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Troops in Liegnitz

1. Prior to the end of February 1951, a Soviet high-echelon headquarters was located on Dowestrasse, Liegnitz (O 52/B 82). It was commanded by General Litvinov, (fnu), who was referred to as army commander. The Soviet civil administration was located at 5-6 Dowestrasse and headed by one field-grade officer, possibly a colonel (1)

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2. The barracks installations in Liegnitz were occupied as follows:

<u>Location or Name of Barracks</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Immelnannstrasse	Polish officer school and radio operators.
Grenadier Kaserne	Soviet infantry unit.
Grenadier Kaserne	AT artillery units of undetermined nationality.
Siegeshoehle	Soviet tank unit of less than regimental size.
Goldbergerstrasse	Soviet units.
Ohlauerlandstrasse	Soviet units with motor vehicles and horses.
Haynauerstrasse	Soviet unit.

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Długa Kaserne at the approach
road to the airfield

Polish troops who were
observed to receive
infantry training. (2)

3. Engines for the Soviet Army were being overhauled, and AA ammunition allegedly manufactured, in the building of the former Teichert & Sohn sawmill on Wilhelmstrasse. The sawmill had been converted into an ordnance establishment before and/or during the war. Since 1947, about 500 workmen have been employed under Soviet supervision.

4. To be self-sustaining with regard to ration supplies, the Soviet units in Liegnitz operated a number of large farms [redacted] Among these farms there was a dairy farm at Pantendorf [redacted] a cattle breeding farm at Lautmannsdorf; a sheep breeding farm at Ohlsdorf; a grain growing farm at Schandorf; a hog breeding farm at Malitsch; a chicken farm at Reppendorf; and a grain growing farm at Seifersdorf. It was said that these farms would eventually be returned to Polish authorities. [redacted]

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Troops in Sagan

5. Prior to March 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse, Sagan (O 52/B 26), quartered a Polish heavy motorized artillery unit which arrived in the summer of 1950, replacing a unit [redacted] which, in turn, moved to Binslau (O 52/B 42).
6. The Dachsberg Kaserne or Panzer Kaserne at the northwestern perimeter of Sagan, on the north side of the highway to Sorau (O 52/B 16), was occupied by a tank unit which had numerous T-34 tanks and smaller tanks of an undetermined type. [redacted] The ENI quarters of the installation were full. One Major Madovski, (fnu), allegedly a Soviet officer wearing a Polish uniform, was one of the key officers of the unit. (4)
7. Units in the two installations were supplied with fuel from a fuel depot at Niederullersdorf (O 52/B 15).

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[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) The headquarters of the Soviet troops stationed in Polish-occupied Germany is known to be located in Liegnitz. It is not known whether this headquarters is still designated Hq Northern Group of Forces, General Litvinov. He probably is the general of the same name who, according to Polish Facts and Figures of 5 March 1949, attended the ceremony on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the Red Army in Warsaw.
- (2) Information on barracks installations in Liegnitz is incomplete. A barracks installation is located on Haynauerstrasse, in the northwestern sector of the town. Another barracks installation built in the '30's, is located in the northern sector of the city, on the east side of the road to Lusben. An old barracks installation, called Grenadier Kaserne, is located in the western portion in the center of the city, bordering on Nikolaistrasse in the north, Grenadierstrasse in the east and Weissenburgerstrasse in the south. The two installations which source referred to as Grenadier Kaserne probably constituted a billeting area. The barracks installation on Siegeshoehe is a large block of buildings in the southwestern sector of the city, which formerly quartered German AT artillery units and a hospital. It is probably the collective billeting area of the installations which [redacted] being located on Goldbergerstrasse and on Sieges- 50X1-HUM
hoehe. The Długa Kaserne is probably the old barracks installation north of the airfield, which formerly quartered the German 18th Sig Bn.

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Another military installation is located on Ritschenstrasse, from which Dovesstrasse branches off to the north. It formerly housed the headquarters of the German 10th Inf Div. [redacted]

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[redacted] It may be an installation of the former German Air Force. Some of the aforementioned barracks installations are known to quarter Soviet troops

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It is doubted that Polish Army units should be stationed in Liegnitz. Polish uniformed personnel may have been security troops.



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(4) It has been known only recently that Polish troops are stationed in Sagan in addition to Soviet troops. [redacted] Their identity is not known. It is also unknown whether the Nachsberg Kaserne quarters Soviet or Polish units.

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