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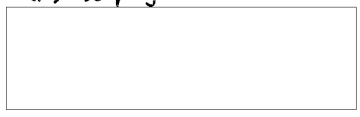
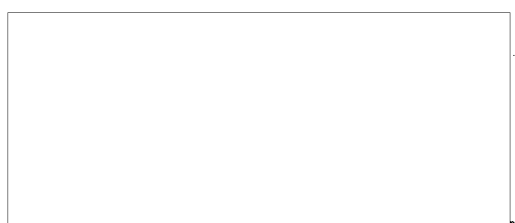
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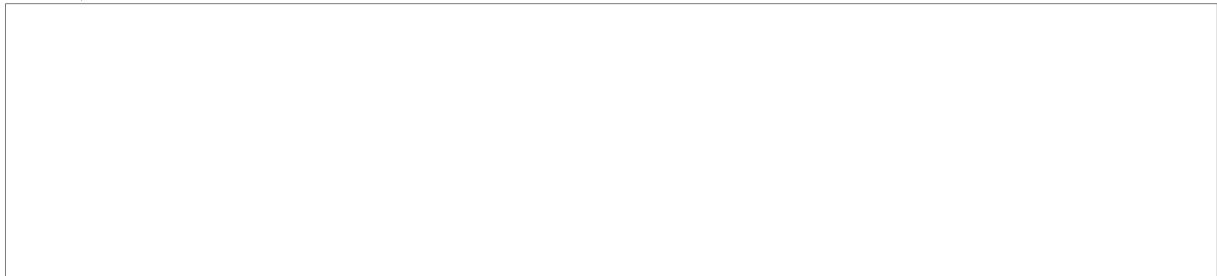


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1. The city is not divided into rayon units. During electoral campaigns, three electoral districts are organized in the city, one of them in Graevka. In view of the lack of an administrative division of the city into rayons, militia divisions (otdeleniya) have been created, of which there are three. I cannot describe the exact boundaries of each of these.
2. The most popular places in the city are Lenina, Pushkinskaya, Sovietskaya and Moskovskaya streets. Each of the sections of these streets has its distinguishing characteristics:
 - (a) Lenina Street is the main street of the city. On it are situated: the oblast' committee of the Party, the oblast' Soviet of workers' deputies; the oblast' administration (upravleniya) of the MGB, the oblast' hospital, the state bank, the city Theater imeni Leninskovo komсомола, the oblast' and city military commissariats and several other establishments.
 - (b) Pushkinskaya Street has the following basic main points: city committee of the Party, city polyclinic, trade school, Gor'ki Library (Biblioteka imeni Gor'kogo) medical tekhnikum, garrison military hospital, railroad tekhnikum, and a large number of stores, restaurants, cafes, lunch counters (bufet), and all kinds of artels and their workshops.
 - (c) Sovietskaya Street, on which are: the city Soviet of workers' deputies, the "Belorus'" cinema theater, the Pushkin Library (Biblioteka imeni Pushkina), the Oblast' committee of the BLKM, churches, a distillery (likero-vodochnyi zavod), and the cinema theater "1st of May" ("1go Maya").
 - (d) Moskovskaya Street, on which are situated the following important points: city electric station, main post office, first city district (otdeleniye) of militia city administration (upravleniye) of the MGB, knitted goods factory, autobus park, of city and suburban transport, the city bazaar and a number of other establishments.

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3. The principal streets in Brest are: Lenina, Pushkinskaya, Sovietskaya, Moskovskaya, Mitskevicha, Karla Marksa, Budennogo, Dzerzhinskogo, Kirova, Kuibysheva, Gogolya, Igo Maya, Igo Sentyabrya, Komsomol'skaya, Mayakovskogo. These streets comprise the basic and main part of the city.

There are no proper squares, i.e., such as can be called squares, in Brest. There are two small squares, one is the Ploshchad' Svobody, the other unnamed, for the whole city.

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The numbering system is as follows: odd numbers to the right, even numbers to the left, which go from west to east and from north to south.

following changes in street names took place: the former Lenina Street acquired the name Shirokaya; the Igo Sentyabrya Street became Lenina Street; Peretsa Street became Igo Sentyabrya Street. This is all I know, since I do not know what street names existed before the beginning of World War II.

4. To the buildings listed in paragraph 2 above, the following buildings with street locations should be added as they comprise some of the main buildings in Brest: Teachers' institute (uchitel'skii institut) Mitskevicha Street; 2nd city militia division (otdeleniye militsii), Mitskevicha Street; oblast' administration (upravleniye) of the MVD, Ostrovskogo Street; corps tank repair workshop, Kirova Street; oblast' court, Budennogo Street; pedagogical tekhnikum, Budennogo Street; Headquarters of the 128th Rifle Corps, Levanevskogo. The only new construction of significance in Brest is one electric station. The remaining structures were only restored.
5. In Brest there are the following landmarks: Park imeni Igo Maya with monument to combatants who fell during World War II; monument to Stalin, erected in the Ploshchad' Svobody. These are the only monuments in Brest. The churches are good landmarks, and there are three altogether in Brest, on Moskovskaya Str; the corner of Sovietskaya St and Mitskevicha. Alongside this church is situated the city bazaar, and opposite it, across the street, the teachers' institute. The third church is on Lenina St, opposite the oblast' hospital. All the government buildings enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 4, which have definite and unchanging names, may also serve as landmarks. All these buildings, without exception, have a name plate on the outside over the front door, which makes it possible for everyone to know exactly what is in the given building. This facilitates orientation.
6. There are no forbidden zones within the city of Brest itself. Army units are an exception. The forbidden zone is only along the border. There are several restricted zones. These are troop disposition locations (mesta dislokatsii chastei), to which entrance is forbidden outsiders.
7. The following military establishments and units are located in Brest: Oblast' and city military commissariats; military komandatura; military tribunal of the garrison; garrison military hospital. Headquarters of 128th rifle corps; central transshipping base--3603 (Gogolya St 6). On the outskirts of the city are situated the southern military cantonment, the northern military cantonment, the fortress.
8. Residential quarters are situated in the remaining sectors of the city. No boundaries at all exist between them.
9. The climate might be termed continental climate. Summer is hot, winter cold. Average winter temperature up to 30-40° below zero; summer up to 40° above zero. Precipitation is irregular.
10. The Leading Communist Party offices are as follows: Oblast' committee of the Party; city Party committee; Oblast' committee (Obkom) VLKSM; city committee (Gorkum) VLKSM. Party and komsomol organizations are in each institution, in industrial enterprises, schools, societies, etc.
11. There are several Courts: Oblast' court (Budennogo St) and three peoples' courts of the city militia divisions. The peoples' courts of the 1st and 2nd militia divisions are on Pushkina St in the same building. The peoples' court of the 3rd militia division is on Respublikanskaya St in Graevka. The oblast' and city prosecutor's office is on Karla Marksa St, between Gogolya and Budennogo Streets.

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12. MGB troop units are partly located in the city on Karla Marksa St. The majority of the border guards are located in the fortress. The units have no special identifying marks, with the exception of their uniforms. I am very little acquainted with the activities and the methods applied by the MGB and MVD. I know only that for example the MGB is concerned with:

- (a) Combatting espionage
- (b) Combatting political counter-revolution.
- (c) Protection of persons who occupy high state and Party posts.
- (d) Protection of especially important state installations.
- (e) Espionage abroad.
- (f) Surveillance (nadzor) of the army and navy

The MVD is for the most part concerned with the same matters as the MGB. The work of these organizations is carried on in close contact and in strict cooperation both centrally and locally. I know nothing about personalities working in the MGB and MVD.

13. The Oblast' prison is located in the city, at the end of Karla Marksa St, behind the church which is located on Moskovskaya St. The rear of the prison extends right up to the river Mukhovets itself. There are no other penal institutions either in or near the city. 50X1

14. The oblast' militia division (otdeleniye) is on Ostrovskogo St, near Svetskaya St. I have spoken above of the location of the city militia divisions (otdeleniye). I am not acquainted with any MVD personnel. There is a militia patrol service. It is constantly present in those places where the most people gather, parks, cinemas, theaters, restaurants, and especially bazaars. Railroad stations are serviced by the transport militia and by MGB units.

15. The Soviet Security system rests on the fact that all installations, offices, etc, without exception, are penetrated by a dense network of checkist agents, in the persons of informers and the so-called "seksoty". Usually, this category of people is represented by Communists, komsomol'tsy and all kinds of careerists and self-seekers (shkurniki). They are everywhere, both inside and outside.

16. In regard to the extent (amount) of rail traffic, it should be said to what cities are bound daily passenger trains Brest-Moscow, Brest-Kiev, Brest-Minsk, Brest-Gomel', Brest-Orsha [?]. I do not know the prices of tickets. Accommodations depend upon the importance of the passenger. A kolkhoznik or a worker never travels in a soft or even in a car with reserved seats (platskartnyi vagon). There are no forbidden zones either inside or outside railroad stations. It is usually forbidden to walk along the right of way.

17. There are no river or air routes in Brest; and autobus traffic there is very bad. The city itself is not large; therefore, the inhabitants almost always use their own means of transportation, bicycles, motor vehicles (of which there are hardly ten in the whole city, that is, private ones), sometimes taxis, but most of all they walk. In Brest itself a so-called autobus base functions, a park which consists of approximately 20-25 machines, of which a good half are constantly under repair. Autobus routes are not constant. There are schedules, but they are never used, because it is difficult to carry them out on account of all kinds of delays. There are no restrictions on bus travel. The condition of the roads is unsatisfactory. There is more military than civilian vehicle traffic in Brest. There are no street cars in Brest. There is autobus traffic and taxis. The fares and schedules often change. There are no restrictions on riding.

18. The main post office of the city of Brest is located on Moskovskaya St. There are ten branch post offices (pochtovye otdeleniya) scattered about the city. Postal procedures are the customary ones. There are mail boxes throughout the city. They are attached to houses. I don't know the number of such boxes.

19. The main telephone exchange is in the main post office (Glavpochtamt). Methods of using the telephone are the customary ones. Only officials have private telephones. It is very difficult, almost impossible, for ordinary people to get private telephones. Monitoring of telephone conversations is entirely possible if it is necessary.

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20. The Main Telegraph is located in the Main Post Office (Glavpochtamt). There are also telegraphs at the branch post offices. Anyone who wishes can send a telegram. To do so one must fill out the blanks indicating address, sender, and desired text for transmittal to the addressee. Control and censorship of telegrams is entirely possible. persons working for the telegraph service are also employees of the MGR 50X1
21. In the city of Brest there are in all two industrial enterprises: the distillery and the knitted goods factory, more like an artel, which is located on Moskovskaya St. I have no further information on this subject.
22. I do not know, and therefore cannot say, anything on the questions of commerce, agriculture, finance, the blackmarket, labor administration and controls, or labor unions.
23. I know of two hotels in Brest. One is on Karla Marksa St, the other on Komsomol'skaya St.
24. There is very little variety in the products in the city stores. There is salt but no sugar, and vice-versa. There is white bread but not black, and so on. The city food supply situation is very poor. Sugar, high grade flour, macaroni products, various groats, and many other food products appear in the stores only before the big Soviet holidays. Their distribution is limited; for example, only 500 gr of sugar and 5 kg of high grade flour per person. Strictly speaking, it is the same with all the principal necessities. Prices, despite repeated reductions, continue to remain high. Therefore, the kolkhoz bazaar, where food product prices are a little lower, is considered the basic supply point of the population. The stores are always full of queues, especially for bread.
25. There are five hospitals in the city, one polyclinic, one children's consulting office. Locations are, hospitals: Lenina St -1, Graevka-1 railroad, Internatsional'naya St -1, Belostokskaya St -1, Moskovskaya St -1 (children's contagious hospital). The polyclinic is on Pushkinskaya St. The children's consulting office is on the Ploshchad' Svobody. For hospital treatment, one must have an order (napravlenie) from a polyclinic doctor or a district doctor.
26. There are clothing and other items in the Brest stores, but the selection is strictly limited. There is little variety. For example, to buy a fine suit, which in the US would cost perhaps 60-70 dollars, one must pay up to 1500 rubles in Brest. The ratio is the same for other things.
27. Social insurance is a fraud. I do not know of a single case where anyone received insurance payments. But it must be stated that the insurance companies carry on a vigorous campaign to enroll the citizens for insurance on their lives and on movable and immovable property. Unemployment insurance in the USSR in general does not exist. As for facilities for improvement of living conditions, in this sphere the Soviet administration in general carries on only an inconsequential campaign, calculated for propaganda purposes more than anything else.
28. In Brest there is only one publishing house of the oblast' paper "Smena", which appears in the Belorussian and Russian languages. The editorial offices are in a building on the corner of Pushkinskaya and Komsomol'skaya Sts. The popularity of this paper is exactly the same as with the central press, because all the papers print almost the same thing. Each of us knows that the Soviet press puts out only lies, from which follows the conclusion on its popularity.
29. There are no radio stations in Brest, except special ones, which are designated for communications, but not for broadcasting. There is only one transmitting (translyatsionnaya) station in the city, which is on the corner of Karla Marksa and Mitskevicha Sts. There is one art theater in the city imeni. Leninskogo Komsomola Belorussii. It is on the corner of Lenina and Budennogo Sts. Ticket prices in the theater are from 5 to 15 rubles. There are four cinema theaters: Sovietskaya St, "Belorus'" and "Pervogo Maya", Karla Marksa St, "Smena", and the fourth is on Gor'kogo St. Ticket prices in the cinema theaters are 1 ruble 50 kop, to 5 rubles.

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30. There are the following educational institutions in the city: the teachers' institute - Mitskevicha St; Pedagogical tekhnikum, corner Budennogo and Karla Marksa Sts; Medical Tekhnikum. Pushkinskaya St; Music School, Lenina St. Two of the middle schools are one on Lenina St, the other on Mayakovskogo St. 50X1
31. People of various nationalities live in Brest. Belorussians and Russians comprise the predominant majority of the population. In my opinion there are no deported foreigners in Brest. The population of the whole city with suburbs would be around 50 thousand.
32. I have no information about local holidays and festivals; customs and traditions. 50X1
33. the beginning of a new structure on the corner of Komsomol'skaya and Mitskevicha Sts. Probably some kind of military building was to be built, because there were only some military personnel on the structure. According to unofficial rumors the building under construction was intended to be a military school

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of the City of Brest with legend.

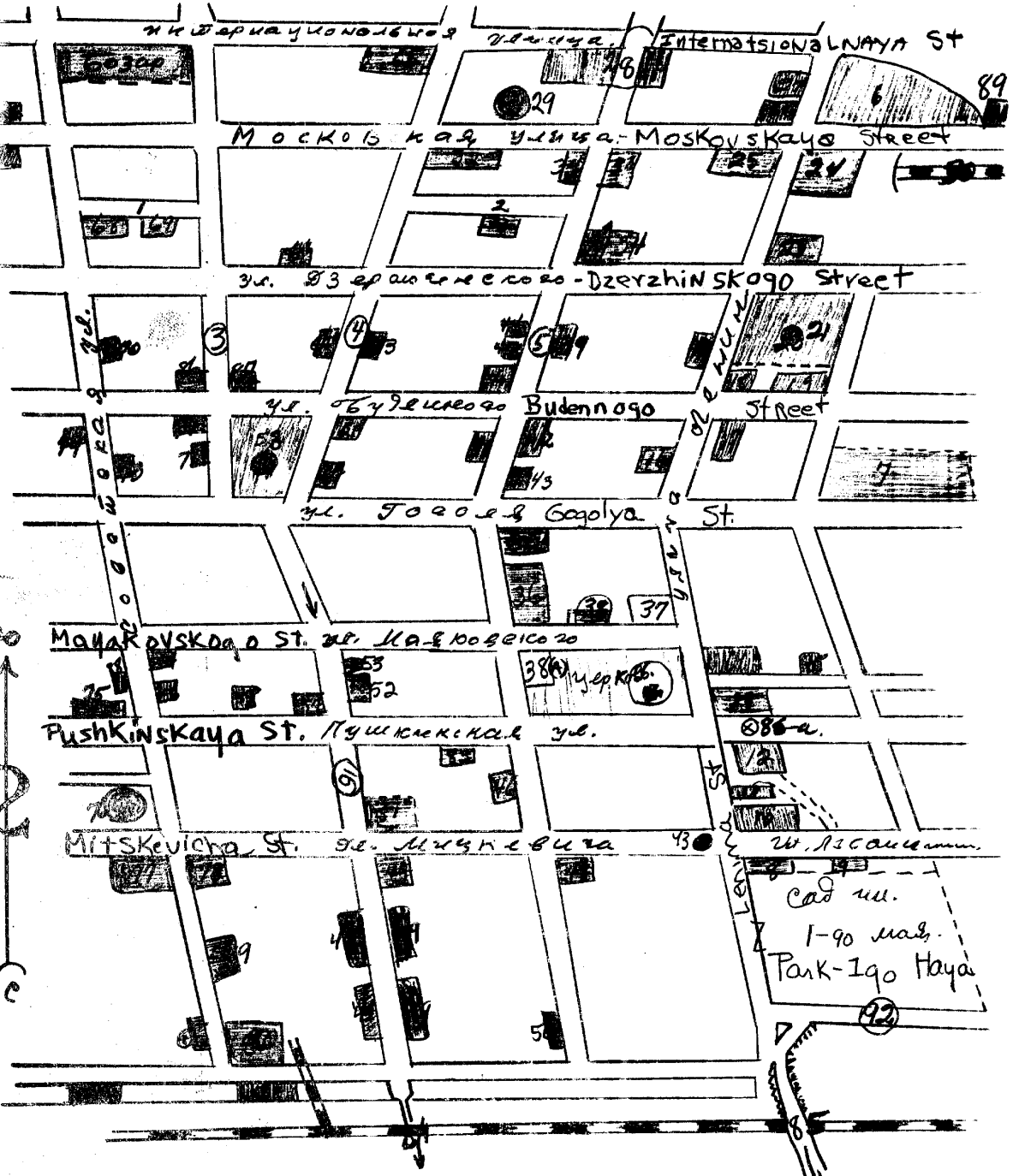
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SKETCH OF THE CITY OF BREST

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= Схема

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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Legend

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1. Ostorvskogo St.
 2. Gor'kogo St.
 3. 17go Sentyabrya St.
 4. Belostokskaya St.
 5. Karla Marksa St.
 6. Zapushchennyi St.
 7. Stadium of "Dynamo" sport society
 8. Headquarters of 128th Rifle Corps
 9. Billeting area of Brest Garrison
 10. Oblast' UMGB
 11. State Bank
 12. Oblast' Soviet of Workers' Deputies
 13. Oblast' Party Committee
 14. Oblast' Hospital
 15. Palace of the Pioneers
 16. Music School
 17. City Art Theater im. Leninskogo
Komsomola Belorussii
 18. Army radar and radio signal unit
 19. "Dynamo" sport society motorcycle club.
 20. Memorial to the Fallen of the Civil War
 21. Small summer garden for school children
 22. Girls' middle school
 23. Administration headquarters of units for
construction of military installations
and fortified areas, General-Major Prus
 24. Oblast' military commissariat
 25. Border unit club
 26. Creamery (maslo-zavod)
 27. City military commissariat
 28. Oblast' prison
 29. Church.
 30. Border unit
 31. Border unit
 32. Main Postoffice
 33. Cinema Theater
 34. Radio station (I do not know to whom it
belongs, but assume to the border guards)
 35. Central trans-shipping base 3603 (V-Ch-
96705) - Headquarters
 36. Headquarters, 50th Rifle Division
 37. Building where high ranking officers live
 38. Headquarters MPVO (Local AA Defense)
 39. City hotel
 40. Pedagogical tekhnikum
 41. City prosecutor's office
 42. Oblast' prosecutor's office
 43. Cinema theater "Smena"
 44. Military tribunal of special troops
 45. Garrison military tribunal
 46. Residence of Obkom party secretary
 47. Memorial to Stalin, Mitskevicha St. has
two-lane traffic. In the center of the
street it divides the square, along
which four rows of chestnut trees grow.
 48. Transmitter station
 49. City hotel house
 50. Customs administration
 51. Construction of new building began here
in November 1950 (see NOTE)
 52. House of the union of Soviet writers
 53. "Belorus", best restaurant in the city
 54. Oblast' newspaper "Smena" editorial office
 55. People's courts of 1st and 2nd militia
divisions
 56. Cinema theater "1go Maya"
 57. Administration of army counterintelligence garrison
 58. Ploshchad' Svobody, with children's park
 59. Memorial to Lenin
 60. Children's consultation office (medical institution)
 61. Bakery (Khlebozavod)
 62. Administration of border troops
 63. Hospital
 64. Military prosecutor's office of Brest garrison
 65. Hospital
 66. 1st city militia division
 67. City UMGB
 68. Oblast' and city UMVD
 69. State automobile inspection
 70. Library im. Pushkina
 71. City fire depot
 72. ZAGS
 73. City soviet of workers' deputies
 74. Cinema theater "Belorus"
 75. Central city polyclinic.
 76. Church
 77. Teachers' institute
 78. 2nd city militia division
 79. Administration of transport MGB of Brest railroads
 80. Distillery
 81. Garrison officers' house
 82. Garrison military komendatura
 83. City party committee
 84. Foot bridge across Brest-Tsentral'nyi Station tracks
 85. Bridge toward north military cantonment and to station
 86. Oblast' court
 87. DOSAAF (Volunteer society for cooperation with army, aviation and navy)
 88. Oblast' BLKSM committee
 89. Electric station
 90. Mukhovetz-Voennyi (military) railroad station
 91. Komsomol'skaya St.
 92. Kashtanovaya St.
 93. Middle school
 - 86 a. Small square (Ploshchad') between the
obkom (Oblast' Committee) and the
oblisosolkom [?] [?] -possibly typographical
error for oblispolkom Oblast' executive
committee/.

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