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1. A Polish Army caserne is located at Mragowo (Sensburg)(53 52N-21 18E) Poland. The caserne consists of the following buildings: 1/

<u>Building No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Hq building, concrete, 40 x 30 m, 2 stories
2	Officers' Casino, concrete, 60 x 40 m, annex 20 x 40 m, 2 stories
3	Troops' quarters, concrete, 100 x 25 m, 2 stories
4	Same as #3 above.
5	Troops' quarters, concrete, 50 x 35 m, 2 stories
6	Concrete building, purpose unknown, perhaps storage, 100 x 40 m, single story
7	Horses' stables, concrete, 120 x 40 m, single story
8	Horses' food storage, concrete, 60 x 25 m, single story
9	Horse carriages' garage, wooden, 95 x 20 m, single story
10	Concrete storage building, 100 x 40 m, single story
11	Car repair shop, concrete, 60 x 50 m, single story
12	Artillery garage, 120 x 25 m, 2 stories, concrete, on 2nd story probably artillery ammunition storage.
13	Troops' quarters, concrete, measurements unknown, 2 stories
14	Troops' quarters, concrete, 100 x 25 m, 2 stories
15	Storage, concrete, both wings 100 x 25 m, single story
16	Storage, concrete, 100 x 35 m, single story
17	Storage, concrete, 100 x 35 m, single story
18	Troops' quarters, concrete, one wing 100 m the other 150 m long, both 35 m wide, 2 stories
19	Potatoes storage, wooden, 30 x 15 m, single story
20	Undetermined building, 20 x 20 m, single story
21	Kitchen and mess-hall, 100 x 40 m, 2 stories, concrete
22	Troops' quarters, concrete, 100 x 25 m, 2 stories
23	Undetermined building, concrete, 70 x 25 m, 2 stories

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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<u>Building No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
24	Garage, self-propelled guns and trucks, concrete, 120 x 40 m, single story
25	Garage, car and jeeps, concrete, 30 x 20 m, single story
26	Troops' quarters, concrete, 60 x 20 m, 2 stories
27	Troops' quarters (orchestra), concrete, 60 x 20 m, 2 stories
28	PX, tailor shop and shoerepair, concrete, 60 x 20 m, 2 stories
29	Fire fighting water reservoir, 35 x 15 x 2 m.
30	Guard shack at main gate, 2 x 2 m.
31	Undetermined concrete building, 3 x 3 m, single story
32	Area of officers' houses.
33	Gasoline storage area. Under surface storages, <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> at least 4 concrete elevations 25 x 2.5 x 1 m, sowed with grass.
X	Damaged buildings
B	Buildings being constructed or rebuilt

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The following are the weapons kept at the caserne:

- a. Infantry weapons of different types, such as rifles, machine and submachine guns and pistols.
- b. About 10 mortars on wheels, caliber about 15 to 20 cm, stored in Bldg. 12.
- c. About 10 cannon with long barrels, stored in Bldg. 12.
- d. About 20 small infantry cannon, resembling the German Wehrmacht PAK guns, stored in Bldg. 12.
- e. 3 self-propelled guns on tank chassis, stored in Bldg. 24.

5. Equipment and equipment repair facilities at the caserne are as follows:

- a. About 50 horses, kept in Bldg. 7, used for farming on the land assigned to the barracks and sometimes for drawing the guns and mortars on exercises. 4 horses to one grenade-thrower or long barrelled cannon.
- b. About 30 carriages, drawn by horses, mostly for farming, kept in Bldg. 9.
- c. Up to 40 trucks, US makes mostly, kept in Bldg. 24.
- d. One "Ursus" tractor, 3 Soviet made jeeps and one car, stored in Bldg. 25.
- e. The auto repair shop (Bldg. 11) takes care of cars and trucks, but not tanks.

4. There are about 1,500 soldiers in the barracks. Most of them wear brown uniforms and red hatbands, but a small number wear grey uniforms and black hatbands. The latter have either tank-shaped insignia on the lapels or a winged-wheel insignia on the shoulder straps. Several hundred troops, perhaps up to half of the soldiers at the caserne, are officers with one star on their shoulder straps (Chorazy - could be translated as 3rd Lt). Officers in such numbers were first seen at the 1 May festivities in 1952. They undergo some training, since they are often seen marching and exercising in formation. All have brown uniforms and red hatbands. They can be met in large numbers on the streets and in public places of Mragowo in the evenings every day. The caserne seems to be packed to capacity.

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5. The troops conduct exercises in various places in the vicinity of Mragowo, chiefly in the area south of Mragowo. Artillery exercises are conducted in the latter area.
6. There is one guard at the main gate standing in front of Bldg. 30. The opposite gate into the part of the barracks east of ul Wojaka Polskiego is unguarded. On state holidays there are guards at every corner of the barracks, outside the fence.

Enclosure: 1 map section showing the location of army barracks in Mragowo. (Army)

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Polish Army Caserne at Mragowo  
Sketch



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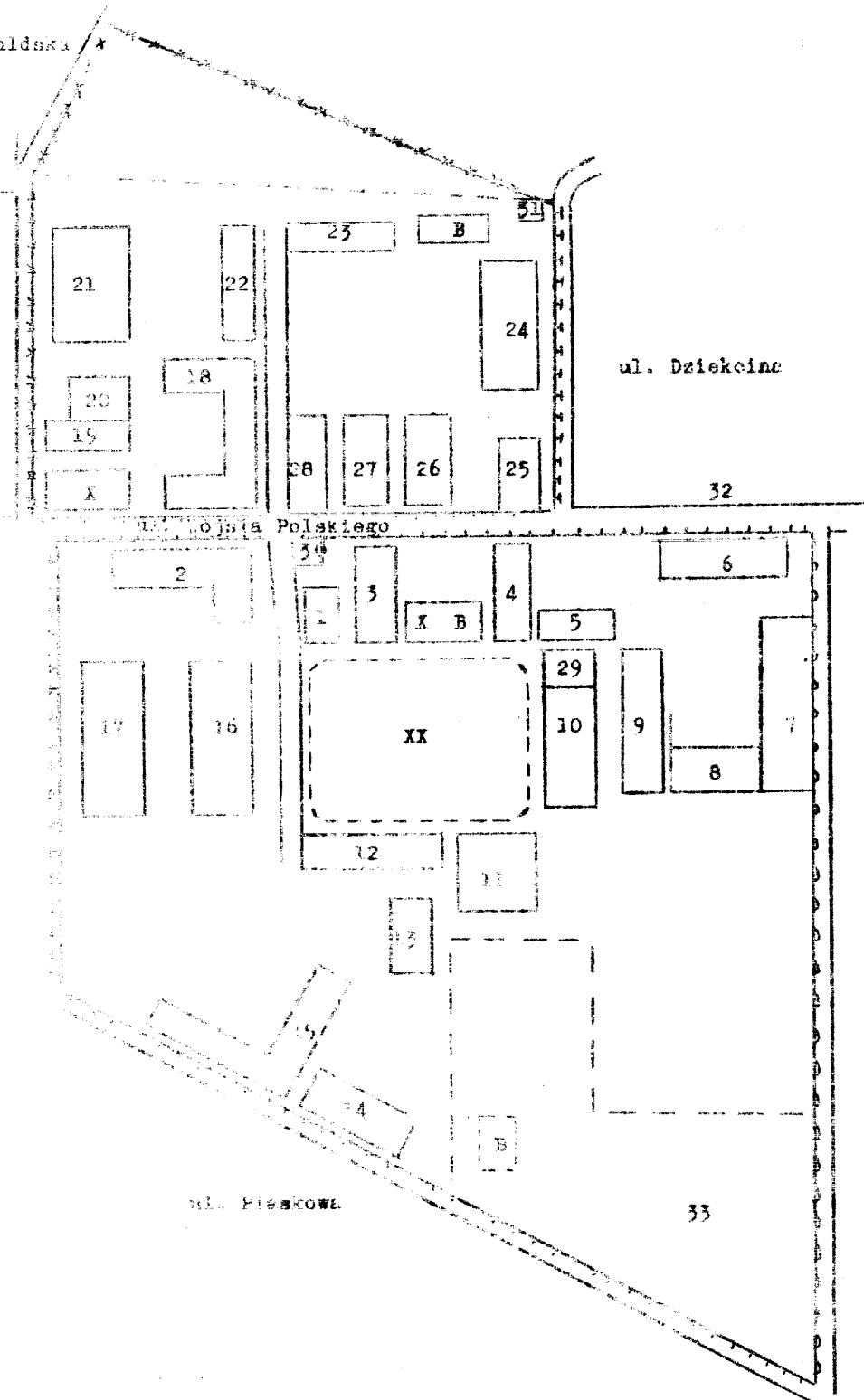
ul. Grunwaldska \*

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ul. Woljcia Polskiego

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1 Hq building           | 19 Potato storage                        |
| 2 Officers' Casino      | 20 Undetermined building                 |
| 3 Troops' quarters      | 21 Kitchen and mess-hall                 |
| 4 Troops' quarters      | 22 Troops' quarters                      |
| 5 Troops' quarters      | 23 Undetermined building                 |
| 6 Undetermined building | 24 Garage, self-propelled guns and truck |
| 7 Horses' stables       | 25 Garage, cars                          |
| 8 Horses' food storage  | 26 Troops' quarters                      |
| 9 Carriages garage      | 27 Troops' quarters                      |
| 10 Storage              | 28 Tailor & shoemaker                    |
| 11 Car repair shop      | 29 Water pool                            |
| 12 Artillery garage     | 30 Guard shack                           |
| 13 Troops' quarters     | 31 Undetermined building                 |
| 14 Troops' quarters     | 32 Officers' houses area                 |
| 15 Storage              | 33 Undersurface gasoline storages        |
| 16 Storage              | X Damaged buildings                      |
| 17 Storage              | B Buildings being constructed or rebuilt |
| 18 Troops' quarters     | XX Sports field                          |

- ~~-----~~ Line marking the limits of areas added to the caserne since 45.
- ~~-----~~ Fence, concrete base 50 cm high, iron fence 1.5 m high
- ~~-----~~ Fence, wire net, 2 m high
- ~~-----~~ fence, wooden planks with spaces where one can look through, 2 m high. Soldiers with no pass jump this fence.
- ~~-----~~ Fence, wooden plank with no spaces between them, 2 m high.

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