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Western Sector of Lodz.

- 1. The barracks installation on the north side of ul. Obroncow Stalingradu, formerly 11 go-Listopada, west of ul. Sw.Jerzego, consisted of 1 three-story brick building, which was 70 meters long and fronted on ul. O. Stalingradu, and 2 multiple-story stucco buildings farther north. The barracks installation on the south side of ul.O. Stalingradu, west of ul. Gen. Zeligowskiego, consisted of a multiple-story stucco building, which was 70 meters long and fronted on ul.O. Stalingradu and various other buildings. Both barracks installations housed the central officers school for political instructors. The northern installation was occupied by the headquarters and two battalions of 500 men each; and the southern one by one battalion and supply installations. Trainees wore khaki uniforms which had epaulets with the intertwined letters SO, collar patches with an oakleaf-and-sword emblem and, on the sleeve cuffs, silver stripes indicating the class in this school to which they belong. (1)
- 2. Several old and new barracks installations and requisitioned civilian houses were located in the area west of ul.Gen. Zeligowskiego, between ul. 6 go-Sierpnia and ul. Andrzeja Struga. In the southern part of the area was a large workshop and a subsidiary building, which formerly housed a chocolate factory. In August 1951, the construction of new barracks installations was started in the western portion. The entire billeting area was occupied by motorized KBW (Corps of Internal Security) units. ZIS and Studebaker trucks were seen there. The soldiers wore khaki uniforms with dark-blue collar patches and caps with dark-blue pipings. (2)
- 3. The barracks installation on the west side of ul. Gen. Zeligowskiego, south of ul.O. Stalingradu, and several other buildings farther south, on both sides of ul.Gen. Zeligowskiego, were also occupied by motorized KBW units. (3)
- 4. A fuel depot, which had two spur tracks and was guarded by KBW personnel, was located west of the northern barracks installation mentioned in paragraph 1. On one day source saw 20 tank cars. There were several gasoline and Diesel fuel containers in the depot. The inscription "Polish Army Unit" was above the main entrance on ul. O. Stalingradu. The administrative offices and the guard room were west of the entrance.

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5. Two large unguarded buildings, which according to local residents housed a Soviet information bureau, were located on the north side of ul. Karolowska. The personnel of this office, including some women, wore civilian clothes and spoke the Polish language.
6. The military hospital for the area was located in a five-story building, about 50 meters long, on the northwestern corner of the intersection of ul. Zeromskiego and ul. Bisk. Dandurskiego. Two or three other buildings there quartered personnel of the hospital and housed a medical officers' school.
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7. A Militia school for political instructors was located in two large two-story dwellings on the east side of ul. Zeromskiego, north of ul. 1 go-Maja. The main entrance was on ul. 1 go-Maja. The sidewalk in front of the school was closed to traffic at night. (4)
8. The Military District Headquarters II of the city of Lodz was located on the west side of ul. Wolczanska. A sentry wearing red service color was posted in front of the entrance.
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9. The Militia headquarters of the Lodz Voivode District was located in two or three buildings on the east side of Al. Kosciuzki.
10. The Militia headquarters for the area was located on the east side of ul. Piotrkowska in a five-story building with an arched gateway. The military district headquarters for the Lodz area was located just north of the building mentioned in paragraph 10 in a five-story dwelling with an arched gateway. (5)
11. A printing office and a distribution center for printed material of the UB was located on the east side of ul. Piotrkowska and guarded by KBW personnel. Supply installations of the KBW were located in two multiple-story dwellings with a spacious yard, on the north side of ul. P. Naturowicza west of ul. Piramowicza. The main entrance, which was guarded by KBW personnel, was located on ul. Piramowicza. Low wooden buildings, garages and repair shops were located at the junction of ul. Weglowa into ul. Skladowa, with the entrance on ul. Weglowa. The entire area was guarded by KBW personnel. (6)
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12. The office for public security of the Voivode District was located in several buildings east of ul. 19 go-Stycznia between ul. Ogradowa and ul. Marina Nowotki. The guard and reception rooms were located on the west side of ul. 19 go-Stycznia. The sentries there wore KBW uniforms.
13. A Militia officers' school was located in various buildings on the east side of ul. Piotrkowska north of ul. Brzezna. Personnel seen there wore grey-blue uniforms with stand-up collars. Silver oak leaves were worn on the blue collar patches. The epaulets made of the same material as the uniforms, had blue and white pipings and the trousers had blue pipings.
14. The military courts for the district and county (Bezirks and Kreis) of Lodz and the publishing house for scientific literature were located on the west side of ul. Sienkiewiczza. The printing shop of the publishing house was located at 130 ul. Gdanska.

Eastern Sector of Lodz.

15. On the east side of ul. Bystrzycka north of ul. Marina Nowotki were four buildings which were to be used as a military hospital. In August 1951, one of these buildings was completed and was used as a temporary boarding house for students. The other three buildings were still under construction.

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An aircraft factory was located on the east side of ul. Dr. Stef. Kopcinskiego.

16. A building was under construction south of the railroad line and northeast of the aircraft factory. It was erected under Ministry of National Defense Code No B 18. In August 1951, the building was nearly completed.
17. The Widzew machine factory was located on the east side of ul. Szpitalna. About four large warehouses were under construction in the area extending from the eastern edge of the machine factory to the railroad line leading to the south. The construction site was assigned the Ministry of National Defense Code No B 57. Source learned from the construction order that the warehouses were erected for Soviet purposes. In August 1951, some of the buildings were still only partially completed.

Lagiewniki Forest North of Lodz.

18. A summer camp of the KBW was located in the southern portion of the Lagiewniki forest north of ul. Bazancja. It consisted of about 30 tents for 18 men each. A small drill ground and a target range were located east of the camp.
19. A civilian sanatorium for pulmonary diseases was located on the west side of the north-bound ul. Wycieczkowa, almost in the center of the forest. (7)

Miscellaneous.

20. On 9 July and between 14 and 16 August 1951, KBW troops, but no army troops were seen in the city area of Lodz. According to local residents, army units were stationed in Zgierz (Q 52/O 94). (8)

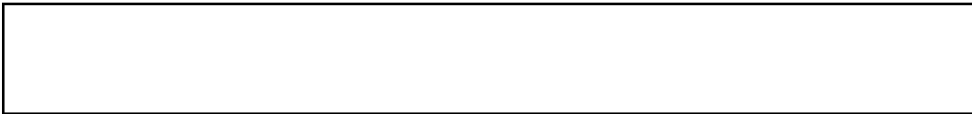
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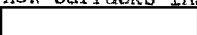
- (1) The report confirms the officers' academy for political instructors. In addition to this academy, the northern barracks installation allegedly houses the headquarters of an infantry division. According to several previous reports, the barracks installation which quarters officers candidates is located east of ul. Pogonowskiego. Also this installations is said to quarter an infantry battalion. [redacted]
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- (2) An artillery battalion was allegedly quartered in barracks installations south of 6-go-Sierpnia in January 1951. [redacted]
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- (3) The barracks installation on the south side of 11-go-Listopada and on the west side of ul. Zeligowskiego was reported to house the military court for the district of Lodz in January 1951. The other barracks installations on ul. 1-go-Maja west of ul. Zeligowskiego were repeatedly reported to quarter infantry units. [redacted]
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- (4) An MO (Polish Police Force) political school was reported to be located in the former seminary for Catholic priests on the east side of ul. Piotrkowska north of ul. Tymienieckiego in August 1950. [redacted]. It is possible that this is the school for political instructors mentioned in the present report.
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- (5) The MO headquarters of the city of Lodz was previously reported to be located on the same side of the street, but farther to the north, and on the south side of ul. Naturowicza. The military district headquarters was previously reported to be located farther to the south on the south side of ul. Marsz. Stalina. [redacted]
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- (6) [redacted] an MO main headquarters was located in the buildings reportedly housing the supply installation of the KBW. A former highschool, which was allegedly occupied by a motor transport unit in January 1951, also belongs to this area. A military motor vehicle repair shop is confirmed. [redacted]
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- (8) The Hq 8th Mtz Inf Div with a motorized infantry regiment may have been transferred from Lodz. It is also possible that the army units were only withdrawn from the city to new barracks installations outside the city. This assumption is partially supported by a report of January 1951 which stated that a large new barracks installation in the Zgierz forest was occupied by troops. 

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