Polish Army OOB on 16/17 August 1920

This is the Polish Army at the crisis of the “Miracle on the Vistula”. Listed from North to South, in as far as I can establish their location.

The unit numbers are: rifles / sabres / MGs / guns and are front-line **combattants** (not total strength) as taken from Sikorski's book.

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Commander-in-Chief  Piłsudski
Chief of Staff  Count Rozwadoski
Assistant Chief of Staff  M Weygrand (French army)

### Northern Sector

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<td>Gen J Haller</td>
<td>East Prussia to Demblin</td>
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<td>Gen V Sikorski</td>
<td>German border to Pultusk</td>
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<td>Habicht Group</td>
<td>Col Habicht</td>
<td>German border</td>
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<td>3rd Border Guards (3 squadrons), cavalry platoon, Assault company</td>
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<td>Group Dreszer aka 2nd CD</td>
<td>Gen Orlicz-Dreszer</td>
<td>Formed 17 Aug - parts operating independently</td>
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<td>8th CB</td>
<td>N of Plonsk</td>
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<td>1st A/C Column</td>
<td>Maj Arciszewski</td>
<td>In Russian rear around Drobin</td>
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<td>18th ID (largely Blue, “Marcher Rifles”)</td>
<td>Gen F Krajowski</td>
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<td>42nd, 144th, 145th, 149th IRs, 2nd Lancers “Grokhov”?</td>
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<td>Col C Rumsza</td>
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<td>Col A Luczynski</td>
<td>Modlin (the just united portions of 17th and 18th IBs)</td>
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<td>15th, 22nd, 34th, 35th, 41st IR (Lithuanian volunteers, “Suwalki”)</td>
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17th ID (Poznanian)  Gen A Osinski  2,400 / 50 / 39 / 22  Modlin  
67th, 68th, 69th, 70th IRs, 2nd Border-rifle? Regt
Volunteer ID  Lt Col A Koc  4,800 / 300 / 78 / 21  Reserve then N of Modlin
201st, 202nd, 205th IRs (all just re-organised) and 18th Lancers “Pomeranian” (uncertain)
2 armoured trains  (with 17th ID)
Armoured Group  Maj Nowicki  Uncertain location on 16 August then to 18th ID
2 companies (46) tanks on trains, 4 Armoured trains
(perhaps with 1st Army defending Warsaw)
Modlin and Plonsk Garrisons  Col Malewicz  1,200 / - / 30 / 39  Modlin and Plonsk
4th Pomeranian volunteer IR (then to 8th IB), Marine Battalion, 101st IR (uncertain)
Group of the Lower Vistula  Gen Osikowski  1,700 / 800 / 50 / 16  Plock, Wloclawek (in rear)
misc units forming incl 215th lancers - becomes 2nd CB?
Karnicki Division  Gen Karnicki  - / 1,150 / 30 / 9  formed 17 Aug (in rear)
211st, 212nd, 214th (Lvov) Lancer Regts, 9th and 11th Border Regts

1st Army  Gen Latinik  Serock to Karczew
Malachowski Group  Col Malachowski  5,000 / 320 / 94 / 37  Serock/Zeegrze (to 5th Army)
7th Reserve IB (Poznanian) – 155th, 157th, 159th Reserve IRs
10th ID (ex-VA “Iron Division”)  Gen L Żeligowski  4,400 / 170 / 8 / 30  Radzymin
28th, 29th, 30th, 31st IRs
19th ID (1st Lithuanian-Byelorussian ID)  2,400 / 160 / 107 / 12  Radzymin
Wilno, Minsk, Grodno and Novogrod IRs, 16th Lancers “Poznanian”?
11th ID (Blue)  Col B Uzhvinski  7,100 / 130 / 8 / 19  Radzymin
46th, 47th, 48th, 49th IRs
1st Tank Btn  Radzymin
2nd Co (16 Renaults), 5th Co (10 Renaults), 4th Co (12 Renaults) the rest under repair in Lodz
8th ID (Russian)  Col O Pozerski  3,300 / 60 / 52 / 29  Warsaw
13th, 21st, 33rd (Łomża), 36th IRs, perhaps 13th Lancers “Wilno” (or in 20th ID?)
15th ID (Poznanian)  Gen V Jung  6,600 / 90 / 152 / 43  Just South of Warsaw
59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd IRs
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<td>C. M. Matskevich (remnants only)</td>
<td>Gorna Wisla in rear</td>
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<td>Col M Gorniak</td>
<td>360 / 130 / - / - + 1 Co. tanks</td>
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<td>2nd Armoured Car Column (captured Soviet vehicles, perhaps some Ford FT-Bs)</td>
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<td>Matczynski Group</td>
<td>3,400 / - / - / -</td>
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<td>Gen Raszewski</td>
<td>Gora-Kalwarja to Demblin (ex)</td>
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<td>[being dissolved at this time, the 4th ID heading North to 5th Army (8th IB then 7th IB), the 2nd ID to the 3rd Army as reserve]</td>
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<td>4th ID (Galician)</td>
<td>Col S Kalishek</td>
<td>1/2 way Warsaw to Deblin</td>
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<td>10th, 14th, 18th, 37th “Leczyca” IRs</td>
<td>? / ? / ? / ?</td>
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<td>Col M Zimerski</td>
<td>North of Deblin</td>
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<td>2nd, 3rd, 4th, 24th IRs, 3rd Hussars (uncertain)</td>
<td>3,500 / 400 / 153 / 29</td>
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<td>2,300 / - / 31 / -</td>
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<td>55th, 56th, 57th, 58th IRs, 15th Lancers “Poznan”</td>
<td>10,000 / 650 / 230 / 49</td>
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<td>16th ID (Pomeranian)</td>
<td>Col C Lados</td>
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<td>63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th IRs</td>
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<td>Gen A Galica</td>
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<td>1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Mountain IRs</td>
<td>8,000 / 200 / 106 / 27</td>
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<td>32nd IR “Ciechanow”</td>
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### 3rd Army

- **1st ID (Legionary)**
  - 1st, 5th, 6th IRs
  - *Gen Rydz-Smigly*
  - *Col S Dab-Biernacki*
  - 10,000 / 300 / 148 / 35
  - NE Lublin

- **4th CB**
  - ?
  - - / 1,350 / 18 / 8

- **3rd ID (Legionary)**
  - 7th, 8th, 9th, 23rd IRs
  - *Gen L Berbecki*
  - 7,000 / 150 / 132 / 46
  - SE Lublin

- **Jaworski CB**
  - *Maj Jaworski*
  - - / 1,650 / - / -
  - Various volunteer units

#### Observation Corps of 3rd Army

- **Bulak-Balakhovich’s Division**
  - “Army of Byelorussia”
  - 1,000 / 400 / 55 / 5
  - Facing Wtodawa
  - 1st Partisanski, 2nd Pskovski, 3rd Ostrovski, 4th Bozieseski IRs, Partisanski CR (= Don Cossacks?)

- **7th ID (Russian)**
  - 11th, 25th, 26th, 27th IRs
  - *Gen K Schubert*
  - 7,200 / 500 / 106 / 35
  - Chelm

- **6th Ukrainian ID (called “Sich”)**
  - unknown
  - *Gen Bezrucko*
  - 700 / 100 / 23 / 4
  - South of Chelm

- **Kuban Cossack Brigade**
  - *Esaul Yakolev*
  - Various ex-Soviet cossacks
  - - / 650 / 7 / 4
  - ?

- **Volunteer Group**
  - 1,700 / 200 / 28 / 7
  - ?

- **Grabowski Group**
  - 2,000 / - / 19 / 12
  - ?

- **Chetchowski Group**
  - 1,000 / 260 / 1 / 6
  - ?

### 1st CD (Independent)

- **6th CB**
  - 1st Lancers “Krechowiecki”, 12th Lancers “Podolian”, 14th Lancers “Jazlowiec” (Russian), 2 batteries

- **7th CB**
  - *Col. Brezezowski*
  - 2nd Hussars “Rokitna”, 8th Lancers “Prince Jozef Poniatowski”, 9th Lancers “Malopolski”, 2 batteries
Southern Sector  

**6th Army**  
Div Gen Iwaszkiewicz (then Jedrzejewski)  

- 13th ID (Blue, largely US)  
  Gen S Haller  
  43rd, 44th, 45th, 50th IRs  
  6,800 / 230 / 289 / 35

- 12th ID (Blue)  
  Gen M Januszajtis  
  51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th IRs  
  3,100 / 400 / 149 / 38  
  (recently formed from 10th and 12th IBs?)

- 11th IB  
  half 6th ID (Galician, “Cracow”) – perhaps 12th, 16th IRs  
  1,760 / 100 / ? / ?  
  (or 5th IB?)

- 1st CB (Legionary)  
  Gen Belina-Prazmowski  
  2nd ?, 5th Lancers “Zasławski”? , 17th Lancers?  
  - / 300 / 81 / 32

Malopolska Volunteer Army units  

- 1st Reserve IB  
  101st, 105th, 106th Reserve IRs (uncertain)  
  (does not appear in Sikorski)

- 5th ID (Galician)  
  Gen P Shimanski  
  19th, 38th, 39th, 40th IRs  
  5,000 / 300 / 91 / 32  
  Lwów (in bad shape, reforming)

- 2nd Tank Btn.  
  Renaults  
  Mainly in Lwów

Lwów Volunteer Garrison  
Gen Maczynski

**7th Army**  
“Ukrainian Army”  
Gen Pawlenko  
11,000 / - / 29 / 2 (approximate)  
Mostly still forming

- 1st Ukrainian ID (Zaporozhian)  
- 2nd Ukrainian ID (Volhynian)  
- 3rd Ukrainian ID (Iron)  
- 4th Ukrainian ID (Kievan)  
- 5th Ukrainian ID (Kherson)  
Ukrainian CD  

The primary active unit of this army