

# **Occupation Authorities of Kyiv, 1941-1943**

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1 opis', 13 delo**

**Fond R – 2732 Administration of German  
Gendarmerie of the City of Kyiv, 1942-1943;  
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1 opis', 57 delo**

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Soon after capturing Kyiv, the Germans created both German and local occupational power structures. This collection contains three groups of documents from German authorities and one from local authorities.

**Fond R—2320 Ukrainian Police Force, 1943**

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Ukrainian police units belonged to the city administration. On December 5, 1941, Oberbürgermeister Ragausch, Commissioner of the Kyiv Okrug, signed a document titled “The Organization of the Ukrainian Police Force in the City of Kyiv,” which outlined the structure and tasks of the new force in the following manner:

1. Police units: (a) a battalion of Ukrainian police subordinate to the German police; (b) a police force in every district with a Ukrainian commander and Ukrainian policemen; (c) a commander of the Kyiv police (headed by Major Stunde) responsible for the overall command of the police force; (d) auxiliary police units with the armed forces stationed in Kyiv.

2. The relations between the city mayor and the heads of the district offices and the police: (a) in disciplinary matters, Ukrainian police officers were exclusively subordinate to the German police (Schutzpolizei); (b) the city mayor could issue instructions on business matters to police chiefs and commanders of police units. The heads of the district offices, in turn, could issue orders only to the police chiefs of their districts; (c) police commanders were duty bound to keep officers of the German police informed and to receive instructions from them.

3. Instructions pertaining to the rights of the police; (a) a police court could, during war time, render a death sentence or an acquittal; (b) the rights of the Kyiv Commissioner regarding police penalties: (i) up to 6 weeks of detention or forced labor; (ii) a penalty of up to 1,000 marks... On the basis of an order from the Reichskommissariat of Ukraine dated December 5, 1941 (GAKO, FR-2362, op. 1, Delo 1, pp. 26, 27), the Commissioner had the right to render a death sentence, which meant that all levels and entities of the penal administration of occupied Kyiv, starting with the Gestapo, the SS and the army down to the local police had the right to mete out punishment, up to and including the death sentence.

In Ukraine, the German police constituted no more than 1% of the total population; the same can be said of the Ukrainian police.

In the latter half of 1941 and in 1942, district units of Ukrainian police were created in each district of Reichskommissariat Ukraine, and police posts appeared in many villages. The district units operated under okrug police structures, which were in turn accountable to okrug commandants of the German police. Kommissariats and Ukrainian police posts were set up in all

large cities. In an effort to imbue Ukrainian law-enforcers with characteristics of a national police apparatus, they were allowed to wear blue-and-yellow armbands and insignias with tridents on their hats. The Ukrainian police carried German and captured fire arms, mostly carbines.

During the occupation years, the German police force in Kyiv numbered about 1,000; roughly the same number served in the Ukrainian police. There were also river police, who protected the bridges crossing the Dnieper River (about 100 people), and a fire guard (up to 800.) In all, up to 6,000 people served in Kyiv and the Kyiv Region.

The Ukrainian police in Kyiv operated in close cooperation and under close supervision of the German police: Ukrainians were involved in arrests, interrogations, round-ups, and they guarded concentration camps, executed civilians, deported them to Germany as slaves, etc. During the occupation, about 220,000 Kyiv residents fell victim to punitive agencies.

This fond contains lists of police officers; secret instructions and reports of the Kyiv police, defense plans and layouts of police precincts in Kyiv suburbs (Pushcha-Voditsa and Kurenevka districts).

Language: Ukrainian.

#### **Fond R – 2732 Administration of German Gendarmerie of the City of Kyiv, 1942-1943**

1 opis'; 3 delo: declassified in May 23, 1990.

German gendarmes served as part of German occupation structures; their task was to strengthen the occupation regime and to take part in punitive actions. They were also responsible for plundering occupied lands and supervising forced labor. Gendarmes also directed traffic, checked passes, conducted censuses of the population, investigated crimes on orders from local commandants and supervised the local police.

The Fond contains administrative and economic instructions issued to Kyiv gendarmes; lists of gendarme and police services in Kyiv Okrug and lists of personnel and posts; geographic maps and plans.

Language: German.

#### **Fond R – 2353 Shtadtkommandantur Office of the City of Kyiv, 1941-1943**

1 opis', 49 delo, declassified in May 23, 1991.

The Shtadtkommandat office operated during the occupation of Kyiv. It was in charge of billeting and procuring foodstuffs for German troops in the city, as well as organizing leisure activities, medical care and rehabilitation for German soldiers and the supply of radios and public address systems to units, hospitals, railway stations and houses occupied by Germans.

The office was subordinate to the commander-in-chief of the German troops in Ukraine and ceased operations in November 1943, when the Germans were driven from Kyiv.

The Fond contains orders and instructions from the German armed forces and the commander-in-chief of the German troops in Ukraine pertaining to: military courses; teachers and lecturers; cultural programs; church services; drill instructions for army chaplains; Christmas celebrations; moral education for soldiers; cinemas and theaters for military personnel and civilians; the supply of fiction and periodicals; performances by the theater companies “Kraft durch Freude” (Strength through Joy); the supply of radios and loudspeakers to hospitals, railways stations, military units, German offices and residences of soldiers and officers; plans for theaters and cinema houses; lists of performances; concert programs; a guidebook with detailed descriptions of the central Kyiv; the museum of Russian art; the museum of West Ukrainian art; the opera; St. Sophia Cathedral; monument to Bogdan Khmelnytsky; lists of Gebietskommissariats of the Kyiv-Zhitomir Generalbezirk; list of district and regional centers with information about their populations; correspondence with the main headquarters of the armed forces, Generalkommissar and field commandant offices and the head of the German sports society; information about Russian language courses and shorthand; lists of teachers and students.  
Language: German.

#### **Fond R – 2354 Kyiv Shtadtkommissariat, 1941-1943**

1 opis', 57 delo; declassified in February 1991.

The Shtadtkommissariat operated during the occupation of Kyiv during World War II as a midlevel administrative structure that supervised lower level structures. Its structure included a central administration, as well as departments for labor, industry, finances, energy, agriculture, urban business. It handled administrative and economic problems, supervised a range of enterprises and offices and was responsible for controlling sanitation. It reported to the Generalkommissariat.

The Shtadtkommissariat ceased functioning in November 1943, when Kyiv was liberated.

The Fond contains resolutions and orders of the Shtadtkommissariat; reports and summaries from industrial businesses on the status of orders; applications and lists of enterprises, offices and private persons requesting to be connected to power, water and transportation lines; correspondence with the Reichskommissariat, the Technical Assistance organization and German firms about Kyiv water supplies; correspondence with the Generalkommissariat's department of foodstuffs and agriculture, the central Ost society, the union of the blind, German firms, the weapons team and Kyiv businesses and offices; lists and reports from light industrial enterprises, the first mechanical plant, electrical appliances plants, tanneries, the first and second furniture factories, woodworking and clothing factories; lists of firms, offices and private persons with their addresses; lists of workers and employees of the Kyiv Operetta Theater, the Bogdanovka and Podol district administrations, the information sections of the Kyiv City Administration, the

city cashier office, the central joint textile industry, the electrical appliances plant, the city tram administration, the Izma firm, the Ukrain-film studio and the shop for volksdeutsche.

Language: German.

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