

Poland and Polish-occupied Germany

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Polish and Soviet Troops in Hindenburg, Oppeln, Tarnowskie Gory and Waldenburg

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Polish Troops in Hindenburg.

1. Up to February 1951, a barracks installation in Hindenburg (Q 51/ Y 47), southwest of the Hindenburg railroad station, quartered a Polish unit having personnel who wore red collar patches. About 12 AA guns with long thin barrels on four rubber-tired wheels stood in the barracks yard.
2. Up to late 1951, the hutments south of the Ludwigsgluck mine on the northeast edge of Hindenburg and the camp close to the Delbrueck mines were occupied by Polish labor details who worked in the mines. (1)
3. The former Schuetzenhaus in the southwest section of Hindenburg was reconstructed in early 1951 and was later occupied by a Polish unit with red collar patches. No vehicles or heavy weapons were observed.
4. A branch of the military conscription office in Gielwitz was located in the town house north of the main railroad station. A UB office and a militia office were located in the former police headquarters on the west side of the Adolf Hitler Strasse which had been renamed ul. Stalina. A militia installation was on the same side of this street. (1)

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Soviet Tank Unit in Oppeln.

- 25X1 6. the barracks installation near the Stephanshoehe
25X1 (hill) in Oppeln (P 51/J 17) quartered a Soviet tank unit in early
August 1951. (3)

- 25X1 7. in late 1950,
25X1 Colonel Bienkowski (phonetical spelling), who was
advisor of the Oppeln province. Although he had a command of the
Polish language, Colonel Bienkowski spoke Russian with his family.
He wore a Polish Army uniform and, occasionally, civilian clothing
and was treated most respectfully

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Polish Troops in Tarnowskie Gory.

8. Up to early 1951, the barracks installation on the north edge of
Tarnowskie Gory (P 51/Y 49) was occupied by a Polish unit. The
only weapons seen were rifles. Groups of up to 100 soldiers from this
installation practiced periodically in the wooded area northeast of
the town.
9. Up to early 1951, the barracks installation northwest of Redenburg
was occupied by a unit
10. In early 1951, six apartment houses located close to the barracks
installation in Tarnowskie Gory had to be vacated by the tenants
who learned that Polish officers' families would move in.
11. In early 1950, the Polish militia office was transferred from
ul. Sienkiewicza to a large building adjoining the former junior
high school on the Square.

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Polish Troops in Waldenburg.

13. Up to April 1951, a motorized WOP unit which was located
in the former Altersheim on Moltke Strasse renamed Psie Pole, in
Waldenburg (O 51/H 07). Trucks transporting between 15 and 20 WOP soldiers
were repeatedly seen.
14. The former police headquarters in the north section of Waldenburg
on the west side of Breslauer Strasse which leads to Altenburg
quartered a militia unit since early 1950. The unit had previously
been stationed on the Square in the old town section. (4)
15. The office of the Polish Security Police was located in a small
school north of the Square at the intersection of Goldberger
Strasse and Sandstrasse. Across from this office was the large
former Hans Schemm School.
16. Individual Soviet soldiers and officers were seen in Waldenburg up
to April 1951.

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17. In early 1951, a Soviet office was located in the most modern hotel of the town near the north exit of Waldenburg on the west side of Vierlaender Square. The building housed office rooms, club rooms and dining rooms and a large kitchen which [redacted] catered to about 300 persons daily. A Soviet colonel served as chief of the office. Two Soviet generals who came from a headquarters in Schweidnitz (P 51/H 18) were seen twice in the building. [redacted] office personnel numbered about 150 persons including many officers. Other persons seen entering or leaving the building included soldiers as well as civilians. Some of the civilians were addressed as doctors or professors. [redacted] this office controlled all matters pertaining to the administration and economy of the town. (5)

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- (1) The information confirms information in [redacted]
- (2) It is believed that the last persons of the 1930 class and the bulk of the 1931 class were inducted in the fall of 1951.
- (3) The Soviet tank units which made up the bulk of the 20th Tank Div and were repeatedly reported located in Oppeln until the spring of 1951 were reportedly transferred from Oppeln and are now carried in Camp Neuhaus and Strans. In August 1951, the former Artillerie Kaserne in Halbendorf which had been occupied by Soviet units was occupied by Polish units. [redacted]
- (4) The former police headquarters was still occupied by Soviet soldiers in March 1950. A report in September 1950 mentioned Polish militia soldiers who had recently been transferred to that building. See [redacted]
- (5) This information confirms the assumption that a Soviet supply headquarters is located in Waldenburg and, like other supply installations, is subordinate to a supply headquarters in Schweidnitz. [redacted]

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