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FROM : John N. McMahon
Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT : [Redacted] Report

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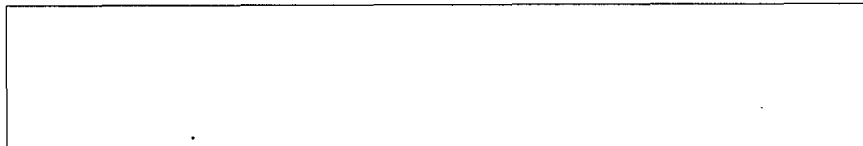
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Polish-Soviet Accord on Soviet Armed Forces
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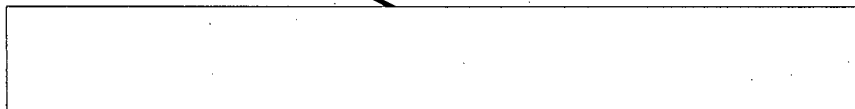
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Summary:

This report is a translation of a Polish document classified SECRET OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE, entitled "Accord Between the Governments of the PPR and USSR on Numerical Strength of Soviet Troops Temporarily Stationed in Poland, their Disposition, and Movement Procedures." The accord provides for stationing of 66,000 Soviet troops in Poland. It stipulates that the Commander of the Soviet Forces in Poland must report to the Polish Ministry of National Defense on any change in the numerical strength, deployment, plans for maneuvers, and exercises, within a specified period. In case of emergencies or national disasters these periods are shortened, or the move may be reported after the fact. Border crossing documentation for Soviet military personnel and their dependents is outlined. A series of 19 maps is attached, indicating stationing localities and areas of Soviet forces in Poland. Amendments were made pursuant to the supplementary protocol dated 18 November 1970.

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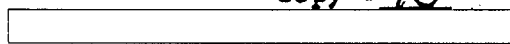
Accord Between the Governments of the PPR and
the USSR on Numerical Strength, Disposition,
and Movement Procedures of Soviet Troops
Temporarily Stationed in Poland*

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ACCORD

**Between the Governments of the PPR and the
USSR on Numerical Strength, Disposition, and
Movement Procedures of Soviet Troops Temporarily
Stationed in Poland**

The Government of the PPR and the Government of the USSR, in accordance with the Treaty on the Legal Status of Soviet Troops Temporarily Stationed in Poland, signed on 17 December 1956, have resolved to enter into this Accord, and to this end they have designated as their plenipotentiaries:

for the Government of the PPR--J. ZARZYCKI, Major General,
Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of National Defense,

for the Government of the USSR--R. Y. MALINOVSKIY, Marshal of the
Soviet Union, CINC Ground Forces,

who, after the exchange of credentials, which were found to be in order and drawn up in the proper manner, reached agreement on the following provisions:

Article 1

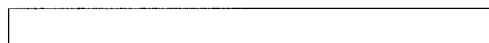
All Soviet troops temporarily stationed on the territory of the PPR, including naval units, are represented by the Command of the Northern Group of Forces, hereinafter referred to as the Soviet Armed Forces Command.

Article 2

1. The Parties to this Accord have agreed that the total numerical strength of Soviet forces temporarily stationed on the territory of the PPR amounts to 62,000-66,000 troops, of which the Ground Forces comprise 40,000 troops, the Air Force--17,000 troops, and the Navy--7,000 troops.

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The Commander of the Northern Group of Forces will personally and verbally inform the PPR Minister of National Defense of the number of tactical large units and units broken down by armed forces branches and arms of troops. He will furnish this information in the event changes are made in the composition of Soviet forces; however, no less frequently than once every 6 months.

2. In order to change the total numerical strength of Soviet forces specified in point 1 of this article the Parties to this Accord must enter into a [new?] accord.

Article 3

1. The localities agreed upon for stationing of Soviet forces temporarily on the territory of the PPR are designated on a map drawn to a scale of 1:1,000,000 (Attachment No. 1), and their stationing areas are designated on maps drawn to a scale of 1:50,000 (Attachments No. 2-19).

2. It is necessary in all cases for the Parties to this Accord or their plenipotentiaries to reach an agreement on the designation of new stationing areas for Soviet forces or on changes in the stationing areas defined in this Accord.

3. When Polish and Soviet troops are stationed in the same locality (settlement) all matters related to garrison services and based on the fact that these troops are sharing the same area are to be handled by the commanders of the garrisons manned by Polish and Soviet troops on the basis of their mutual agreement.

4. The term "stationing locality" as used in this Accord refers to the town or settlement in which Soviet military units are stationed.

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Article 4

1. The relocation of a close-formation armed subunit (company, battalion), unit or tactical large unit, as well as the passage of naval craft through the territory of the PPR, outside the stationing localities and areas specified in this Accord, constitute movements of Soviet forces which require the approval of the Government of the PPR or other Polish authorities empowered by the government to act in its behalf.

2. In order to obtain approval for the movement of Soviet forces mentioned in point 1 of this article the Soviet Armed Forces Command, acting within 5 to 7 days prior to the start of the proposed troop movement, will inform the appropriate Polish government authorities as to the time, march itinerary, and purpose of the relocation as well as the destination. At the same time, the Command will verbally inform the Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces as to the composition of these troops.

In exceptional cases such applications for approval for Soviet troop movements may be submitted on shorter notice, but no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the proposed troop movement.

3. In the case of natural disasters that pose a threat to the safety of Soviet troops, the Soviet Armed Forces Command may effect necessary troop movements without having to obtain the approval of the appropriate Polish authorities, provided that it notifies the authorities of completed troop movements as soon as possible.

4. The Navy Command of the PPR will be notified, through the Command of the Polish naval base at SWINOUJSCIE, concerning all occasions involving the temporary docking of naval vessels at the permanent Soviet naval station at SWINOUJSCIE. This notification will be given no later than 24 hours prior to the entry of these vessels into port.

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5. Agreement is deemed to have been already reached and no additional agreements are required concerning the following Soviet troop movement:

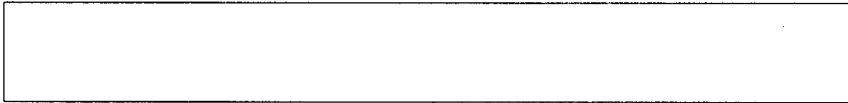
- a) within stationing localities and areas, including the putting out to sea and return to permanent basing areas of Soviet naval craft;
- b) along roads that link troop stationing localities with proving grounds, exercise areas, firing ranges and airfields designated on maps with a scale of 1:50,000;
- c) along roads that connect the following stationing localities of Soviet troops:
 - 1) KOLOBRZEG, BIALOGARD, POLCZYN ZDROJ, BORNE-SULINOWO, WALCZ, GORZOW WIELKOPOLSKI, ZIELONA GORA, LUBLIN, LEGNICA, SWIDNICA;
 - 2) BAGICZ, SWINOUJSCIE;
 - 3) SZCZECINEK, DRAWSKO, STARGARD, CHOJNA;
 - 4) LUBIN, CHOCIANOW, PRZEMKOW, ZAGAN;
 - 5) OPOLE, BRZEG, TUPLICE, (superhighway);
 - 6) GORZOW WIELKOPOLSKI, PYRZYCE, SZCZECIN;
 - 7) ZAGAN, SWIETOSZOW;
 - 8) SZPROTAWA, STRACHOW.

6. Flights and overflights of Soviet military aircraft over the territory of the PPR are to be made on the basis of regulations agreed upon by the appropriate organs of the Parties to this Accord.

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Article 5

1. Exercises or maneuvers of Soviet troops outside their stationing areas are to be conducted in conformity with plans drawn up by the Soviet Armed Forces Command and coordinated with the PPR Ministry of National Defense by no later than 1 month prior to the start of the exercises or maneuvers.

In special cases exercises or maneuvers outside stationing areas that are not covered by plans will be conducted after obtaining the approval of the PPR Minister of National Defense.

When coordinating plans for exercises and maneuvers not provided for in formal plans the Soviet Armed Forces Command will identify the area, troop march itinerary, and timetables governing the conduct of exercises or maneuvers. At the same time, the Command will verbally inform the Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces as to the troop composition.

2. Soviet naval vessels may, for training purposes, make temporary use of training areas of the Polish Navy in Puck Bay or other training areas in PPR territorial waters, after obtaining the approval of the PPR Minister of National Defense. This approval is obtained through the Commander of the PPR Navy.

The areas and duration of training missions such as artillery and torpedo firing, minelaying, bombing, setting up smokescreens, etc., are to be coordinated with the Commander of the PPR Navy.

Article 6

Soviet troops are to cross the border between the PPR and the USSR or the border between the PPR and the GDR at the following border-crossing points:

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on the border between the PPR and USSR--

- a) BRANIEWO
- b) SKANDAWA
- c) TERESPOL
- d) MEDYKA
- e) [illegible]
- f) DOROHUSK

on the border between the PPR and the GDR--

- a) SWINOUJSCIE
- b) SLUBICE
- c) GUBIN
- d) TUPLICE
- e) ZGORZELEC
- f) KOSTRZYN
- g) SZCZECIN-GUMIENICE

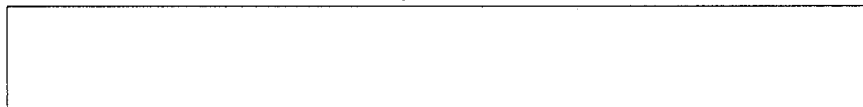
The following border crossing points are designated for Soviet troops between the PPR and the CSSR:

- a) KUDOWA ZDROJ
- b) [illegible]
- c) CHYZNE

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Article 7

1. Troops of the Soviet Army and Navy who are using military transportation, en route to and from Soviet forces temporarily stationed in Poland, or who are in transit across PPR territory, cross the border on the authority of a roster of names validated by the Soviet Armed Forces Command.

The transport commandant presents his officer's identity card, travel orders, and personnel roster to the PPR border authorities.

2. Soviet Armed Forces personnel who are travelling alone or in groups to join Soviet forces temporarily stationed in Poland or who are leaving Poland, as well as those who are in transit across PPR territory, should have in their possession the following documents issued by Soviet authorities in order to cross the border:

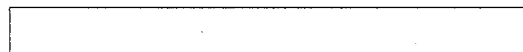
- a) series AV border-crossing pass;
- b) officer's identity card, service record book, or Soviet personal identity card;
- c) individual or group travel orders or leave pass.

3. Family members of personnel assigned to Soviet forces temporarily stationed in Poland, who are travelling to join these forces or who are leaving Poland, as well as persons who are in transit across PPR territory, should have in their possession the following documents issued by Soviet authorities in order to cross the border:

- a) series AV border-crossing pass;
- b) Soviet personal identity card;

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c) certificate issued by a military unit stating that the person in question is a member of the family of a person assigned to Soviet forces temporarily stationed in Poland, in the CSSR, or in the GDR.

When departing for leave or returning from leave together with the military sponsor, the names of family members are to be recorded on the sponsor's border-crossing pass and leave pass.

4. During border crossings by persons specified in points 2 and 3 of this article the stamps of PPR border control authorities are to be entered on the documents issued by Soviet authorities and, in the case of military transport, on the travel orders of the transport commander.

5. Documents which certify residence in Poland of persons serving in the Soviet armed forces and of their family members are:

a) for military personnel--officer's identify card or service record book

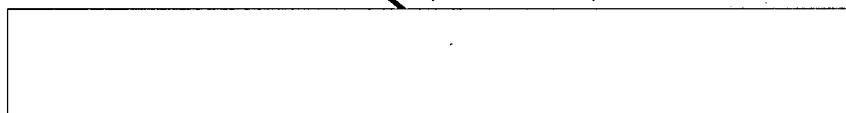
b) for civilian workers and family members--a personal identity card filled out in the Polish and Russian languages and issued by the commander of a Soviet military unit.

6. Persons serving in the Soviet Armed Forces and their family members residing in barracks areas or in living quarters assigned to Soviet troops are not subject to Polish laws governing documentation and control of population movements, and in particular they are not required to report their place of residence. Persons living in quarters not assigned to Soviet troops are required to report their place of residence.

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Article 8

In order to promote cooperation with the military transportation organs of the Polish Armed Forces General Staff with regard to the transport of Soviet troops on PPR rail lines, and also in order to monitor the safety of such transport operations and supervise compliance of Soviet troops with the laws and ordinances that apply to Polish Railroads, a Soviet Army Military Transportation Authority together with eight inspection posts located at the railroad stations of SIEDLCE, WARSAW, KUTNO, POZNAN, ZBASZYNEK, LEGNICA, WROCLAW and SZCZECINEK, is to be established by the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces.

Article 9

This Accord goes into effect on the date of its signature and it will remain in force for the life of the Treaty on the Legal Status of Soviet Troops Temporarily Stationed in Poland, signed in WARSAW on 17 December 1956.

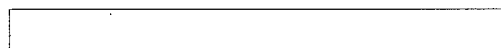
This Accord was drawn up in MOSCOW on 23 October 1957 in two copies, each in the Polish and Russian languages, and both texts are equally binding.

For the Government of the PPR: J. ZARZYCKI
[signed]

For the Government of the USSR: R. J. MALINOVSKIY
[signed]

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LIST
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on Numerical Strength, Disposition, and Movement
Procedures of Soviet Troops Temporarily Stationed in Poland

Atch No.	Map Title	Scale	Number of sheets	
			in Polish	in Russian
1.	Map of disposition of Soviet troops stationed in Poland	1:1,000,000	1	4
2.	Disposition sites map--LUBIN, LEGNICA, JAWOR, RASZÓWKA	1:50,000	2	6
3.	Disposition sites map--ZAGAN, SZPROTAWA, SWIETOSZÓW, STRACHÓW, PRZEMKÓW, TRZEBIEN, CHOCIANÓW, DUNINÓW	"	5	6
4.	Disposition sites map--OPOLE	"	1	2
5.	Disposition sites map--WROCLAW	"	1	4
6.	Disposition sites map--TORUN	"	2	2
7.	Disposition sites map--SZCZECIN	"	1	2
8.	Disposition sites map--BIALOGARD	"	2	4
9.	Disposition sites map--SZCZECINEK, BORNE-SULINÓWÓ, KLOMINÓ	"	4	9
10.	Disposition sites map--OLAWA, BRZEG	"	2	4
11.	Disposition sites map--STRZEGOM, SWIDNICA	"	1	4

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12.	Disposition sites map--DESZYCA	"	1	2
13.	Disposition sites map--JANKOWA	"	1	1
14.	Disposition sites map--CHOJNA	"	1	2
15.	Disposition sites map--BAGICZ	"	1	1
16.	Disposition sites map--SWINOUJSCIE	"	1	2
17.	Disposition sites map--KRZYWA, CHOJNOW	"	6	2
18.	Disposition sites map--KLUCZEWO	"	5	6
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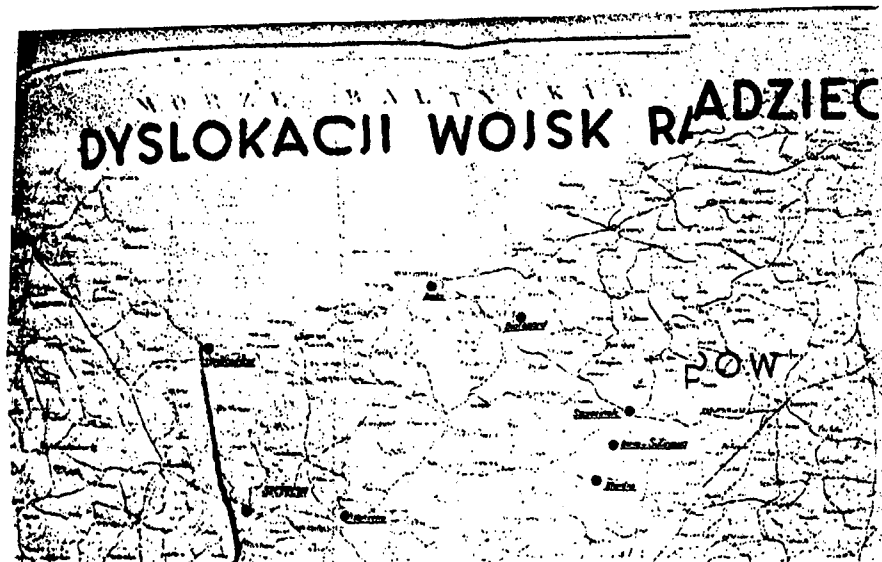
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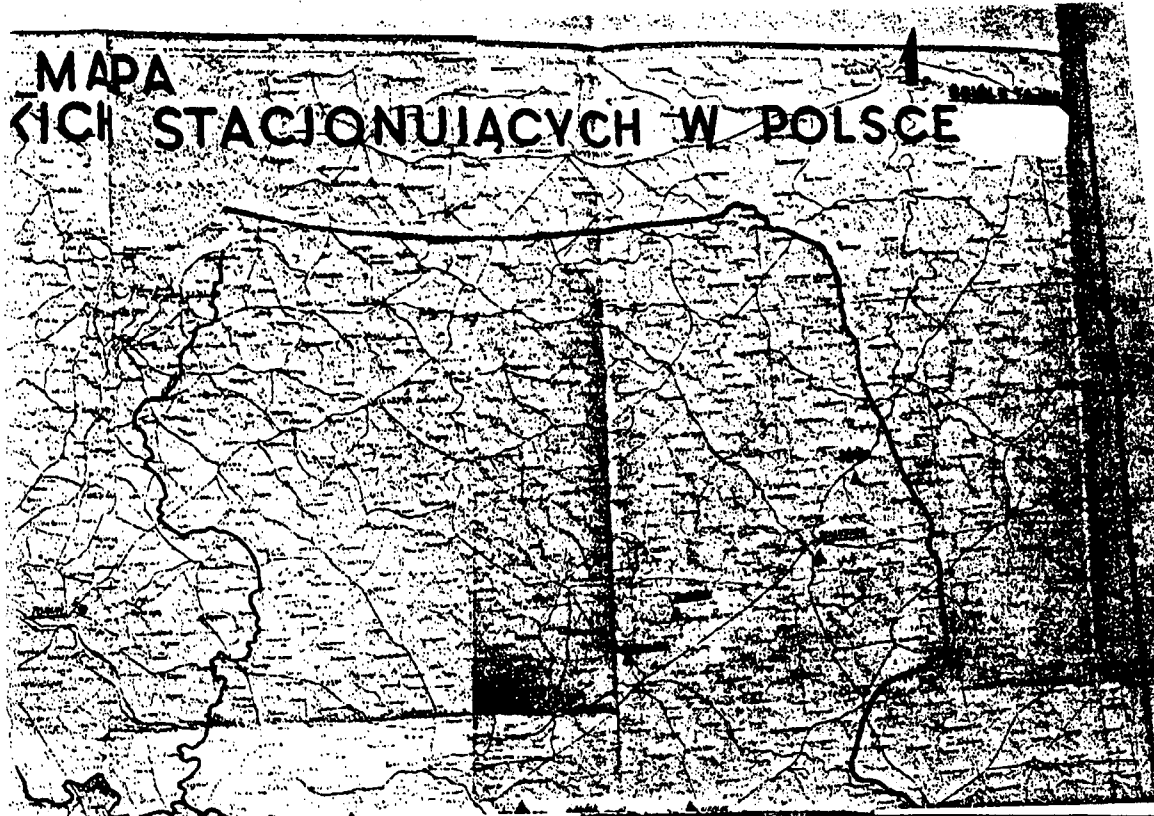
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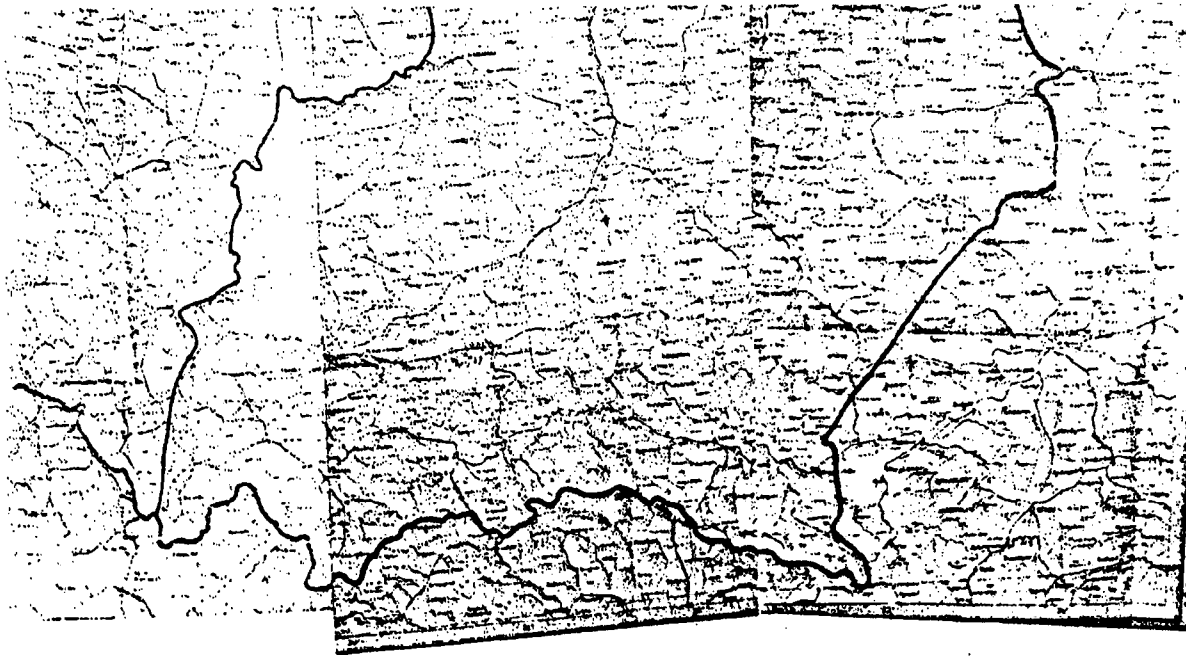
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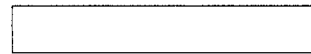
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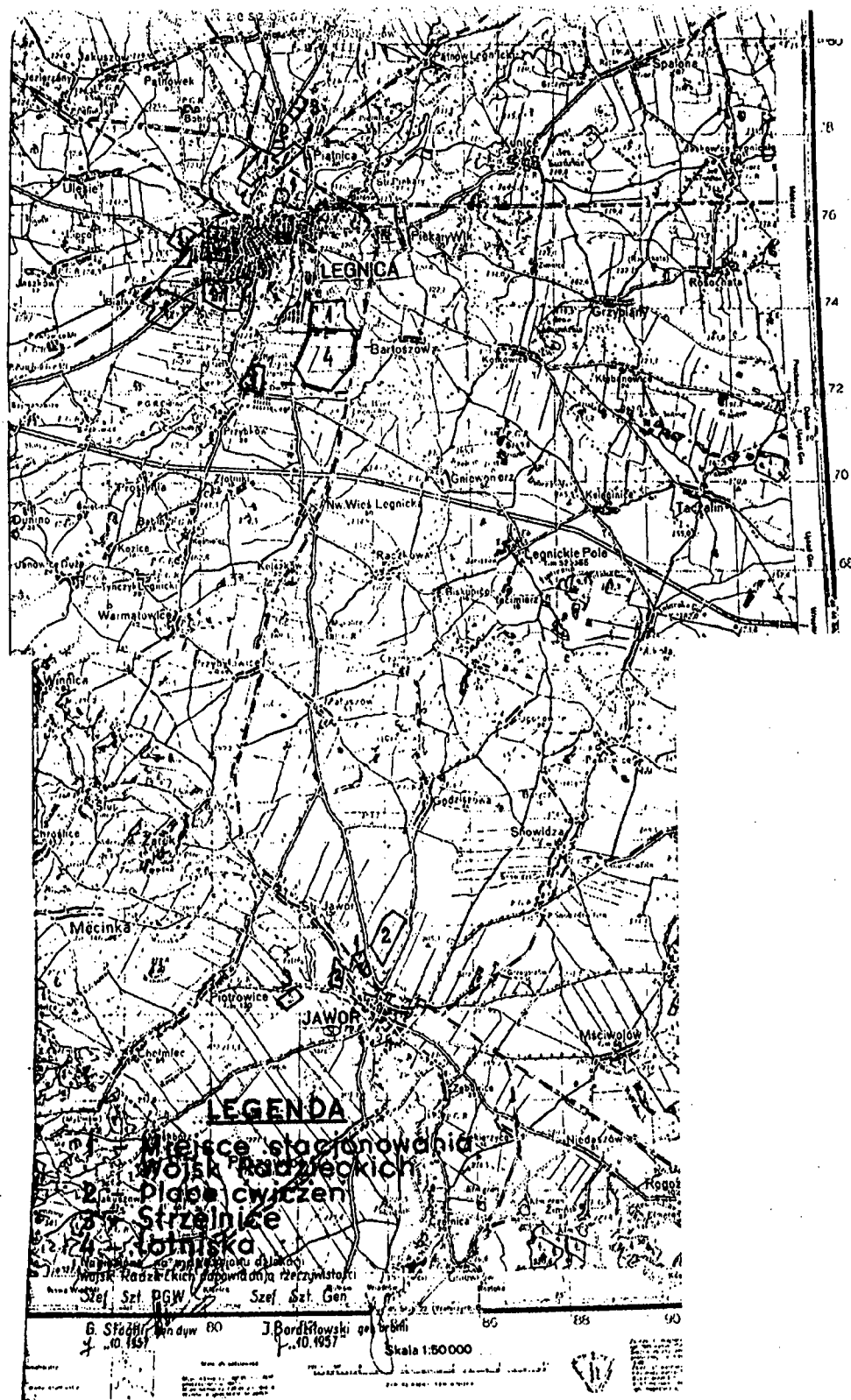
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DISPOSITION SITES MAP--LUBIN, LEGNICA, JAWOR, RASZOWKA



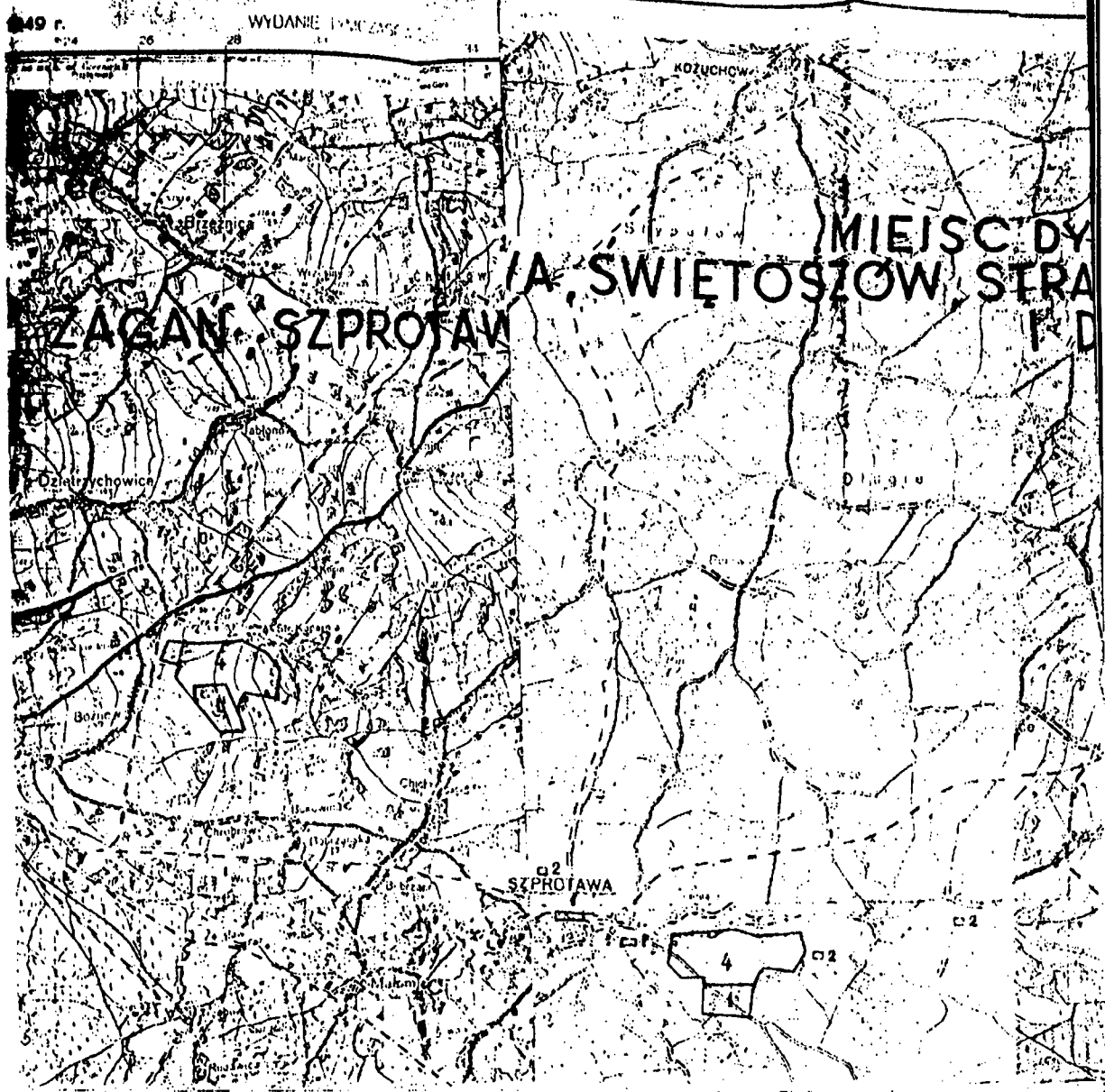


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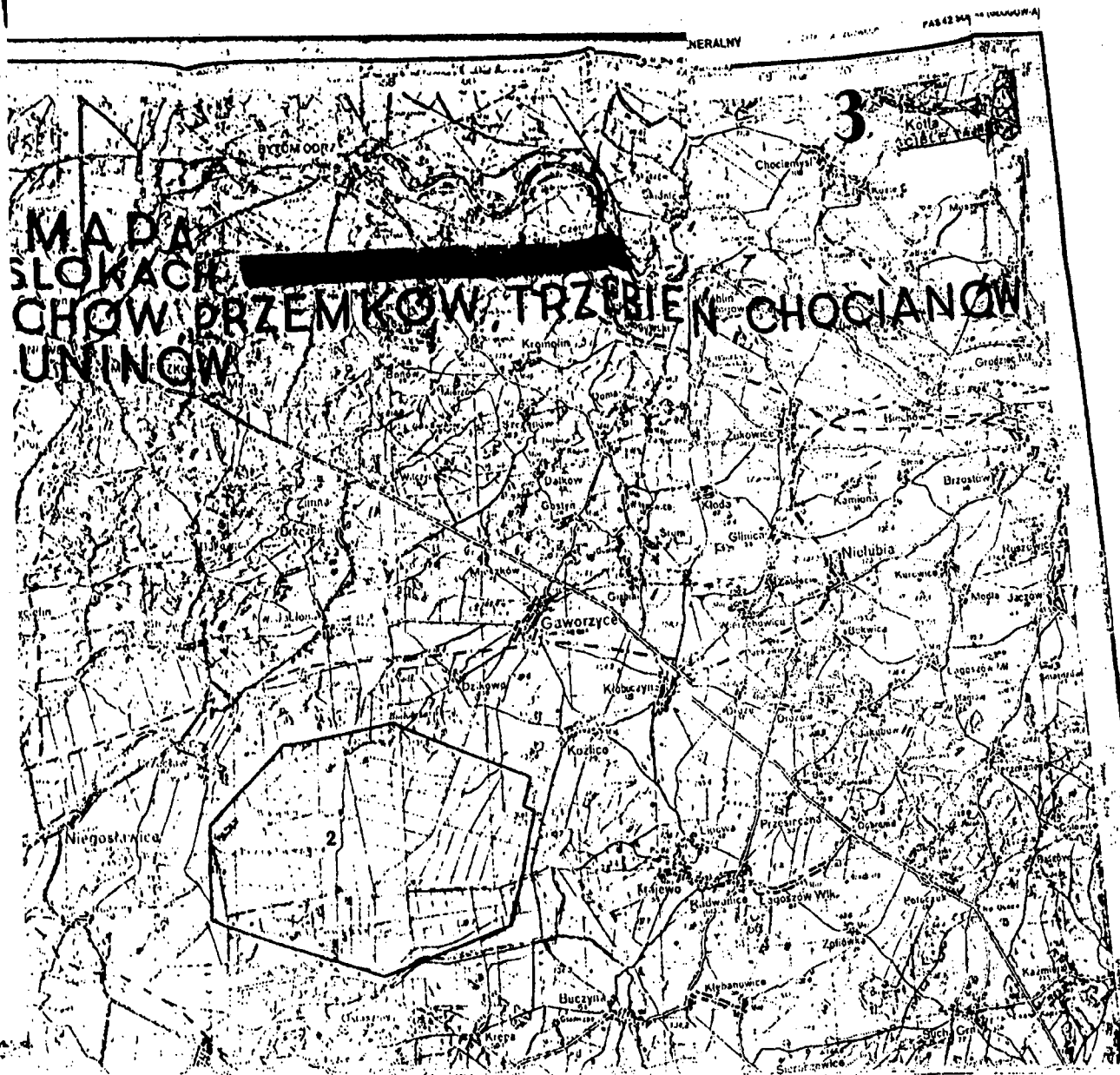
- Stationing sites of Soviet troops
- Training areas
- Firing ranges
- Airfields

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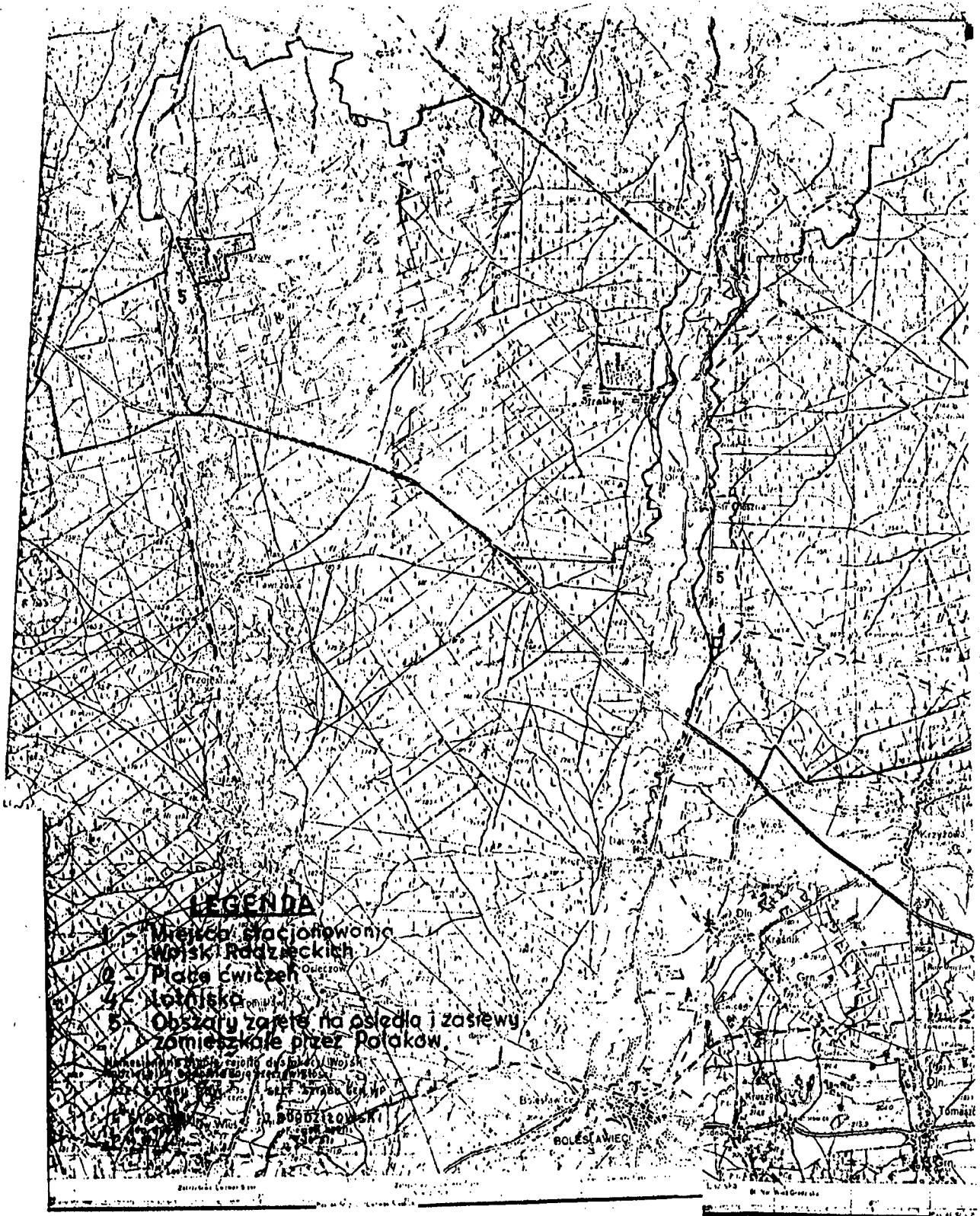
DISPOSITION SITES
STRACHOW, PRZEN



MAP -- ZAGAN, SZPROTANA, SWIETOSZOW,
W, TRZEBIEN, CHOCIANOW, DUNINOW



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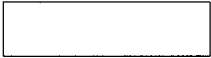
Legend:

- 1 - Stationing sites
- 2 - Training areas
- 4 - Airfields
- 5 - Housing and agricultural areas occupied by Polish nationals

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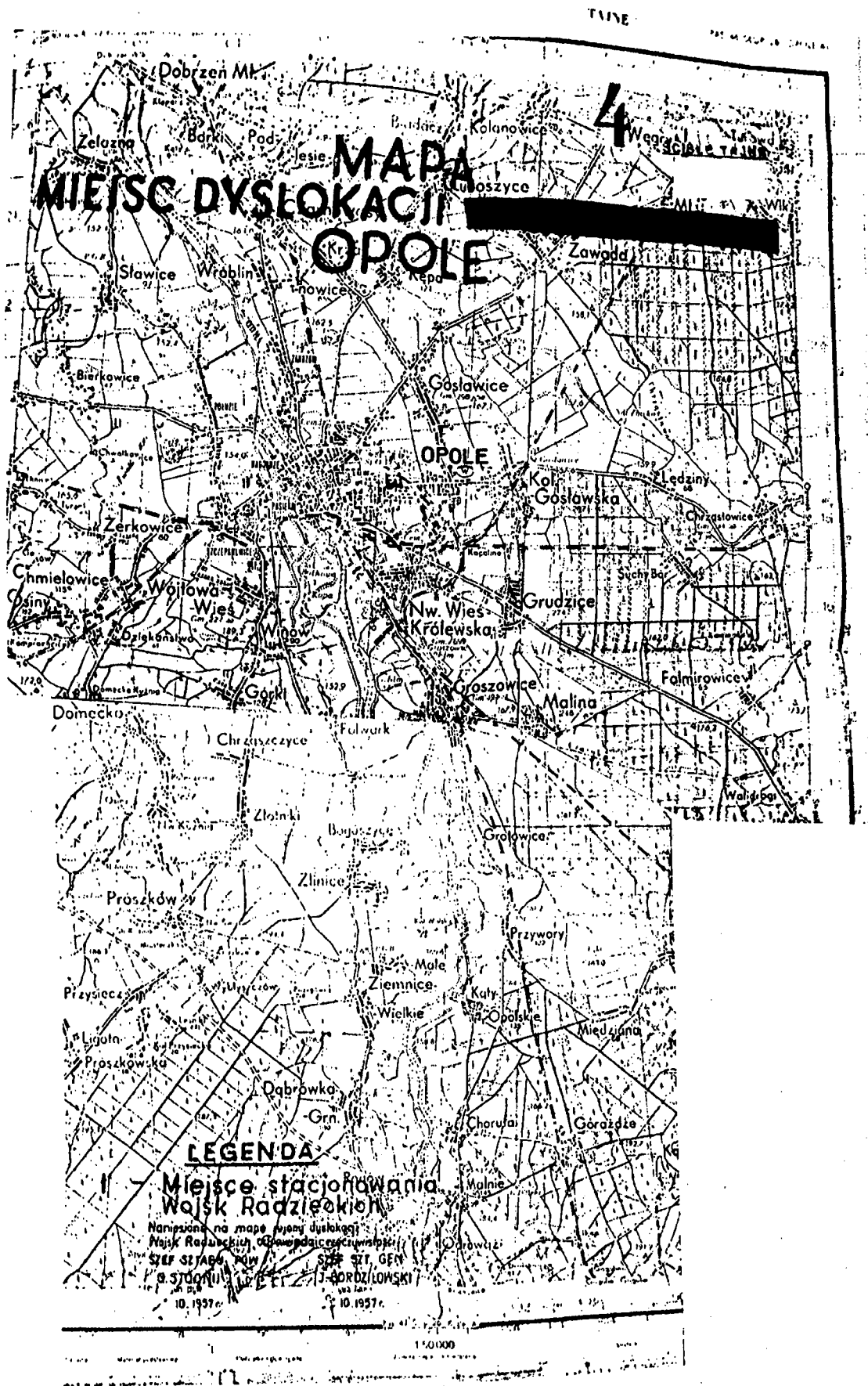
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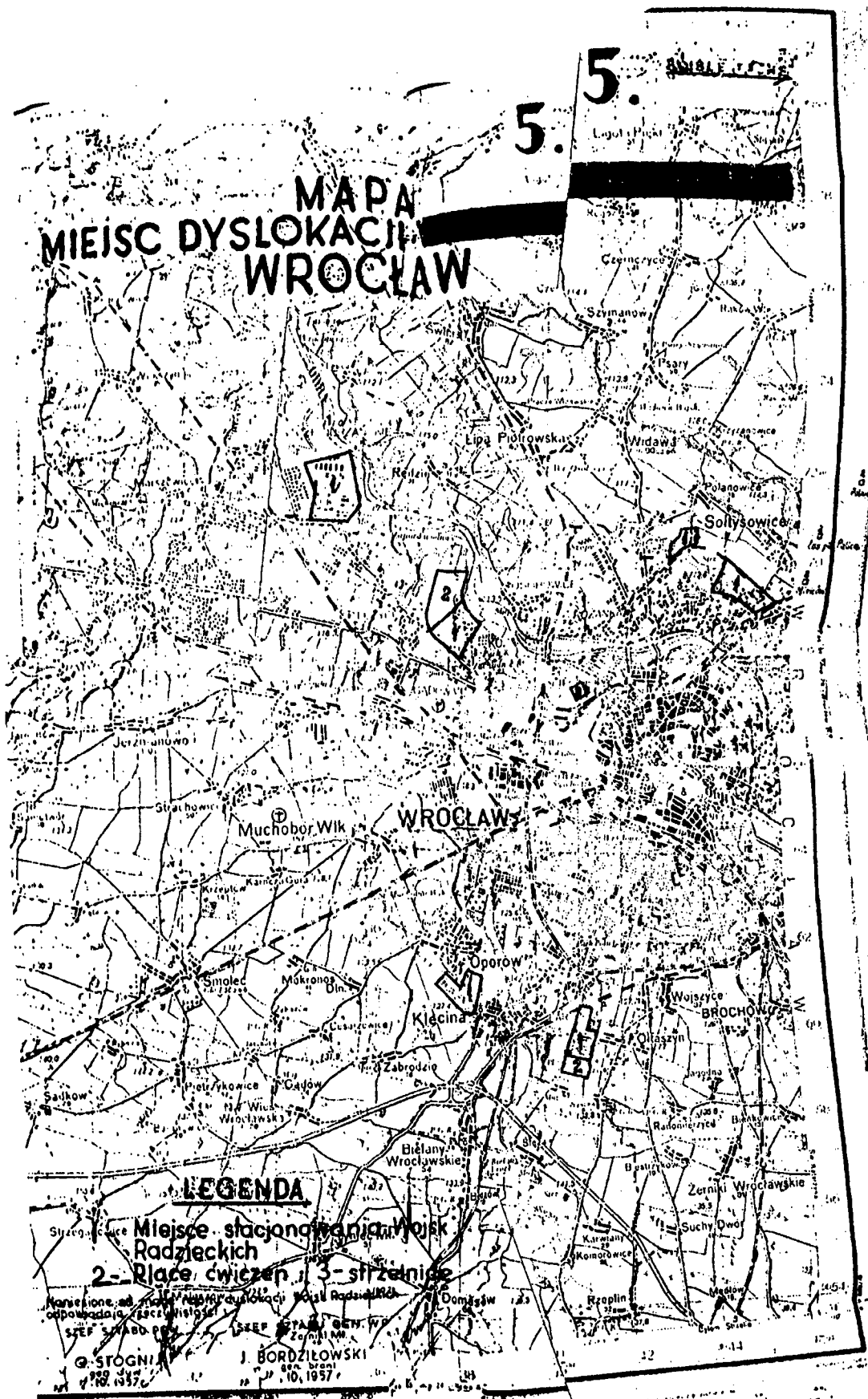
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DISPOSITION SITES MAP - OPOLE



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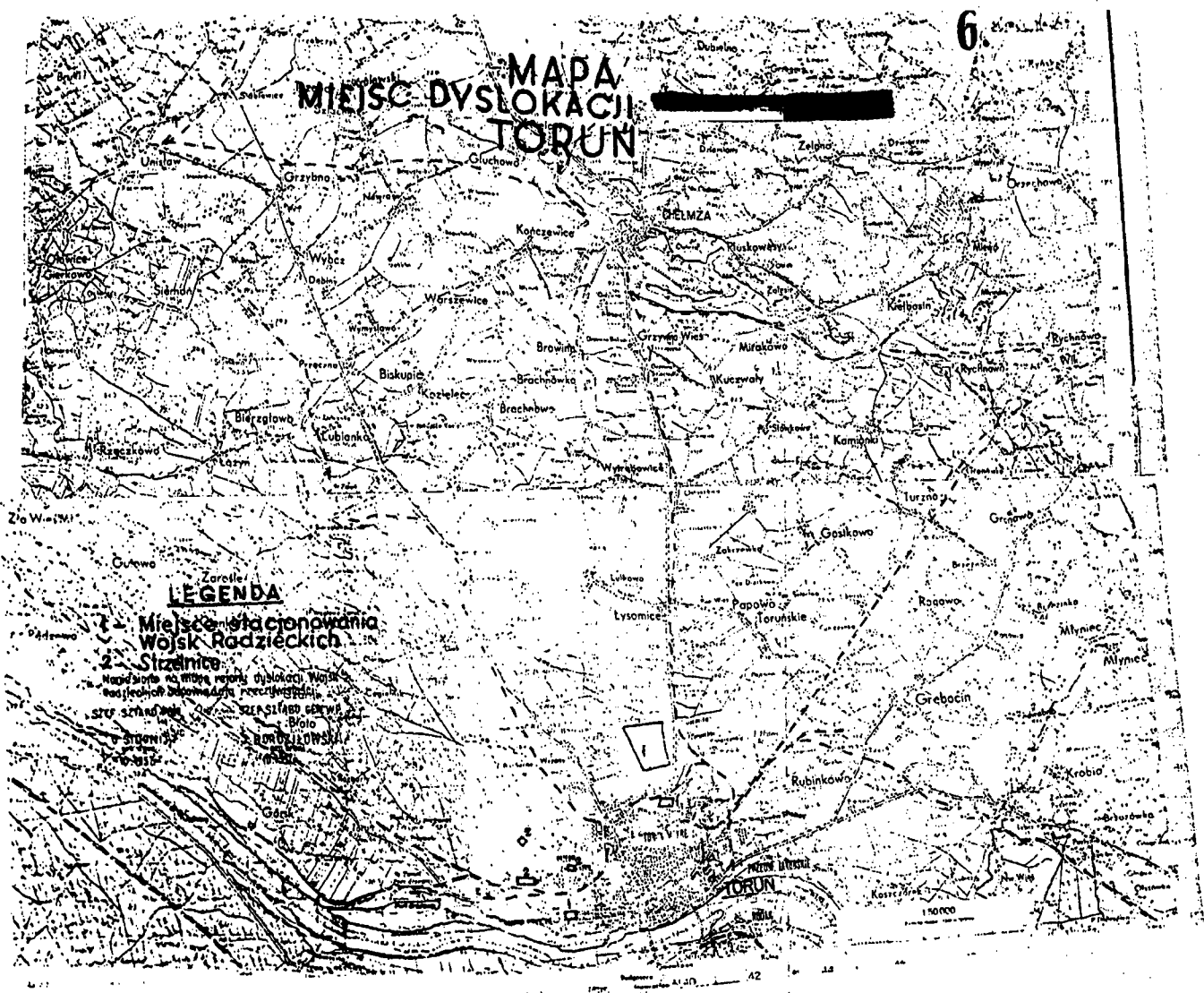


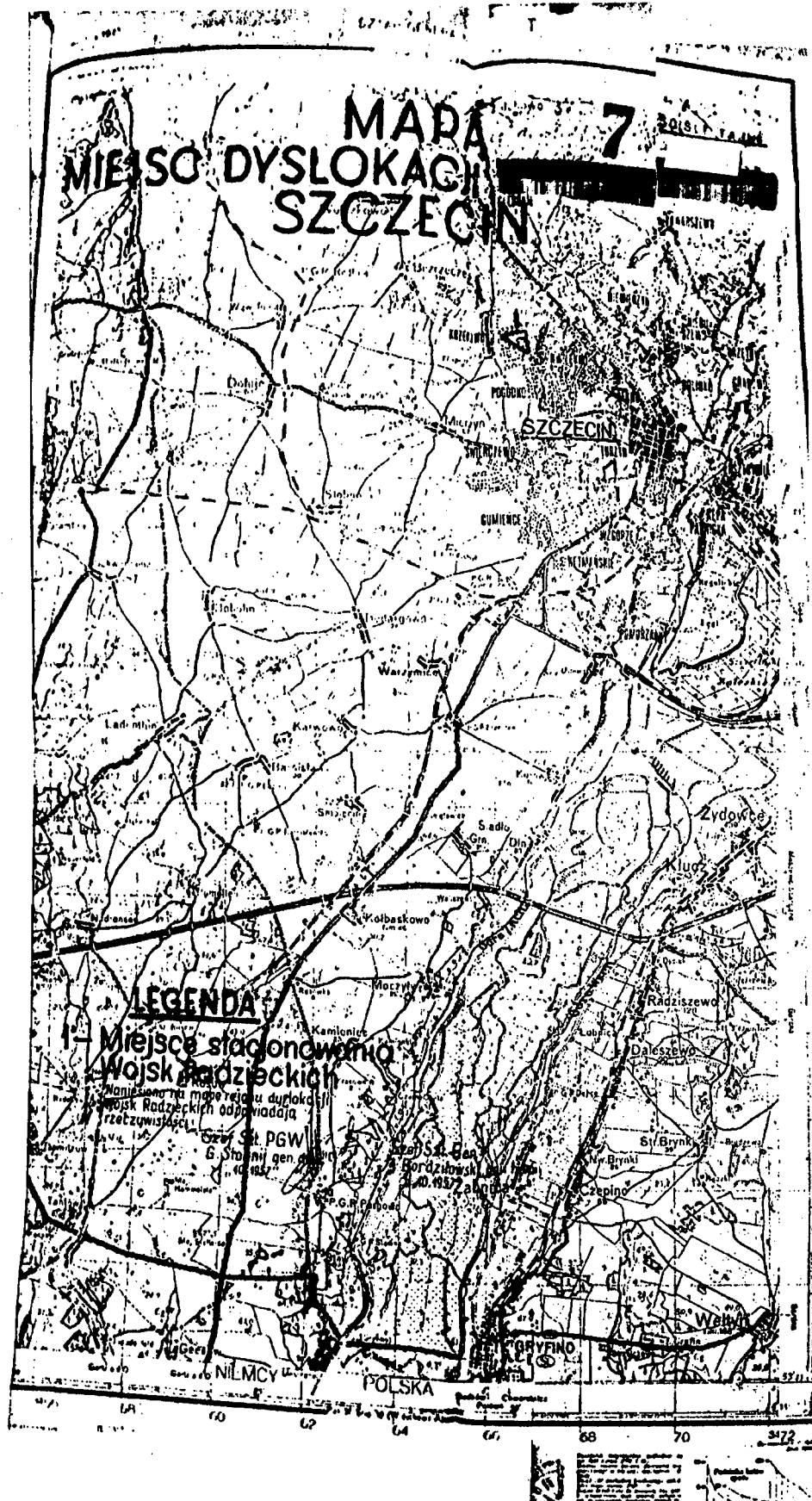
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1 - Miejsce stacjonowania wojsk
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2 - Placę ćwiczeń, 3 - strzelnice

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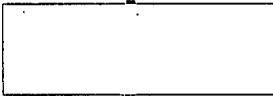
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1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops
2 - Training areas





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1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops



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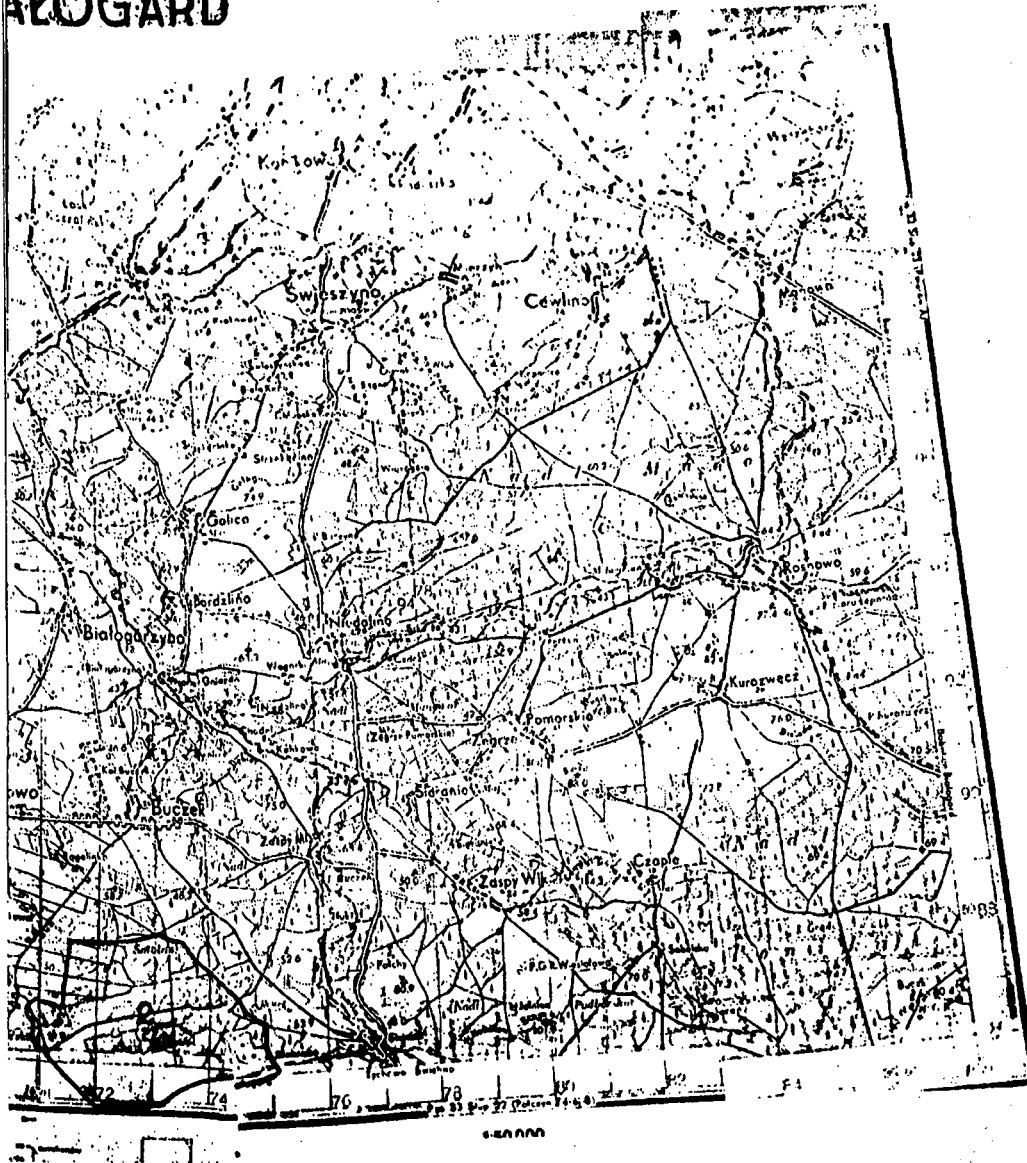
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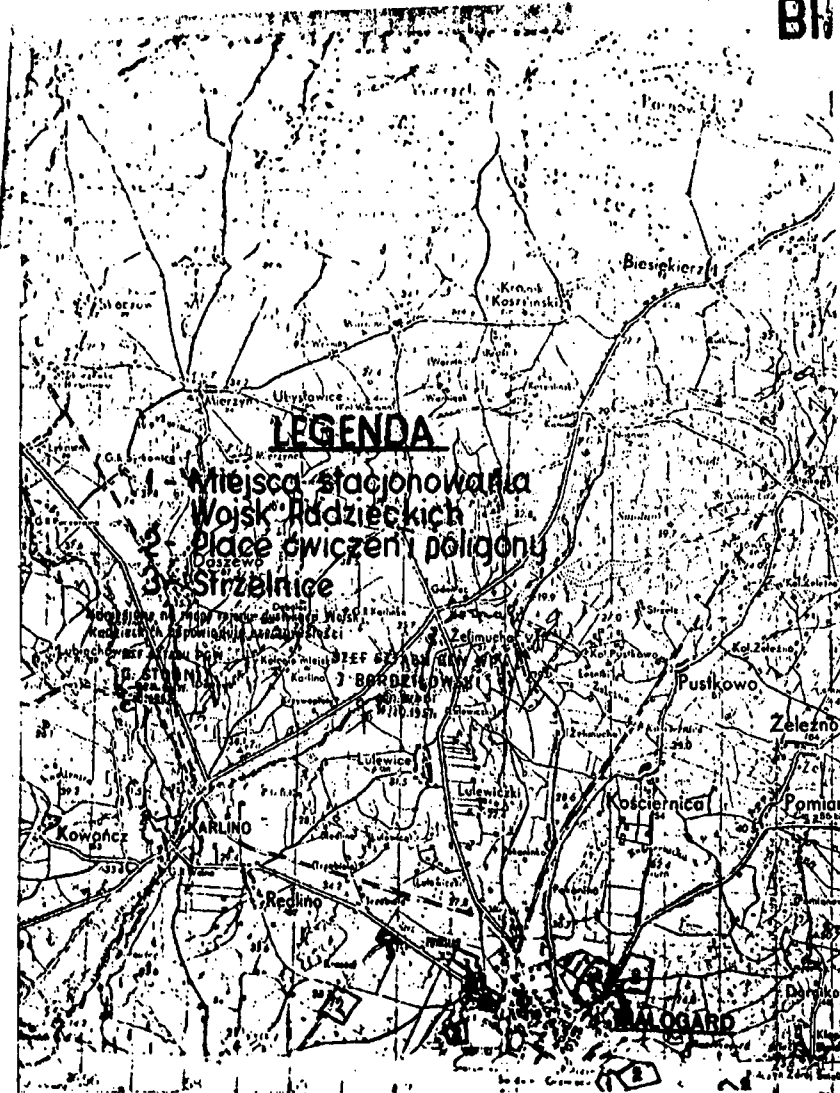
SITATION SITES MAP - BIALOGARD

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- 1 - Miejsca stacjonowania
Wojsk Radzieckich
- 2 - Placę ćwiczeń i poligonu
- 3 - Strzelnice

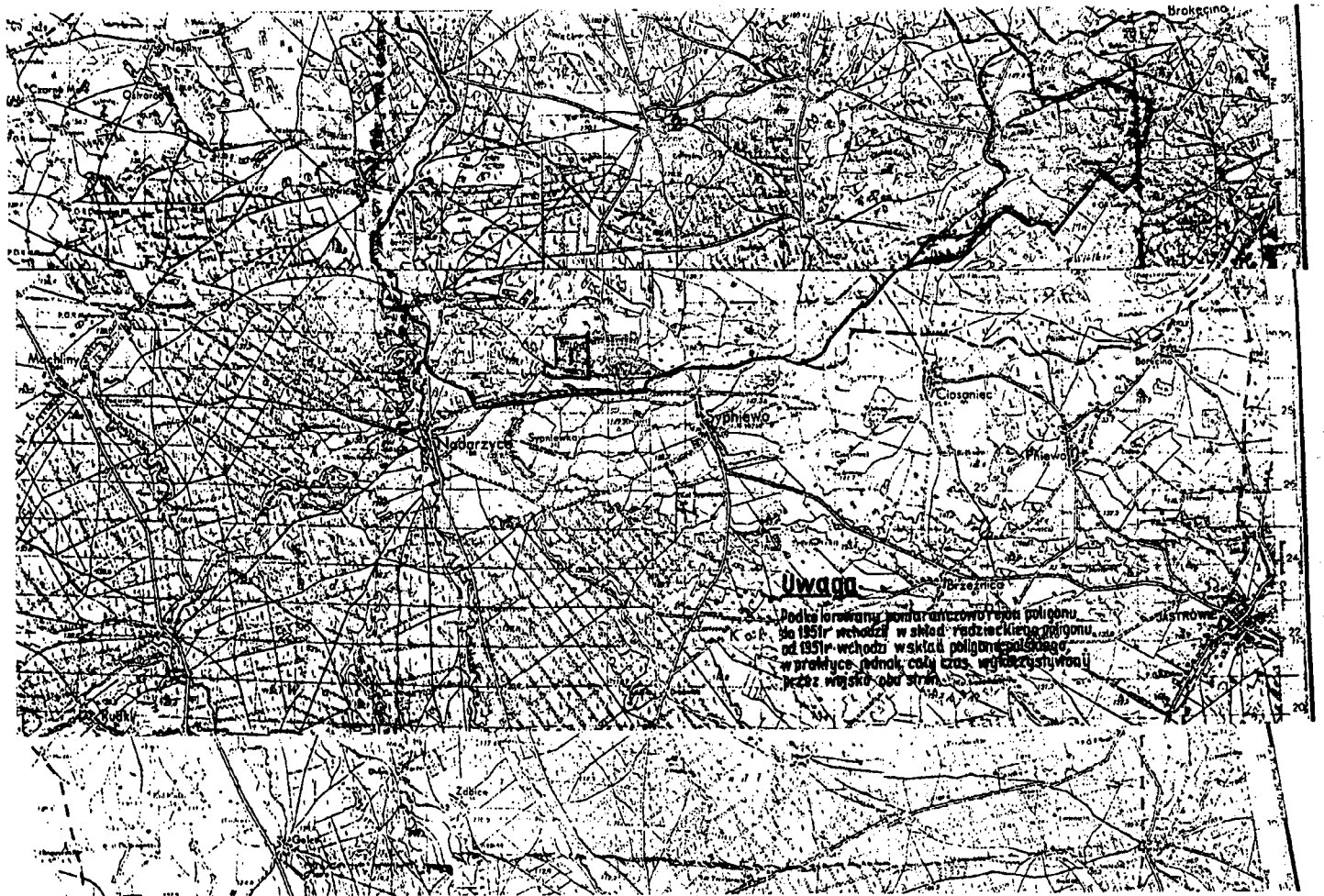
Legend:

- 1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops
- 2 - Training areas and proving grounds
- 3 - Firing ranges

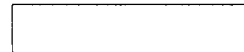
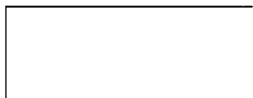
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DISPOSITION SITES MAP--SZCZECINEK, BORNE-SULINOWO, KLONINO









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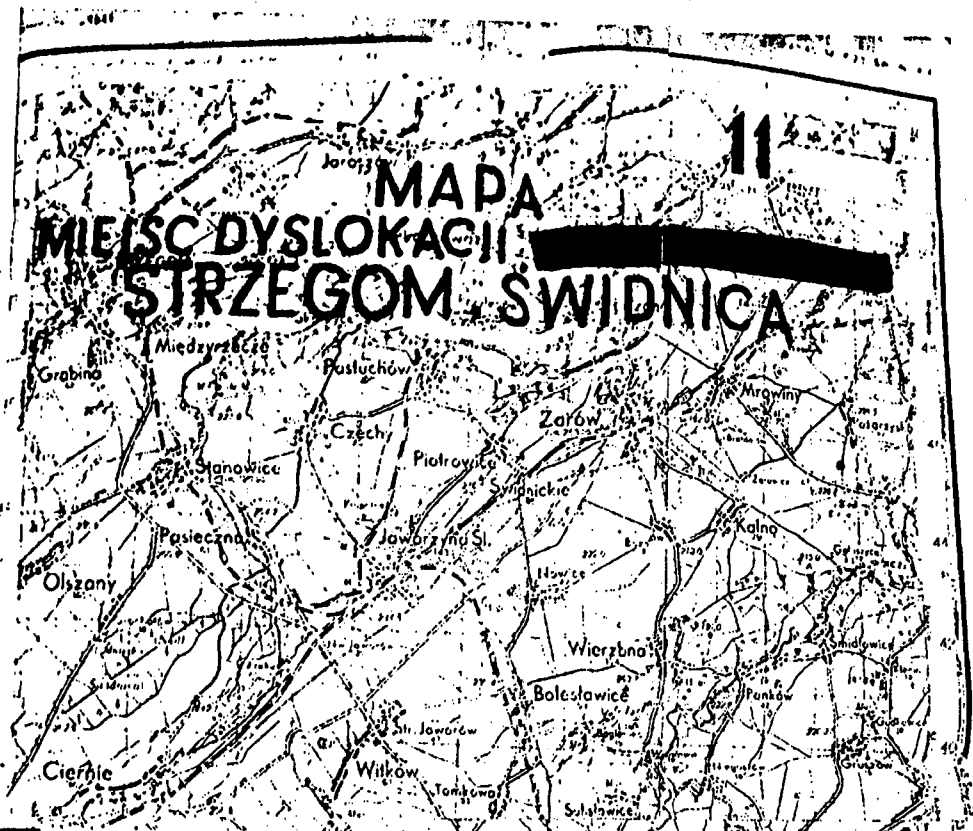
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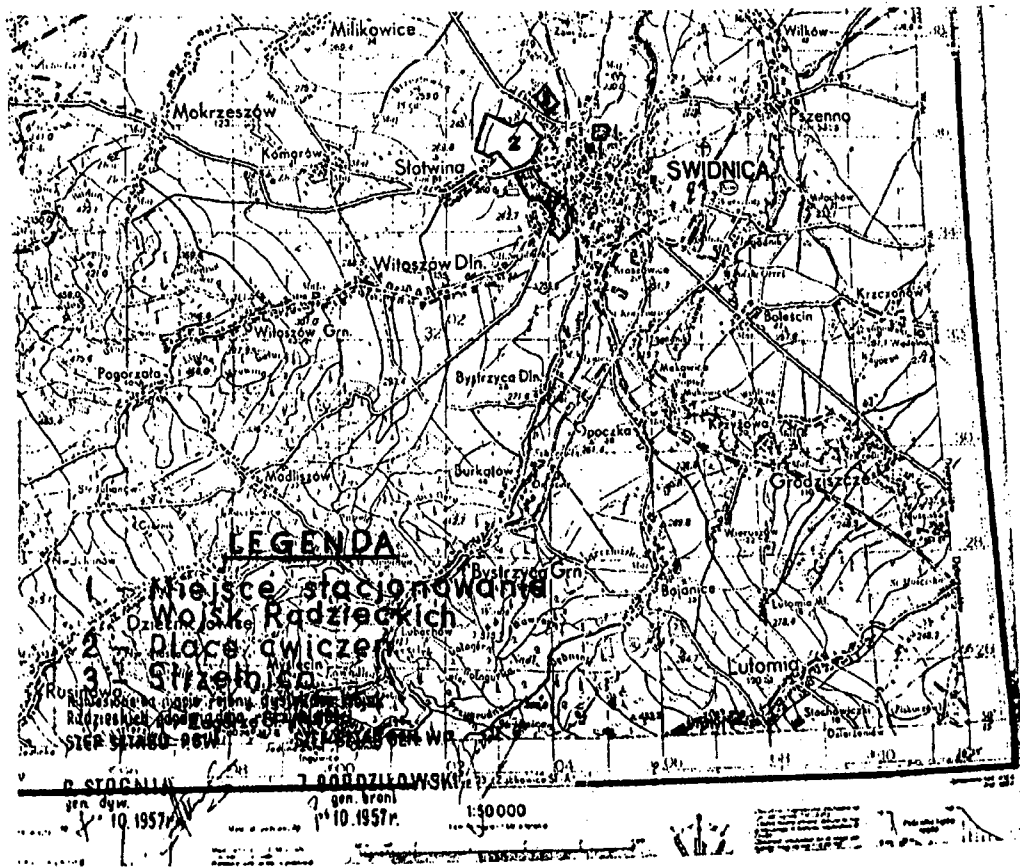
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DISPOSITION SITES MAP: STRZEGOM, SWIDNICA





Legend:

- 1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops
- 2 - Training areas
- 3 - Firing range

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DISPOSITION SITES MAP--KESZYCA

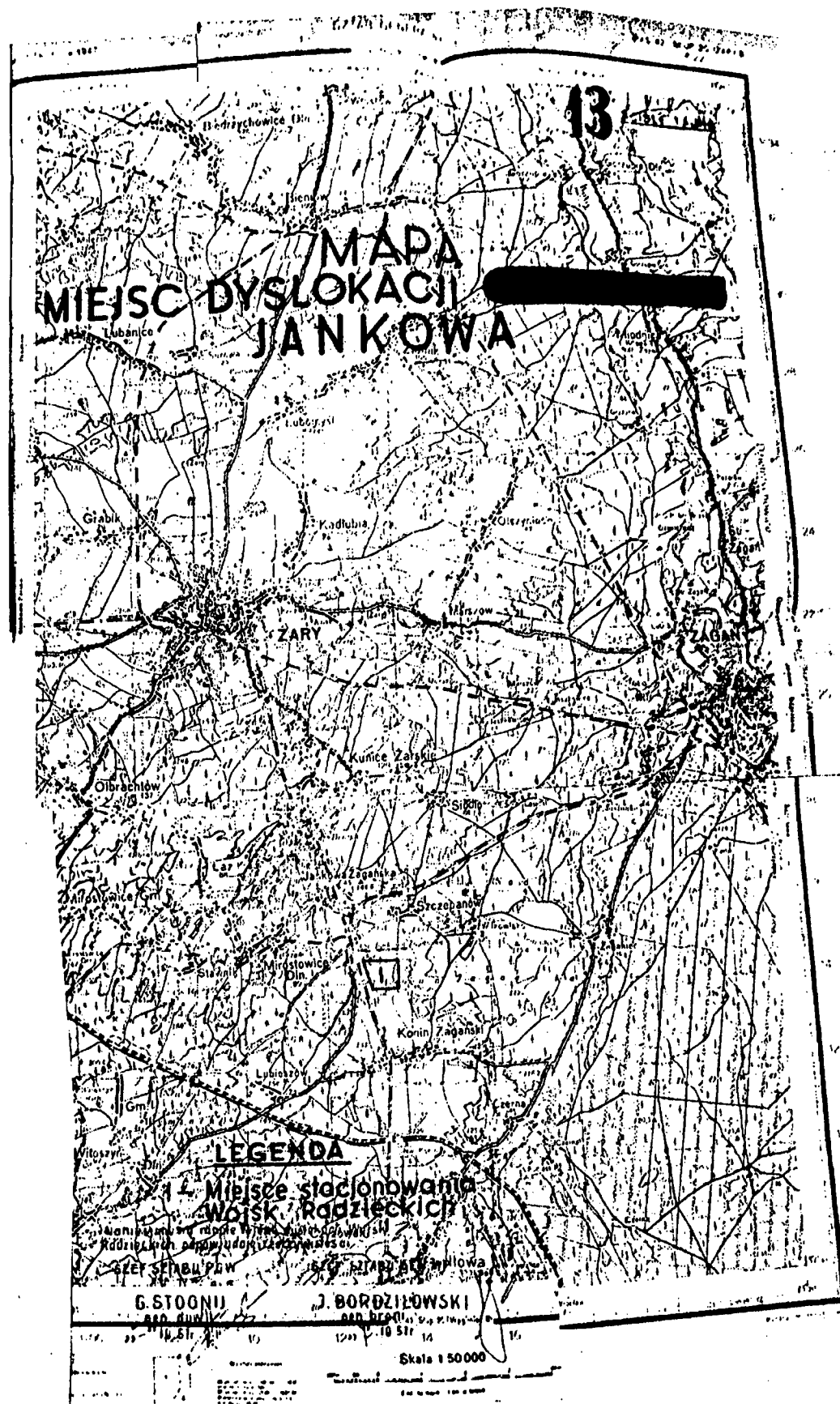


Legend:

- 1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops
- 2 - training areas

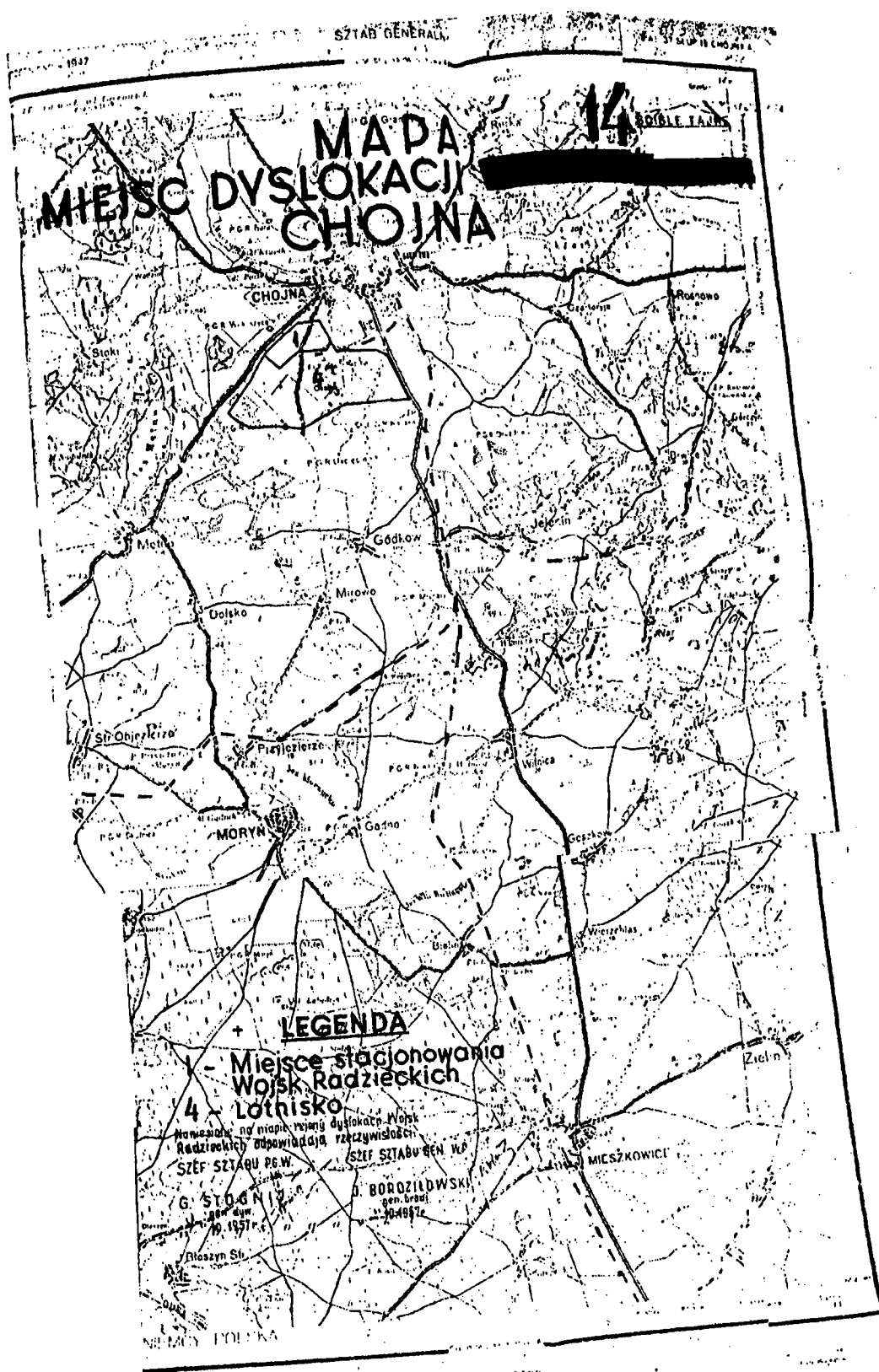
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DISPOSITION SITES MAP--JANKOKA



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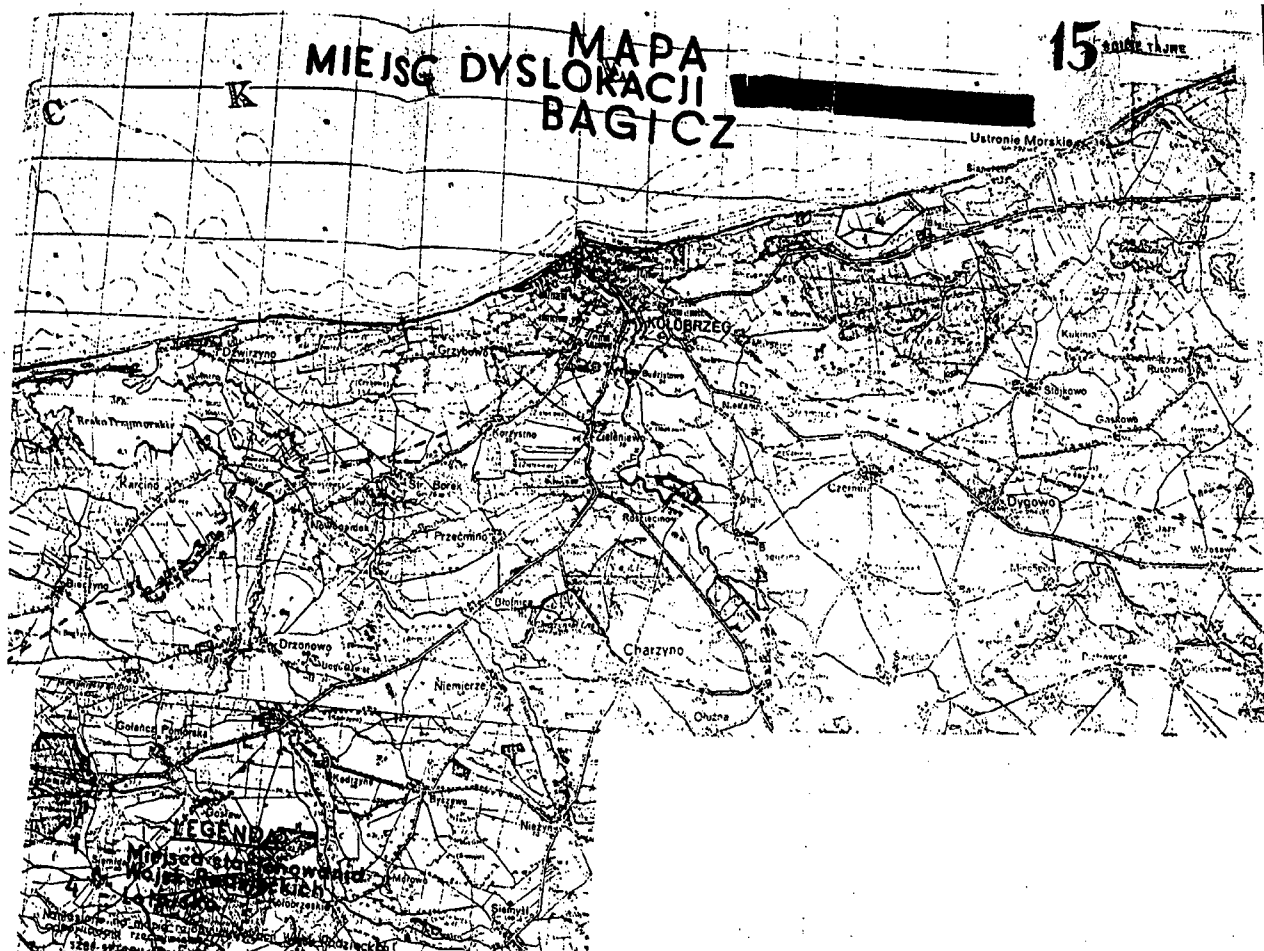
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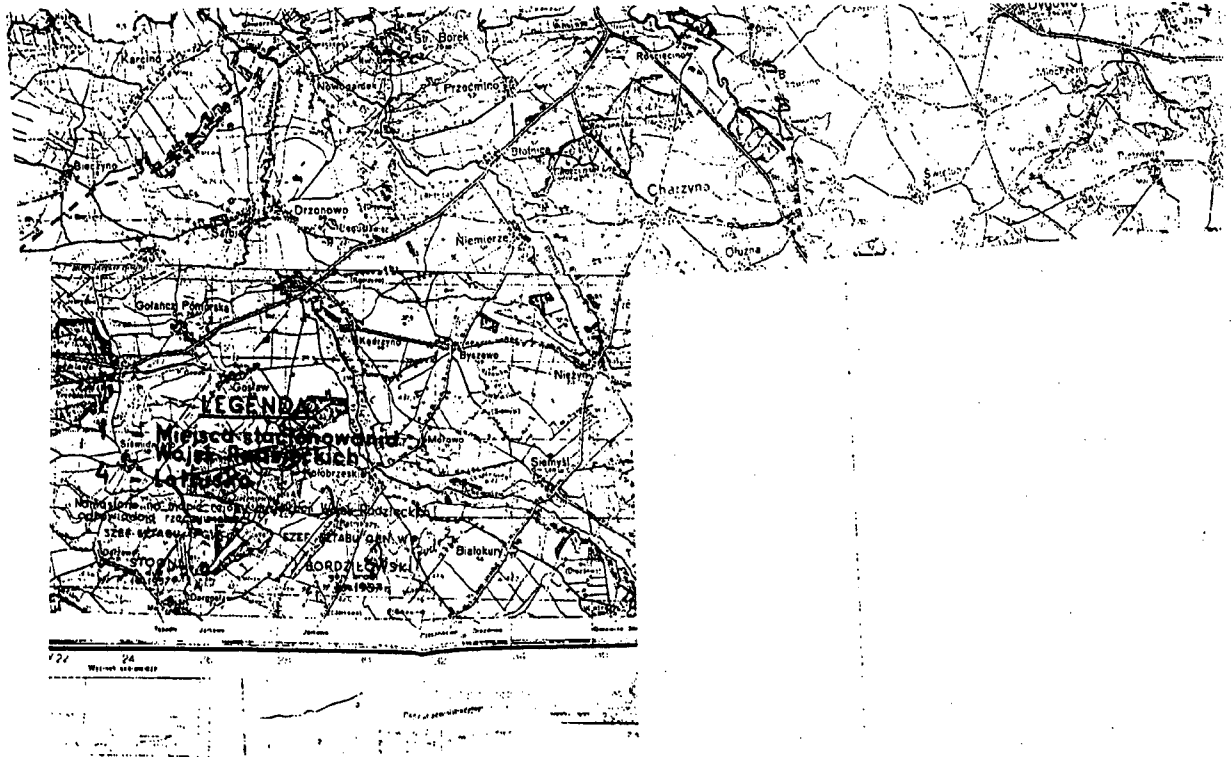


Legend:

- 1 - Stationing site of Soviet troops
- 4 - Airfield

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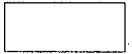




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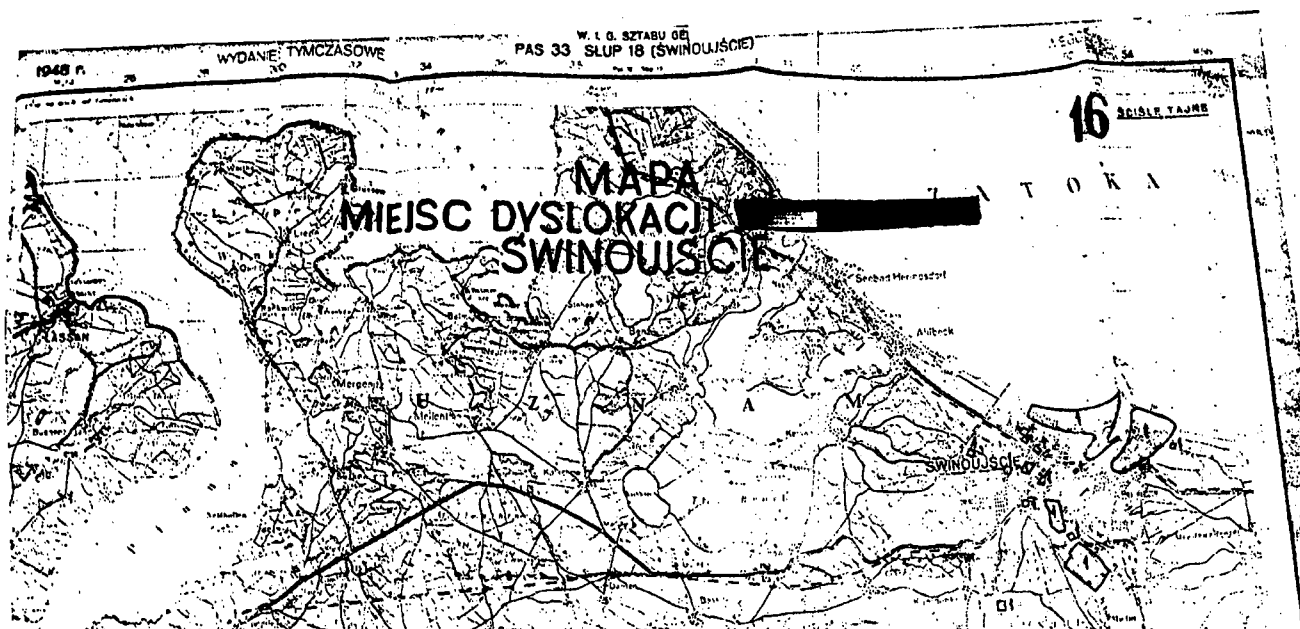
- 1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops
- 4 - Airfield

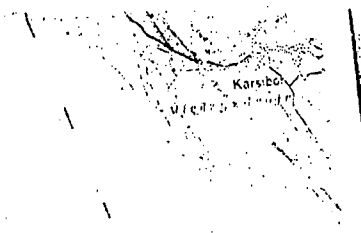
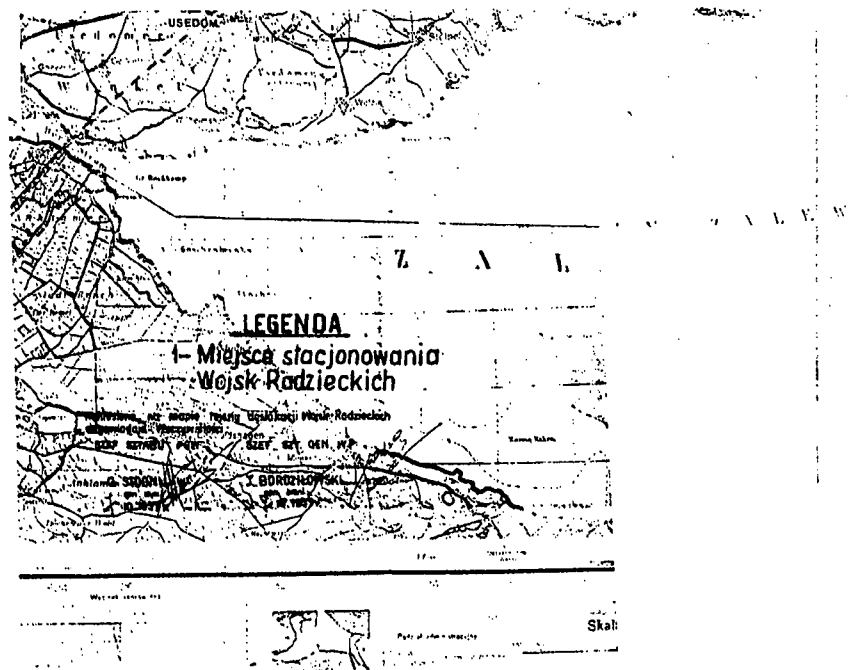
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DISPOSITION SITES MAP--SWINOUJSKIE





Legend:

1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops

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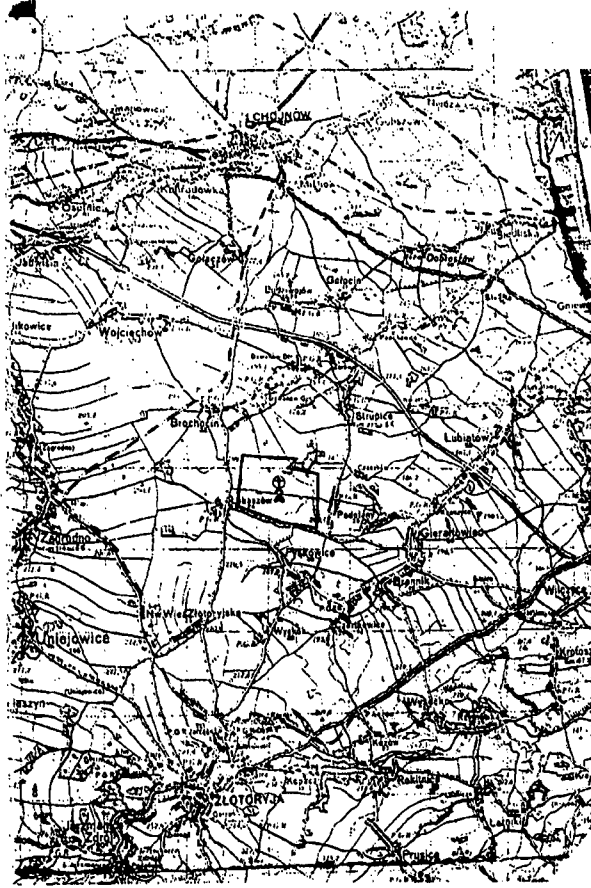
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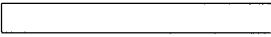


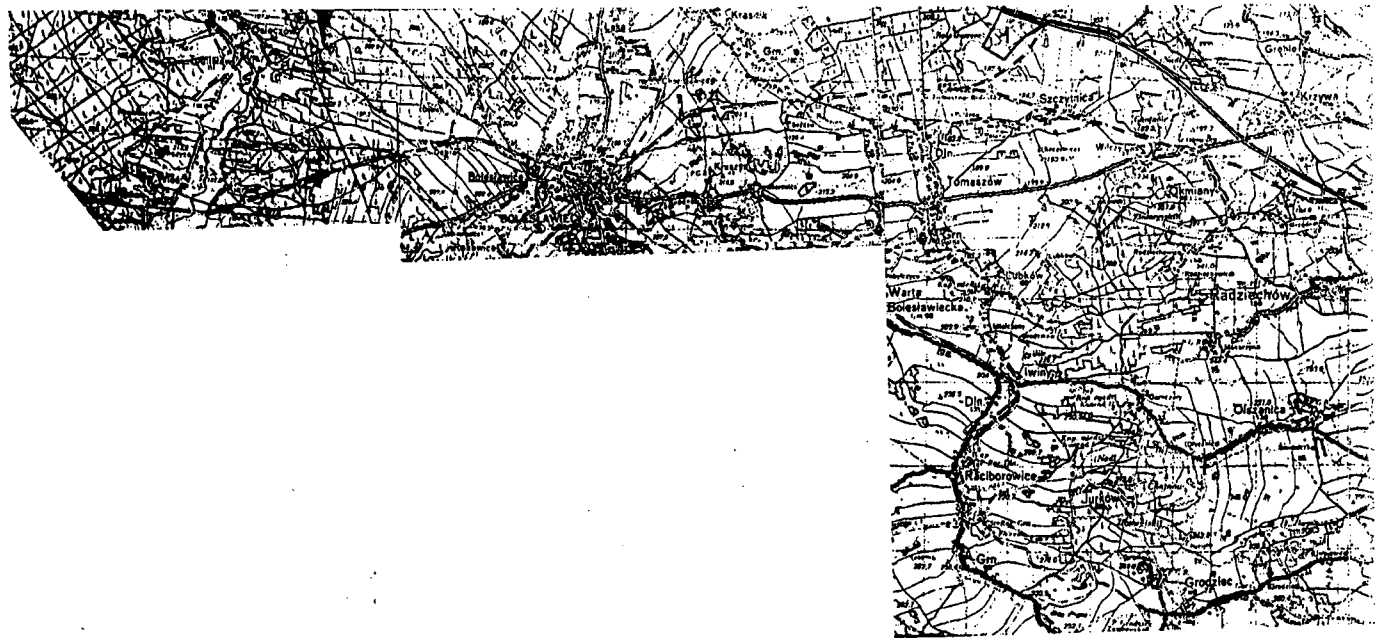
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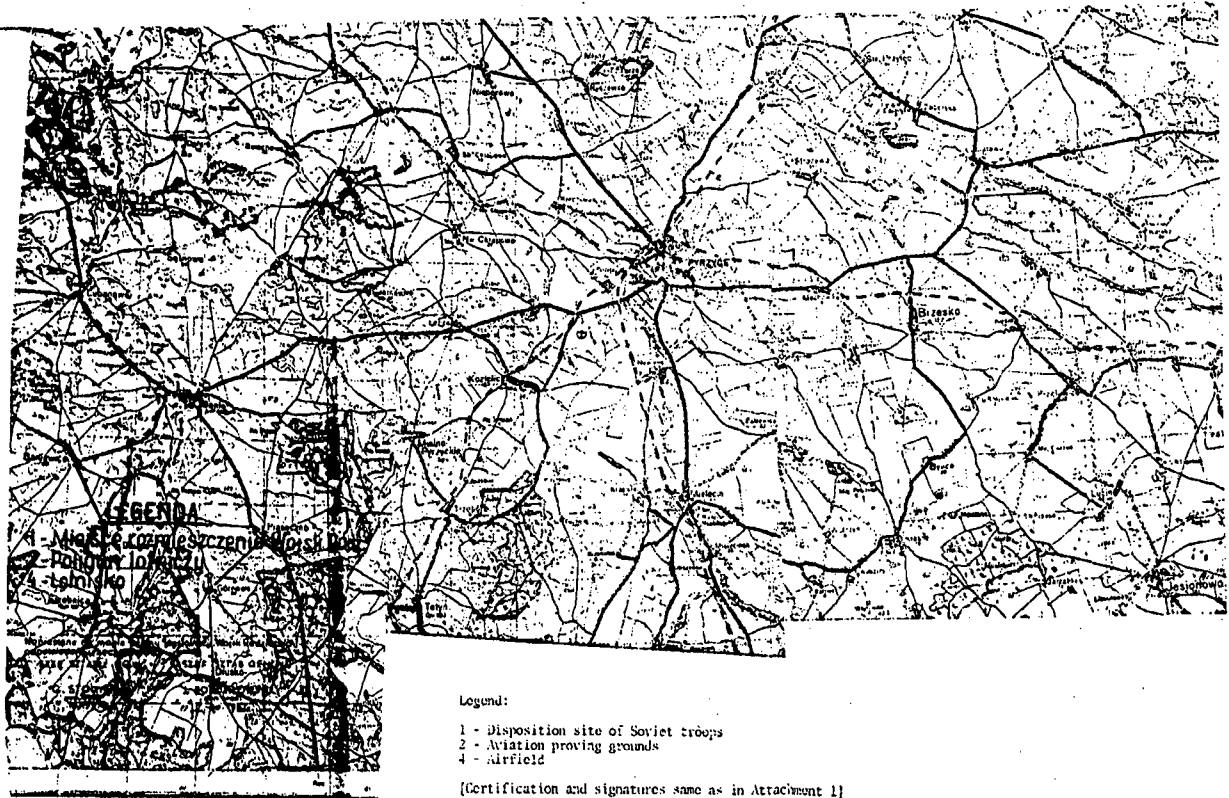
- 1 - Stationing sites of Soviet troops
- 2 - Proving grounds
- 4 - Airfield

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DISPOSITION SITES MAP--KLUCEWO

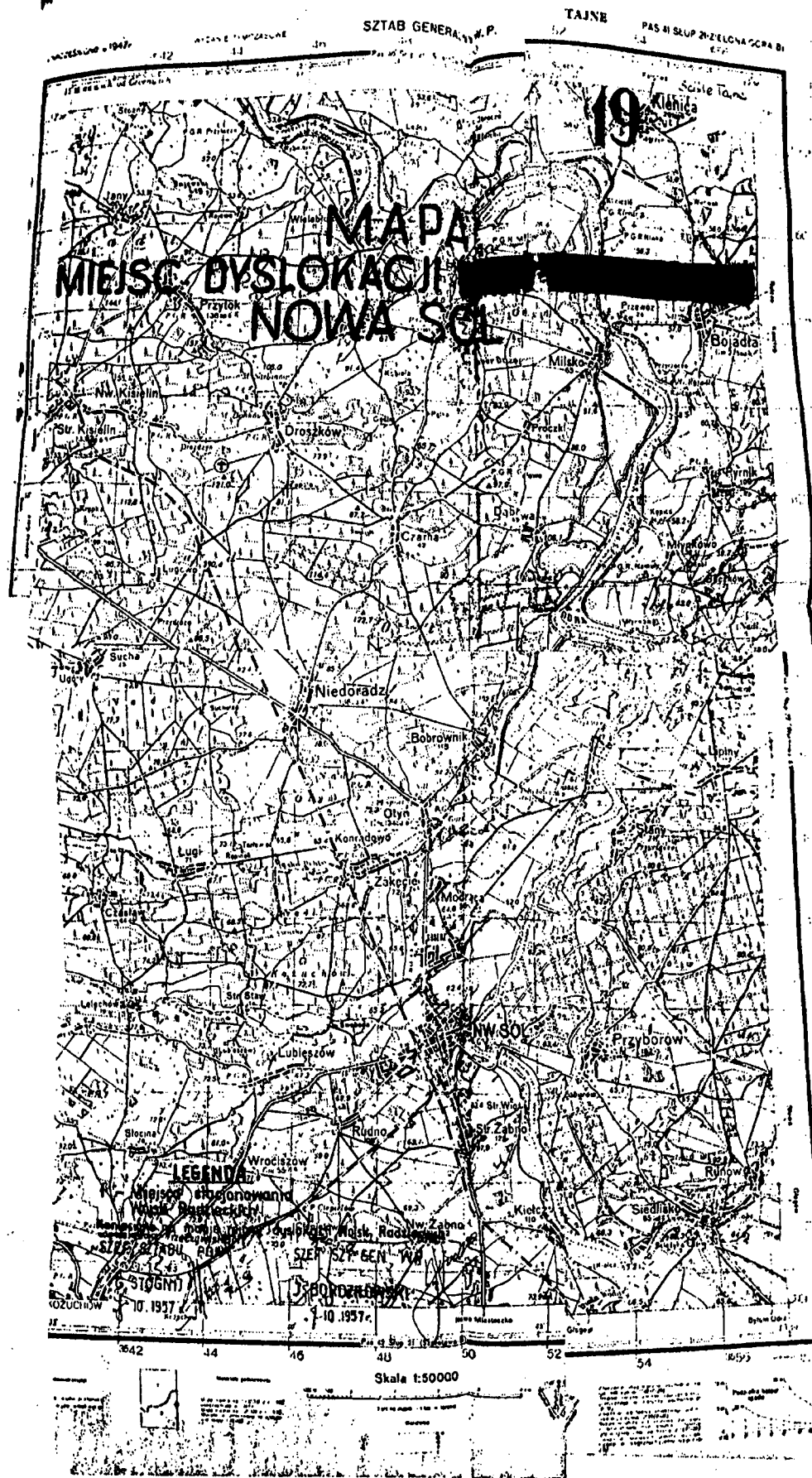




LEGENDA
 1 - Miejsce rozmieszczenia oddziałów
 2 - Poligon lotniczy
 4 - Lotnisko

Legend:
 1 - Disposition site of Soviet troops
 2 - Aviation proving grounds
 4 - Airfield
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Legend:

1. Containing name of Street, Pass...