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1. Functions of the KBW:

(a) Peacetime

- (1) The liquidation of all anti-Polish Government groups; the investigation and apprehension or liquidation of all underground leaders and elements.
- (2) The protection of vital industrial installations and industrial areas.
- (3) The guarding and securing of Polish political or State prisoners and prisoners of other nationalities in Polish prison camps.
- (4) Guard service with the Security Office (Urzad Bezpieczenstwa - UB).

(b) Wartime

- (1) The protection of supply areas immediately behind the fighting lines and protection of the rear areas against infiltration, enemy paratroop drops behind the lines, and other diversionary activities. In protecting these areas, KBW units are trained for and instructed to actively engage any enemy and, if possible, to hold or destroy him.
- (2) Military traffic control. In the fulfillment of this mission, the KBW would supervise military traffic control by the employment of women as military police.

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- (3) The protection of government depots and supply dumps in non-combat areas.
- (4) Although KBW units are instructed and trained for fighting, they would be actively committed only when absolutely needed.
2. The actual T/O of a KBW brigade is about two thousand officers and EM; that of a regiment is about 1,600-1,800 officers and EM. The creating of brigades is a flexible item in the KBW, the need for personnel being governed by the degree of partisan activity in certain areas and the necessity for quelling such activity. From an organizational viewpoint, the only difference between a brigade and a regiment is that the former is composed of four battalions, while the latter is composed of three.

3. KBW brigades and regiments are identified as follows. [Source spelled out all names as cited in this report]:

(a) 1st KBW Brigade - Gora Kalwarja [5159N-2114E]

25X1 [] Unknown

CO: Col Kowalski (fnu), a Polish Communist

The actual peacetime strength of this brigade was approximately 1,800 officers and men (124 officers, 245 NCO's, 1,440 pvt's). I do not know the wartime strength.

(b) 3rd KBW Brigade - Lublin [5115N-2234E]

25X1 [] Unknown

CO: Unknown

I believe, but am not certain, that this brigade had the same T/O as the 1st KBW Brigade. I have no further information.

(c) Special KBW Brigade - Warsaw [5215N-2100E]

25X1 [] Unknown

CO: Unknown

The actual strength of this brigade is unknown to me but the T/O is about 2,000 officers and men. I have never seen or heard a numerical designation for this brigade. It has always been called "Special" because its mission was to guard high Government officials and Government office buildings. One company of this brigade was a combat company. I have no further information.

(d) 2nd KBW Regiment - Bialystok [5308N-2309E]

25X1 [] Unknown

CO: Maj Pliskin (fnu)

The actual peacetime strength of a KBW regiment is normally about 1,200 officers and men, but it may go as high as 1,600 (T/O strength). The wartime strength is not known to me. The 2nd KBW Regiment consists of three battalions, each composed of three companies and operates in the Bialystok area. The actual strength of the regiment is 90 officers, 160 NCO's, and 950 pvt's. From March through April 1952, this regiment received support from the 4th KBW Regiment, Rzeszow, in carrying out anti-partisan activity in the Bialystok area. The Deputy Political Officer of this regiment is Capt Sowula (fnu), a Pole. The Chief of Staff is Maj George Zagorski, a Pole.

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(e) 4th KBW Regiment - Rzeszow: 5002N-2200E

[redacted] CO: Maj Kowalewski (fnu), a Pole

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The actual strength of this regiment was about one thousand officers and men. To May 1952, the Chief of Staff of the regiment was Capt Swiecicki (fnu), a Pole. The regiment was assigned to active guard duty in factories in Stalowa Wola 5034N-2203E, Mielec 5017N-2125E and in the automobile engine factory in Rzeszow.

(f) 5th KBW Regiment - Krakow 5005N-1955E

[redacted] Unknown CO: Lt Col Luczewicz (fnu), a Soviet

I have no detailed information concerning this regiment. I heard of the regiment and the CO from students at the school where I served as an instructor.

(g) 6th KBW Regiment - Mielec 5017N-2125E

[redacted] Unknown CO: Maj Kurjata (fnu), a Silesian Pole

I would estimate the actual strength of this regiment at about 1,200 officers and men. I have no further details.

(h) 7th KBW Regiment - Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) 5309N-1800E

[redacted] Unknown CO: Maj Sikorski (fnu), a Polish Communist

I have no further information.

(i) 8th KBW Regiment - Lodz 5145N-1928E

[redacted] Unknown CO: Unknown

I would estimate the actual strength of this regiment at one thousand officers and men. I have no further details.

(j) 9th KBW Regiment - Olsztyn 5347N-2029E

[redacted] Unknown CO: Maj Dobrowolski (fnu), a Polish Jew

The actual strength of this regiment is 450, including 52 officers. I have no further details.

(k) 10th KBW Regiment - Poznan 5225N-1658E

[redacted] Unknown CO: Lt Col Szamandera (fnu), a Pole

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At that time, the Deputy for Operations (Executive) was Maj Kozyra (fnu), a Polish Communist. The Assistant for Political Affairs was Capt Komorowski (fnu). I would estimate the actual strength of the regiment at 1,200 officers and men. One company of the regiment was stationed at Wronki 5243N-1623E, in the vicinity of a prison. There was also a company at Zielona Gora (Gruenberg) 5156N-1530E which was to be formed into a battalion in the near future. Another company, whose location I do not know, was under the command of Capt Stanislaw Zdybel, a Pole.

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- (1) 11th KBW Regiment - Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg im Riesengebirge)
5054N-1544E

25X1 [redacted] Unknown CO: Unknown

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The actual strength of the regiment is unknown to me. Although the regiment was stationed at Jelenia Gora, regimental headquarters was at Wroclaw (Breslau) 5106N-1702E.

- (m) 12th KBW Regiment - Katowice 5016N-1901E

25X1 [redacted] Unknown CO: Maj Dzen (fnu), a Soviet 25X1

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The Deputy for the Political Affairs Section was Maj Kessler (fnu), a Polish Communist Jew. The Chief of the Intelligence Section was Capt Baranowski (fnu), a Pole. Other personalities attached to this regiment were: Maj Dworakowski (fnu), a Pole, who is well-known for his destruction of anti-Communist and partisan political parties in Poland, and Capt Stanislaw Chrostek, a well-known Communist. The actual strength of the regiment was 1,200 officers and men.

- (n) 13th KBW Regiment - Szczecin (Stettin) 5325N-1435E

25X1 [redacted] Unknown CO: Maj Piotrowski (fnu), a Pole

The actual strength of this regiment was 800 officers and men. I have no further details.

- (o) 14th KBW Regiment - Gdansk (Danzig) 5420N-1840E

25X1A [redacted] CO: Maj Mietki (fnu), a Polish Communist Jew

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The actual strength of the regiment was approximately 1,200 officers and men. I believe that one company of the regiment was on guard at Elblag (Elbing) 5410N-1923E. A second company was on guard duty at a prison, and a third company was at Gdansk. I have no further details.

- (p) 15th KBW Regiment - Opole 5040N-1757E and Prudnik (Neustadt in Oberschlesien) 5019N-1734E

25X1 [redacted] Unknown CO: A Polish Communist (name unknown)

Prior to April 1952, this regiment had been designated as a battalion. The regiment was actually in Prudnik but had its barracks in Opole. I have no further details.

4. In addition to the units identified above, I knew of an u/i KBW battalion at Koszalin (Koeslin) 5412N-1611E and an u/i KBW cavalry squadron, which was formed in April - May 1952 at Przasnysz 5302N-2053E.

5. [redacted] were used for mailing purposes in the

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