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1. A camp about 6 km east of the eastern perimeter of Beuthen (Q 51/Y 58), on the road leading to kop. Jowisz, the Jiuwice mine, was occupied by a Polish army unit of about 500 men in September 1949. The men were from 20 to 22 years of age. They said that they had been inducted during the summer of 1949. They wore greyish brown uniforms without epaulets or other distinguishing service colors. Most of them had no weapons, and carried only dummy rifles. The soldiers worked in the mines but received some military training. \*
2. The PWs had evacuated the camp in September 1949. The camp had four 32m. x 10m. cantonment buildings, a dispensary, a building with kitchen and messhall, and supply rooms. The headquarters building and a new messhall were outside the fence. Plans had been made for the construction of another cantonment building for billeting of troops.

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\* [redacted] comment. Probably one of the labor battalions which arrived in the Upper Silesian mining area during the summer and fall of 1949. Such battalions are usually assigned to work in mines and receive very little military training.

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