
Register of the Poland. Polskie Sily Zbrojne miscellaneous records

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Abstract: When World War II began, Polish Armed Forces (Polskie Siły Zbrojne) were outfitted with a fighting force that was approximately one million strong. The initial 1939 invasion by Germany on September 1st and then later the Soviet Union on September 17th resulted in the reformation of the Polish Armed Forces into three separate armies, spanning both eastern and western Poland: The Polish Armed Forces in the West, the Home Army (Armia Krajowa) and the Polished Armed Forces in the East. This collection documents the activities of the Polish Armed Forces with a notable amount of materials focusing on the Armies' activities in the Soviet Union.

Creator: Poland. Polskie Siły Zbrojne

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Historical Note

When World War II began, Polish Armed Forces (Polskie Siły Zbrojne) were outfitted with a fighting force that was approximately one million strong. The initial 1939 invasion by Germany on September 1st and then later the Soviet Union on September 17th resulted in the reformation of the Polish Armed Forces into three separate armies, spanning both eastern and western Poland: The Polish Armed Forces in the West, the Home Army (Armia Krajowa) and the Polished Armed Forces in the East. The collection of these divisions formed the whole of the Polish Armed Forces between 1940 and 1945.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection documents the activities of the Polish Armed Forces with a notable amount of materials focusing on the Armies' activities in the Soviet Union. The collection is composed of correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, bulletins, reports, military orders and instructions, personnel rosters, lists, charts, and maps relating to the Polish Army in the East and in the Soviet Union, including the description of conditions and events in the Soviet Union. The collection provides details on the Polish civil and military personnel in the Soviet Union. It includes information on relations of the Polish Armed forces in the Soviet Union with the Soviet military command, and operations of various branches of the Polish Armed Forces in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

World War, 1939-1945 -- Deportations from Poland

Poland -- History -- Occupation, 1939-1945

World War, 1939-1945 -- Soviet Union

World War, 1939-1945 -- Poland

World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- Eastern Front

Polish people -- Soviet Union

Anders, Władysław, 1892-1970

Sikorski, Władysław, 1881-1943

Poland. Polskie Siły Powietrzne

Supplemental PDF Inventory 1940-1945**Scope and Contents**

The supplemental inventory is an item-level list of documents that appear in the collection: it encompasses correspondence, memoranda, pamphlets, reports, telegrams, bulletins, rosters, maps, charts, instructions and military orders. The list reflects the order in which each folder appears in a box as well as the order in which each document appears in a folder. Additionally, the inventory includes a short description on the topic that each document covers.

[Polskie Siły Zbrojne Inventory List](#)

Photographs

envelope A-D	139 prints depicting Polish military personnel and operations during World War II 1940-1945
envelope E	11 prints depicting the Polish Army in the USSR
envelope F	15 prints depicting women in the Polish armed forces 1940-1945
envelope G	34 prints depicting Polish military personnel and civilians in Africa and other foreign countries at the end of World War II 1940-1945
envelope H-P	693 prints depicting Polish military personnel and military operations during World War II
envelope S	50 prints depicting Captain Gutowski and his squadron in England