Street on the southwestern edge of the town.
2. Old customs building in the center of Nowy Swiat Street.
3. Barracks for the 25th Field Artillery Regiment. The army took over this building in 1937. Prior to that it was the Infant Jesus Hospital.
4. Another barracks building for the 25th Field Artillery Regiment.
5. This is the town's principal square, called the 11th of November Square. The city hall, which is about 100 x 75 meters, of stone construction with five stories, is erected within this square. On the top floor there is a museum.
6. Main post office. Telephone and telegraph offices are also located in this four-story stone building. Telephone offices are located on the second floor.
7. Old hydroelectric power plant adjacent to the Prosna River. This supplies power to only a few buildings

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8. New hydroelectric power plant which was erected in 1937. It is adjacent to the Prozna River about three and one-half kilometers south of the city. In addition to Kaliss, this plant supplies power to Turek (52°02'N, 18°30'E), Ostrov and Warta (51°42'N, 18°37'E) and to one other town [redacted]
9. The Commercial Bank. Five stories, stone construction. The public library is in the back part of this building.
10. The Polish Bank. This bank is under the direct supervision of the government.
11. Theater
12. Water Tower. Stone construction, about 75 meters high.
13. Adam Asnyk. High school and college.
14. Bus station for inter-city busses. [redacted]
Beside the station was the Bernardynka canal which joined the Prozna River in the Old Park. This canal before 1939 was used to carry refuse from textile plants and town sewage. The Germans closed the canal and installed a street there.
15. A large public square used by the army for parades on holidays.
16. St Mary's Church. This is the correct name although almost everybody in town calls it St Joseph's Church because his picture is prominently displayed on the main altar.
17. Storasta Building. All county records are kept here and local county officers work here. City police headquarters are in this building as well as military police headquarters.
18. Evangelical Church. Before World War I this was a Jesuit Church.
19. Headquarters for the 29th Infantry Regiment.
20. County prison. An old five-story stone building. Many silk worms are raised on the prison farm.
21. Plac Dekerta. A public square used as a farmer's market. Market days are Tuesday and Friday.
22. Volunteer fire department. About three hundred men in the department.
23. Swendrala River.
24. Miller Textile Plant. Made chiefly woolen material. This factory has more than one thousand employees.
25. Kosciusko High School and College.
26. A factory. [redacted]
27. A small airport about six kilometers from town. [redacted]
28. Another barracks for the 25th Field Artillery.
29. Sports stadium. Athletic events and motorcycle races are held here.
30. Bank. Three-story building of stone construction.
31. A convent and high school; three stories, stone construction.
32. High school operated by the government.

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33. A small meat slaughter house. Most butchers slaughtered their own animals in the rear of their retail shops.
34. Large garage for repair of motor vehicles.
35. Flour mill.
36. Largest flour mill in town. It was severely damaged by fire in 1938 and was rebuilt during that year.
37. Catholic cemetery.
38. Russian Orthodox cemetery.
39. Evangelical cemetery.
40. Old cemetery. World War I soldiers are buried here.
41. Tyniec cemetery. Persons who commit suicide are buried outside of this cemetery's fence.
42. Henry Plus Hospital. Accepts patients from the entire Kalisz district. It has five thousand beds.
43. Ammunition warehouses. There are three stone buildings in this group. They are located about two kilometers north of the Catholic cemetery.
44. Warehouse for field artillery ammunition.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch, not drawn to scale, showing principal buildings in Kalisz, Poland

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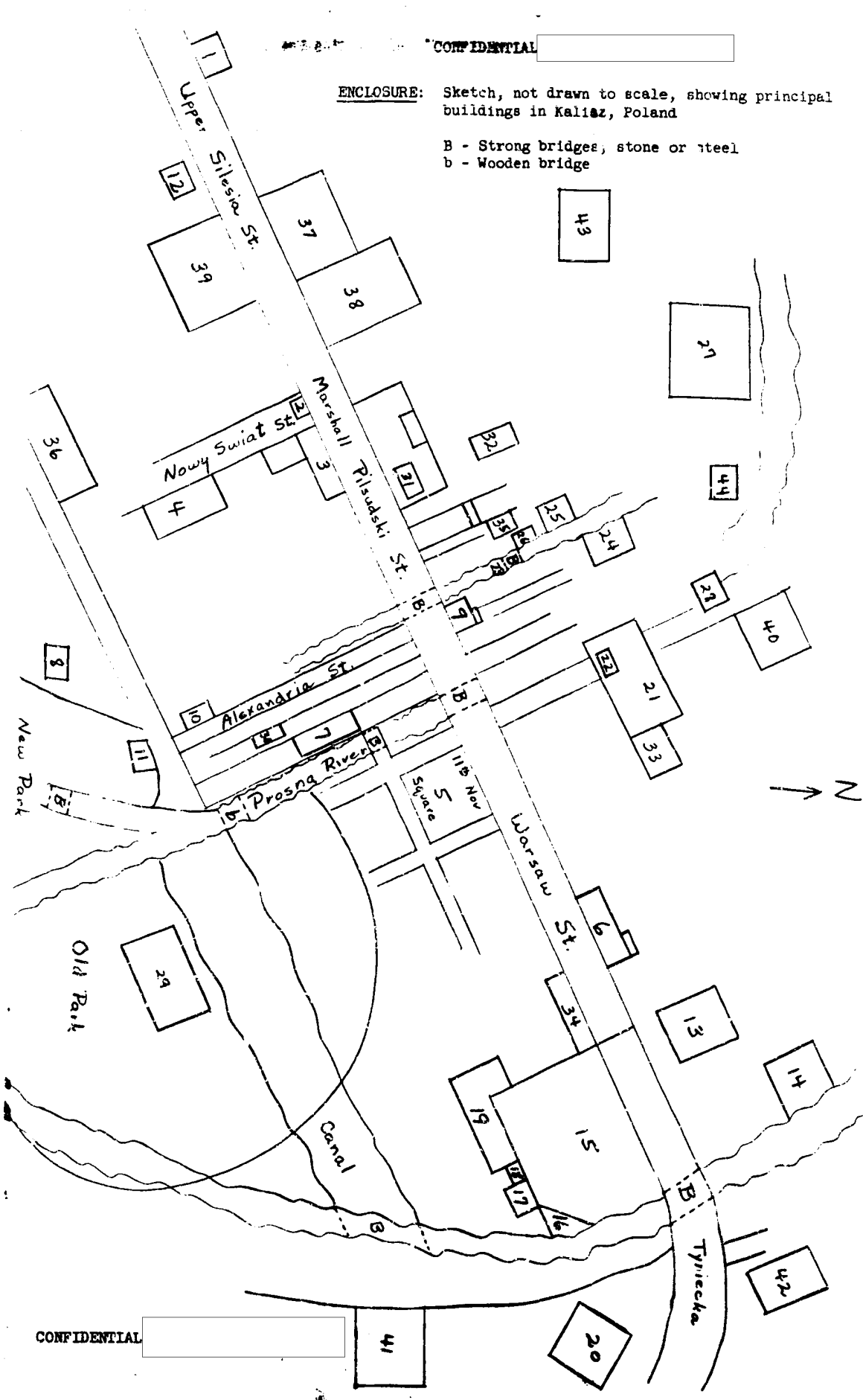
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B - Strong bridges, stone or steel
b - Wooden bridge



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