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The German Rule In Eastern Poland & Russia
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The Baltic States, Eastern Poland, and the Soviet Republics of Bielorussia and Ukraine have been ~~formed into~~ formed into ~~a~~ two ~~a~~ major German administrative units, under Alfred Rosenberg, the Minister for Eastern Territories.

One is the Reichskommissariat Ostland, composed of the General Commissariat for White Ruthenia, and the General Commissariats of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Riga is the capital of the Ostland, which is administered by Heinrich Lohse, formerly Gauleiter of Slesvig-Holstein. Minsk is the seat of Wilhelm Kube, the General Commissar for White Ruthenia; he was formerly Gauleiter of Brandenburg. His control extends over about 90,000 sq. kilometres. The eastern part of Soviet Bielorussia, notably the eastern sections of the districts of Borisov, Minsk and Slutsk, as well as the remaining oblasti (provinces) of the Bielorussian Soviet Republic, i.e. Vitebsk, Mogilev, Gomel and Polesia, are still under military administration. The following parts of eastern Poland have been included in the General Commissariat for White Ruthenia: northern Polesia, the province of Nowogródek and most of the Wilno province. The western part of the Polish province of Wilno has been incorporated in the General Commissariat of Lithuania; the western part of the Polish province of Nowogródek and certain districts of Polish Polesia and most of the Grodno Province have been incorporated in the administrative area Sud-Ost Preussen (Regierungsbezirk Bialystok).

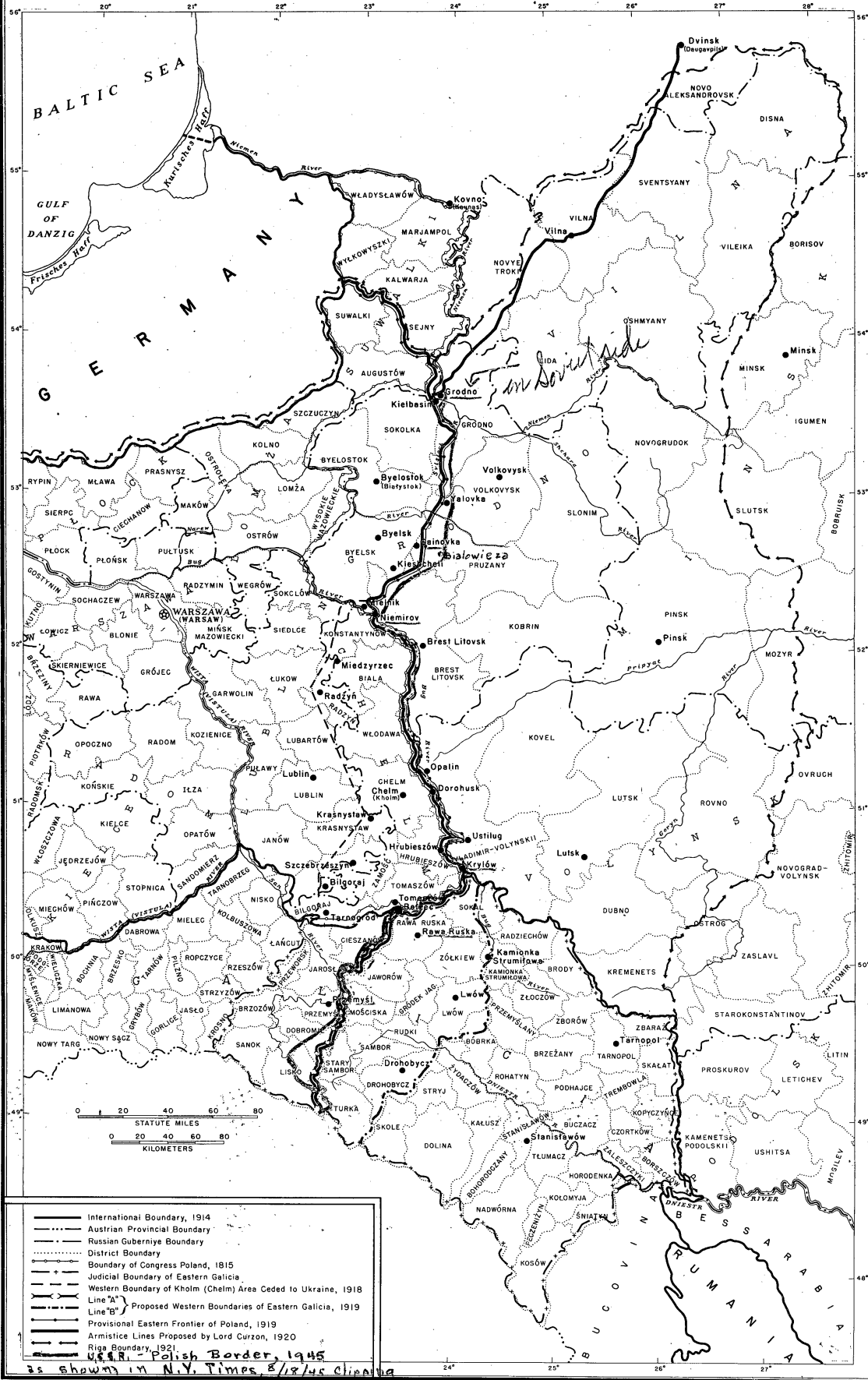
The other large unit is the Reichskommissariat für die Ukraine, comprising the southern part of Polish ~~Polish~~ Polesia and Volhynia and the oblast Kamenets-Podolsk from the Soviet Ukraine. The Reich Commissariat Ukraine is composed of the General Commissariats Zitomir, Kiev, Nikolaev, Cernihov, Dnepropetrovsk and Crimea. The capital of the Reich Commissariat is Równe (in Poland), and the head of the administration is Gauleiter Erich ~~XXXXXXmilitaryadministration~~ ~~XXXX~~ Koch. The Soviet oblasti of Kharkov, Stalino and Vorosilovgrad are under military administration. The Moldavian Soviet Republic and some parts of the oblasti of Odessa and Nikolaev, as far as the river Boh, form the new Rumanian province of Transnistria, of which General Alexianu is the Governor.

It is difficult to see any reason why the General Commissariat for White Ruthenia has been incorporated in the Ostland instead of in the Ukraine. The administration of White Ruthenia is identical with that of the Ukraine, while both differ from the régime in the other general ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ commissariats of the Ostland in not having even the meagre measure of autonomy given to the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians.

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EASTERN FRONTIERS OF POLAND 1912-1923



- International Boundary, 1914
- Austrian Provincial Boundary
- Russian Guberniye Boundary
- District Boundary
- Boundary of Congress Poland, 1815
- Judicial Boundary of Eastern Galicia
- Western Boundary of Kholm (Chełm) Area Ceded to Ukraine, 1918
- Line "A"
- Line "B"
- Proposed Western Boundaries of Eastern Galicia, 1919
- Provisional Eastern Frontier of Poland, 1919
- Armistice Lines Proposed by Lord Curzon, 1920
- Riga Boundary, 1921
- U.S.S.R. - Polish Border, 1945

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