

COUNTRY Poland REPORT NO. 25X1A

TOPIC 1. Recruiting with the Polish Border Guard

2. Polish Border Guard Battalion in Ziegenort WOP Troop

Training Grounds in Ziegenort Forest and Military Information from

the Area of Glembeck

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numerous recruits were recently enlisted with the Polish border guard troops. the political reliability of the border guard troops had deteriorated due to the recruitment of army personnel. army personnel and WOP personnel were previously strictly separated. army soldiers and WOP personnel engaged jointly in a drinking bout in Stettin (O 54/Q 55) and stated that this sort of fraternization had not previously been observed.

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2. Prior to early fall of 1952, a Polish WOP battalion was located in the southwest section of Ziegenort (O 54/Q 48) about 500 meters northeast of the railroad station. The superior headquarters of the battalion was located in Stettin. Commanding officer of the battalion was a major. Captain Komosa (fnu), who was transferred to Stettin in the fall of 1952, was assigned to the battalion headquarters. The officers and some of the NCOs of the battalion were accommodated in 5 or 6 private houses close to the railroad station in Ziegenort. The total strength of the battalion was estimated at between 450 and 500 soldiers. In the summer of 1952, the unit once left on 20 trucks toward Stettin. About 10 trucks involved in the shipment came from Stettin. About 50 percent of the units leaving the installation at company level were armed with submachine guns with drum magazines while the other 50 percent were armed with rifles. One company was armed with 4 or 5 machine guns with disk-type magazines. the battalion included no soldiers serving their first year of training. He said that recruits received training in Stettin. All soldiers wore khaki uniforms with green service color. A WOP detail of about 30 troops engaged in border guard duty was accommodated in a former dwelling house about 400 meters northeast of the installation quartering the battalion. The sector assigned to this detail covered the area from Ziegenort across Warlang (O 54/R 58) as far as the

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eastern border of East Germany. No other elements of the battalion employed on border guard duty were observed. [redacted] the border along the coast of the Lagoon was not very severely guarded. 4

3. A camp surrounded by barbed wire which consisted of about 20 low wooden buildings was located on the east edge of the Ziegenort forest west of Ziegenort and not far from the coast and was occupied by KBW units from Stettin from May to late September every year. The units were trucked to and from the installation. They wore blue service color. The training grounds on which they practiced were west of the camp and included field fortifications scattered over the wooded area. In March 1952, the area close to the Karpin Lake (O 54/Q 48) was surveyed for the construction of a firing range. Combat noise heard from the area indicated that light infantry weapons were firing there. No heavy weapons were observed. The camp was permanently guarded. 2
4. Until late 1952, a camp consisting of about 15 low wooden buildings was located in woods about 100 meters east from the Stettin-Falkenwalde (O 54/Q 46) road near Glambeck (O 54/Q 46). The camp quartered Polish soldiers with red cap bands. An area surrounded by barbed wire was south of the camp which apparently stored large supplies of potatoes and was guarded by militia personnel equipped with dogs. 4

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1. [redacted] Comment. Further information is needed to determine whether the army personnel volunteered for the border guard troops upon completion of their term of service or whether the army personnel was transferred from the army to the WOP. These occurrences were paralleled in Czechoslovakia when the PS units were deactivated and complete army units were incorporated with the border guard troops.

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2. [redacted] Comment. This WOP battalion was reported for the first time while WOP stationed in Stettin was previously reported. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. This training area was not previously reported.

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