

CLASSIFICATION SECRET CONFIDENTIAL		25X1
COUNTRY <u>Poland</u>	REPORT NO.	25X1
TOPIC <u>Polish Troops in Lodz and Gierz</u>		
25X1		
EVALUATION <input type="checkbox"/>	PLACE OBTAINED <input type="checkbox"/>	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT <u>1946 to 14 August 1950</u>		
DATE OBTAINED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE PREPARED <u>8 December 1950</u>	
REFERENCES <input type="checkbox"/>	25X1	
PAGES <u>2</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	
REMARKS		
RETURN TO CIA LIBRARY		

25X1

Lodz

1. In mid-August 1950 the barracks installation on ul. 11. Go Listopada in Lodz (Q 52/0 93) was occupied by an infantry unit, presumably a regiment. Another resettler called the unit a fast motorized infantry regiment. Motorization was not observed prior to the summer of 1948. (1) The installation consisted of a four-story corner building bordered by ul. 11. Go Listopada and ul. Kpt. Pogonowskiego, a garage, about 60 meters long, workshop facilities and a kitchen building. Prior to World War II four battalions, two of the former 28th and two of the 31st Inf Regts, were quartered in the barracks.
- 25X1 2. ☐ the unit quartered in the barracks in August 1950 was of regimental strength. The unit returned from field training by truck and passenger car. A convoy of about 25 passenger cars and 60 to 70 trucks was seen once. Each truck was loaded with about 20 men. The soldiers were 19 or 20 years old and showed good discipline. (2) The soldiers of the units still wore the cornered service cap typical of the old Polish Army. Their service color was not remembered.
3. A motorized unit was quartered in the barracks installation on ul. Kpt Pogonowskiego, opposite the barracks mentioned above. The installation consisted of a four-story building with a frontage of about 120 meters. Informant believed that the 28th Horse-Drawn Arty Regt had been quartered there prior to World War II. (3)
4. A motorized unit with guns towed by trucks occupied by soldiers was seen entering the barracks premises in May 1950. Guns of about 150-mm, on rubber-tired wheels, with a comparatively low slanting shield and a carriage about 4 meters long; and about 100-mm guns with a split shield on rubber-tired wheels with a carriage about 3 meters long were noticed. The barrels of both types were about 3 meters long. There were an estimated 40 trucks available for use by the unit. (4)

25X1

CLASSIFICATION SECRET CONFIDENTIAL	No. <u>11</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class. <input type="checkbox"/>
Clas. <input type="checkbox"/>	To: TS S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25X1
Auth: <u>14-3-78</u>	By <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <u>14-3-78</u>	

SECRET

2

25X1

Zgierz

5. A Polish signal unit was in a cantonment near Zgierz (Q 52/O 94) during the period from the spring of 1948 to June 1950. The cantonment was located on the east side of the Zgierz-Biala (Q 52/O 95) road, just north of the railroad line and south of a small woods. It was composed of about 10 wooden buildings, each of them about 25 meters long. Six of these buildings appeared to be occupied by personnel. A parking lot for four to six trucks and a signal equipment dump with wire reels and telephone poles were also seen. A German security battalion was quartered in this cantonment during the war. (5) and (6)
6. There were an estimated 500 to 600 soldiers quartered in the installation. On several occasions five units, each of company strength, were seen lined up in the cantonment area. The soldiers' age seemed to range up to 20 years. Beside fatigue duties in the cantonment area, work on the Zgierz-Biala telephone line was noticed.
7. The troops would leave the installation in small detachments of up to 15 men, sometimes with and sometimes without two-wheeled vehicles. The soldiers used to carry signal equipment, such as poles, telephone sets, wire, etc., when without vehicles. They wore fatigue uniforms without insignia.
8. Another unoccupied cantonment guarded by a Polish soldier was near the road to Ozorkow (Q 52/O 85) in May 1950. It was rumored among the population that the installation was reserved for Soviet troops, but such troops were not seen. The cantonment was located in a woods about 200 meters west of the road to Ozorkow, about six km from Zgierz. Only three wooden buildings could be seen from the road. Sections of prefabricated huts were seen arriving at the cantonment in February 1950.

- 25X1 (1) [] Comment. The presence of motorized infantry in Lodz was reported frequently and also mentioned in the Polish press in May 1949. [] It is not yet clear whether the unit concerned is the 8th KMW Rgt, which is stationed in Lodz. It is possible that in addition to this regiment other unidentified motorized infantry units are also located in the city.
- 25X1 (2) [] Comment. [] the motor vehicles of the unit were parked at the athletic grounds east of the main railroad station.
- 25X1 (3) [] Comment. The presence of motorized artillery in Lodz was mentioned in the Polish press as early as May 1949. It has not yet been possible to identify the unit concerned.
- 25X1 (4) [] Comment. The types of the guns cannot be determined from this information.
- 25X1 (5) [] Comment. According to available information, a signal school was located in Zgierz. []
- 25X1 (6) [] Comment. [] this unit was not yet fully trained.
- 25X1
- 25X1

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL