

Polish Legions, 1917-1918

Fond F-1787 Polish Legions; opis' 1- 9

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The State Archive of the Kiev Oblast (GAKO) contains a collection designated as **F-1787** and entitled "Polish Legions." The collection remained, until 1941, classified and kept in the GAKO's Polish collection section in a disordered state. The collection was evacuated to the city of Zlatoust in the Urals during the 1941-45 war. After the war it was returned to GAKO and was registered as an assorted documents weighing 246 kg. In 1960, the documents were sorted out and systematized. The collection has been sorted out into 195 files whose structural components have been described in 9 sectional catalogues. In January 1990, the collection was declassified and became generally available.

The collection contains information about the organization and stationing of Polish military units in Petrograd in 1917-1918, the 1st and 2nd congresses of the Union of Military Poles, correspondence between the Polish committees and military units including the staff of the Fourth Army regarding the formation of the Polish legions, their logistic support and provision with food supplies. The collection contains also correspondence with the Warsaw-based Regency Council, General Skoropadsky and the government of the Ukrainian National Republic; information about Ukrainian peasant revolts against Polish military units, the disarming of Polish legions in the vicinity of Uman' by German forces and their redeployment to Chernigov province; circulars of the Main Committee of the Union of Military Poles, alphabetically arranged rolls of the military personnel, lists of Polish officers up for decorations, orders and circulars of the Romanian front staff, minutes of the Congress of Military Poles of the Romanian front. There are several issues of the weekly newspaper of the Committee of Military Poles. There are assorted samples of various forms, imprints of seals and rubber stamps and other documents of the period.

The history of Polish legions should be viewed in the context of Poland's historical destiny. By the end of the 18th century, Poland was partitioned by Austria, Prussia and Russia thus losing its independence de facto. Many generations of Poles were dreaming about reviving their state, regaining independence and freedom. The Polish revolts of 1794, 1830-31, 1863-64 all failed. A realistic chance to reestablish the Polish state came during World War I. February 1917 saw the fall of the autocracy in Russia that touched off the disintegration of the tsar's army where 700,000 Poles served at that time ¹

and the idea of national revival was very much alive among them. We should note the role in promulgating this idea of the Polish Military Organization set up in Warsaw on Józef Pilsudski's instructions in Warsaw soon after WWI broke out. The Polish Military Organization launched extensive conspiratorial activities in Russia and Ukraine. Its Kiev-based branch was active beginning 1914.

The slogan of the 1917 February revolution regarding the right of nations to self-determination made it possible for the Polish military personnel to form unions. This process began as early as the spring of 1917 at all the fronts and in all rear-service units. The objectives of the Union, as was said in the appeal of the Union of Polish Servicemen of the 9th Army garrison stationed in the city of Patra, were:

- (1) to unite and organize the Poles for developing and upholding in them of national self-awareness and the idea of a United and Free Poland;
 - (2) to inform each other and exchange views on matters of the political situation in connection with the Polish question;
 - (3) to be constantly in touch with the Union of the Poles in other armies and Polish organizations inside Russia for sympathy strikes;
 - (4) to determine our political and economic views as citizens of a future United and Free Poland;
 - (5) to organize in Russia, on democratic principles, a Polish representative organ to express the will of Poles in Russia and represent the Polish people in Russia;
 - (6) to set up nuclei of the future organized force of the Polish people;
 - (7) to sort out daily matters of the Polish personnel in the 9th Army.^{2/}
- The Charter of Military Poles of the 9th Army comprised of 24 sections and a 13-point supplement proclaimed the desire "... to work for the implementation of the idea of an Independent, United and Democratic Poland with access to the sea."^{3/}

In June 1917, an all-Russia congress of Polish servicemen gathered in Petrograd to pass a decision to set up independent Polish armed forces on Russian territory. This decision coincided with the moves of Russia's Provisional Government to dampen the antiwar sentiment spreading among the army and prevent its disintegration. The formation of Polish corps was to be supervised by the Main Polish Military Committee set up by the congress. The 1st Polish Corps was being created mainly on Belorussian territory mostly out of soldiers and officers. For the most part it was being manned by the personnel of the Northern and Western fronts. By mid-December 1917, the

number of officers in the corps exceeded the prescribed level by 10 percent while it had slightly over a quarter of the prescribed number of men.

In July 1917, the organization of Polish armed forces began in Ukraine. Lt. Gen. E. Khenning-Mikhaelis, former commander of the 29th Corps of the Russian Army, was appointed chief inspector of the Polish armed forces in Ukraine. He said in his report of 7 September 1917 to the commander of the 9th Army: "I have been notified by telegram No.7843 from the Quartermaster General of the 9th Army that the War Ministry has no plans to organize further Polish forces in addition to the one already activated corps; inducted into it were officers only of some of the fronts and soldiers of only the Northern and Western fronts; thereby, soldiers of the three fronts are denied the right to serve in their national units.

"This became a matter of certain urgency, as early as this May, as a vast majority of the Poles in the Corps were urging for organizing special Polish units. News of organizing three Polish corps brought a measure of calm, the men were waiting patiently and desertion among them was minimal.

"But as time wore on, no favorable decision was forthcoming; beginning in August, first signs of impatience emerged, underground propaganda was disseminating among the soldiers Bolshevik ideas for putting an immediate end to the war and voluntary surrender.

"The Polish Union board is opposing this negative phenomenon, but now that there is no longer hope for organizing special units, the propaganda will inevitably grow in intensity and may cause undesirable phenomena. The board of the Union has confirmed in writing to all delegates of the units the need for combating disorganization, but it also thinks unfair to deny the soldiers of the three fronts the right to join the Polish troops." ^{4/}

Practical organization of Polish armed forces in Ukraine began after the 1917 October coup. On 14 December 1917, Ukraine's territory was divided into two regions: the Southern Region, where units of the 2nd Corps were to be organized and the Northern Region, where units of the 3rd Corps were to be organized. Most of the bases where the 2nd Corps was being organized were located near land estates and sugar refineries owned by Poles who provided substantial material support to newly organized military units.^{5/} Much attention was devoted to propaganda work. Roman Catholic priests were to be assigned to military units ^{6/} and the delivery of Polish newspapers of strictly democratic leanings.^{7/} was to be arranged for the soldiers: *Echo Polskie* (Moscow), *Dziennik Petrogradski* (Petrograd) and *Dziennik Kiewski* (Kiev).

In the wake of the October 1917 coup in Petrograd, Poles set up in Kiev a Committee to Combat Anarchy whose leaders were trying to use Polish military units to oppose the installation of Soviet government in Ukraine. Some of the Polish units joined the forces of the Central Rada (Council) formed in March 1917 in an attempt to prevent the capture of Kiev by Soviet troops. The 3rd Polish Corps was not manned solely out of the Southeastern front but also out of the Romanian front. Despite the fact that the number of Poles at the Romanian front was 160,000, the Romanian government permitted the induction into the Polish Corps of Poles captured by the Austro-Hungarian Army. According to a personnel report of the 3rd Polish Corps based in Vinnitsa, as of 18 April 1918, there were on the rolls 575 officers and 3,425 men (4,000 in all). ^{8/}

The signing of the Brest-Litovsk treaty on January 27, 1918 between the Central Rada and the countries of the German-Austrian bloc also had an impact on the position of the Polish forces in Ukraine. After the 2nd Polish Legion crossed the frontline under the command of J. Galler, its numerical strength swelled. The active infiltration in Ukraine of Polish Military Organization emissaries sharply increased the influence of Pilsudski's supporters on the Polish troops.

Armed conflicts between Polish military units and Ukrainian peasants were on the rise. A letter to the command of the Polish Corps based in Vinnitsa from the commissar of the Podolie Province Dudich of 18 April 1918 said: "... Every day brings more complaints from members of the government and population about systematic harassment by the Polish legions stationed in Podolie, the imposition of levies and taxes, looting of military equipment, weapons and wheat, interference with the Ukrainian government, imposition of their own censorship in some localities (Ol'gopol'), the promulgation of edicts (Staraia-Syniava), etc. These abuses on the part of the Polish legions cause clashes between them and the local people, as a result, several villages have been destroyed. The populace is indignant over such behavior. The government of the Ukrainian Republic perceives it as the Polish legions disguised desire to avenge the Polish landowners, sow discord and weaken the stature of the Ukrainian government.

"... I must warn the Polish command that should abuses on the part of the Polish legions continue, armed population would be sent against them. The government of the Ukrainian Republic would not stop at full elimination of the Polish troops in Ukraine." ^{9/}

The principal units of the 3rd Polish Corps were smashed in April 1918 in the vicinity of Nemirov. Lieutenant Colonel Lodzinski, chief of Vinnitsa district, said in his telegram to the Polish troops headquarters: "The Polish detachment at Nemirov is surrounded by armed peasants and faces a critical situation. There is a combat going on. I can dispatch no relief force." ^{10/} The survivors surrendered to the Austrian and Hungarian units and were interned. (N.B. German and Hungarian forces began to occupy Ukraine in March 1918.) Austrian and Hungarian troops disarmed the Polish military unit in Odessa on 20 April 1918 and seized equipment and supplies worth 20 million rubles. ^{11/}

The 2nd Polish Corps was pulled back to the Dnieper. The command had it linger on the Right Bank in hopes that the German command would let it link up with Dowbor-Musnicki's corps for joint actions. On 11 and 12 of May 1918, German troops encircled the Corps near Kanev. The Corps' command signed an act of surrender at Mironovka. It was disarmed and the Germans seized "... 38 field guns, 6 heavy and 3 light cannons, 80 machine guns, 2 armored vehicles and 5 cars, 6 airplanes, 2 motorcycles, 83 field kitchens; 5,845 horses, more than 100 wagons, an engineer unit, telephone and medical equipment and supplies, and considerable quartermaster reserves." ^{12/}

Following the disbandment of the Polish legions, some of their officers stayed on in Ukraine to protect the property of big Polish landowners and industrialists, some went back to Poland, while others left for the Don and Kuban' regions to continue fighting the Soviets as part of the Russian White Guard forces. Some of them might possibly fought in the 1920 Soviet-Polish war.

The future of the Polish legions was determined by the logic of events occurring at that time. In the wake of the 1917 October coup, they resisted the Bolsheviks' attempts to establish Soviet rule in Ukraine. Their plans for reviving the Polish state, which would incorporate considerable areas of lands in western Ukraine, were not liked by the Central Rada. German and Austrian had no use for them and would not tolerate well-armed and battle-hardened mononational troops in Ukraine.

For more than 70 years, the collection **F-1787** remained a closely guarded state secret. Despite the wealth of information it represented, its materials were hardly used for research. Furthermore, the documents in this collection are also unique because most of them are originals of high

reliability. They would enable researchers to fill in the numerous blanks not only in the history of the Polish legions but also in Poland's recent history as it was trying to regain its statehood. They would help discover new details of the highly intricate historical processes in Ukraine in 1917-18 and take a new look at what was happening during WWI and the Civil War on the territory of today's Ukraine. Since a great number of persons are mentioned in the documents, the collection would be appeal not only to historians doing research but also for a broad range of ordinary people taking interest not only in the history of their own countries but also in the history of their families, their ancestors. The collection is awaiting its researchers.

The documents are in Russian, Polish and Ukrainian.

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