

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	<i>Gen J Haller</i>		<i>East Prussia to Demblin</i>
5th Army	<i>Gen V Sikorski</i>		<i>German border to Pultusk</i>
Habicht Group	<i>Col Habicht</i>	100 / 360 / 8 / 4	German border
3 rd Border Guards (3 squadrons), cavalry platoon, Assault company			
Group Dreszer <i>aka</i> 2 nd CD	<i>Gen Orlicz-Dreszer</i>	650 / 850 / 43 / 4	Formed 17 Aug - parts operating independently
8 th CB			N of Plonsk
2 nd , 108 th (partial), 115 th , 203 rd Lancer Regts and 2 batteries (+ uncertain 4 th (partial), 18 th (partial))			
9 th CB			Late, then N to Plonsk
1 st Hussars “Jozef Pilsudski”, 201 st Hussars			
(8 th IB from 4 th ID in transit from 2 nd Army, see below)			
1 st A/C Column	<i>Maj Arciszewski</i>	8 cars, mostly Ford FT-Bs	In Russian rear around Drobin
18 th ID (largely Blue, “Marcher Rifles”)	<i>Gen F Krajowski</i>		5,000 / 150 / 49 / 29 Plonsk
42 nd , 144 th , 145 th , 149 th IRs, 2 nd Lancers “Grokhov”?			
Siberian IB	<i>Col C Rumsza</i>	3,000 / 200 / 23 / 8	Nasielsk
1 st , 2 nd Siberian IRs			
9 th ID (Russian)	<i>Col A Luczynski</i>	3,500 / 50 / 102 / 20	Modlin (the just united portions of 17 th and 18 th IBs)
15 th , 22 nd , 34 th , 35 th ,			
41 st IR (Lithuanian volunteers, “Suwalki”)			

17 th ID (Poznanian)	<i>Gen A Osinski</i>	2,400 / 50 / 39 / 22	Modlin
	67 th , 68 th , 69 th , 70 th IRs, 2 nd Border-rifle? Regt		
Volunteer ID	<i>Lt Col A Koc</i>	4,800 / 300 / 78 / 21	Reserve then N of Modlin
	201 st , 202 nd , 205 th IRs (all just re-organised) and 18 th Lancers "Pomeranian" (uncertain)		
2 armoured trains			(with 17 th ID)
Armoured Group	<i>Maj Nowicki</i>		Uncertain location on 16 August then to 18 th ID
	2 companies (46) tanks on trains, 4 Armoured trains		(perhaps with 1 st Army defending Warsaw)
Modlin and Plonsk Garrisons	<i>Col Malewicz</i>	1,200 / - / 30 / 39	Modlin and Plonsk
	4 th Pomeranian volunteer IR (then to 8 th IB), Marine Battalion, 101 st IR (uncertain)		
Group of the Lower Vistula	<i>Gen Osikowski</i>	1,700 / 800 / 50 / 16	Plock, Wloclawek (in rear)
	misc units forming incl 215 th lancers - becomes 2 nd CB?		
Karnicki Division	<i>Gen Karnicki</i>	- / 1,150 / 30 / 9	formed 17 Aug (in rear)
	211 st , 212 nd , 214 th (Lvov) Lancer Regts, 9 th and 11 th Border Regts		
1st Army	<i>Gen Latinik</i>		<i>Serock to Karczew</i>
Malachowski Group	<i>Col Malachowski</i>	5,000 / 320 / 94 / 37	Serock/Zegrze (to 5 th Army)
	7 th Reserve IB (Poznanian) – 155 th , 157 th , 159 th Reserve IRs		
10 th ID (ex-VA "Iron Division")	<i>Gen L Żeligowski</i>	4,400 / 170 / 8 / 30	Radzymin
	28 th , 29 th , 30 th , 31 st IRs		
19 th ID (1 st Lithuanian-Byelorussian ID)		2,400 / 160 / 107 / 12	Radzymin
	Wilno, Minsk, Grodno and Novogrod IRs, 16 th Lancers "Poznanian"?		
11 th ID (Blue)	<i>Col B Uzhvinski</i>	7,100 / 130 / 8 / 19	Radzymin
	46 th , 47 th , 48 th , 49 th IRs		
1 st Tank Btn			Radzymin
	2 nd Co (16 Renaults), 5 th Co (10 Renaults), 4 th Co (12 Renaults) the rest under repair in Lodz		
8 th ID (Russian)	<i>Col O Pozerski</i>	3,300 / 60 / 52 / 29	Warsaw
	13 th , 21 st , 33 rd (Łómża), 36 th IRs, perhaps 13 th Lancers "Wilno" (or in 20 th ID?)		
15 th ID (Poznanian)	<i>Gen V Jung</i>	6,600 / 90 / 152 / 43	Just South of Warsaw
	59 th , 60 th , 61 st , 62 nd IRs		

20th ID (2nd Lithuanian-Byelorussian ID) *Col M Matskevich* (remnants only) Gorna Wisla in rear
 Białystock, Kaunas, Lida, Slutsk IRs

2nd Armoured Car Column (captured Soviet vehicles, perhaps some Ford FT-Bs)

Matczynski Group 360 / 130 / - / - + 1 Co. tanks (is this 20th ID?)

Szokalski Group 3,400 / - / - / -

Zawadzki Group 3,400 / 100 / 1 / -

2nd Army

Gen Raszewski

Gora-Kalwarja to Demblin (ex)

[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]

4th ID (Galician) *Col S Kalishek* ? / ? / ? / ? 1/2 way Warsaw to Demblin
 10th, 14th, 18th, 37th “Leczyca” IRs

2nd ID (Legionary) *Col M Zimerski* 3,500 / 400 / 153 / 29 North of Demblin
 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 24th IRs, 3rd Hussars (uncertain)

Central Sector

F M Piłsudski

Demblin to Brody

4th Army

Gen Skierski

Demblin to Kock

12th IB 2,300 / - / 31 / - Reserve (just released from 2nd Army)
 half 6th ID (Galician, “Cracow”) – perhaps 17th, 20th IRs

14th ID (Poznanian) *Gen D Konarzewski* 10,000 / 650 / 230 / 49 Demblin
 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th IRs, 15th Lancers “Poznan”

16th ID (Pomeranian) *Col C Lados* 5,400 / 100 / 94 / 14 Zelechow
 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th IRs

21st ID (Podhalanski) *Gen A Galica* 8,000 / 200 / 106 / 27 Kock
 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Mountain IRs

32nd IR “Ciechanow” Reserve (or with 3rd Army)

3rd Army	<i>Gen Rydz-Smigly</i>		<i>Kock (ex) to Brody (ex)</i>
1 st ID (Legionary) 1 st , 5 th , 6 th IRs	<i>Col S Dab-Biernacki</i>	10,000 / 300 / 148 / 35	NE Lublin
4 th CB ?	?	- / 1,350 / 18 / 8	
3 rd ID (Legionary) 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 23 rd IRs	<i>Gen L Berbecki</i>	7,000 / 150 / 132 / 46	SE Lublin
Jaworski CB Various volunteer units	<i>Maj Jaworski</i>	- / 1,650 / - / -	

Observation Corps of 3rd Army	<i>Gen Zielinski</i>		
Bulak-Balakhovich's Division "Army of Byelorussia" 1 st Partisanski, 2 nd Pskovski, 3 rd Ostrovski, 4 th Bozieseski IRs, Partisanski CR (= Don Cossacks?)		1,000 / 400 / 55 / 5	Facing Wtodawa
7 th ID (Russian) 11 th , 25 th , 26 th , 27 th IRs	<i>Gen K Schubert</i>	7,200 / 500 / 106 / 35	Chelm
6 th Ukrainian ID (called "Sich") unknown	<i>Gen Bezrucko</i>	700 / 100 / 23 / 4	South of Chelm
Kuban Cossack Brigade Various ex-Soviet cossacks	<i>Esaul Yakolev</i>	- / 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)	<i>Col J Rommel</i>	- / 1,200 / ? / 16	
6 th CB 1st Lancers "Krechowiecki", 12th Lancers "Podolian", 14th Lancers "Jazlowiec" (Rusian), 2 batteries			
7 th CB 2nd Hussars "Rokitna", 8th Lancers "Prince Jozef Poniatowski", 9th Lancers "Malopolski", 2 batteries	<i>Col. Brezezowski</i>		

Southern Sector	<i>Gen Dowbor-Musnicki (then Iwaszkiewicz)</i>		<i>Brody and south to border</i>
6th Army	<i>Div Gen Iwaszkiewicz (then Jedrzejewski)</i>		
13 th ID (Blue, largely US) 43 rd , 44 th , 45 th , 50 th IRs	<i>Gen S Haller</i>	6,800 / 230 / 289 / 35	
12 th ID (Blue) 51 st , 52 nd , 53 rd , 54 th IRs	<i>Gen M Januszajtis</i>	3,100 / 400 / 149 / 38	(recently formed from 10 th and 12 th IBs?)
11 th IB half 6 th ID (Galician, “Cracow”) – perhaps 12 th , 16 th IRs		1,760 / 100 / ? / ?	(or 5 th IB?)
1 st CB (Legionary) 2 nd ?, 5 th Lancers “Zaslowski”?, 17 th Lancers?	<i>Gen Belina-Prazmowski</i>	- / 300 / 81 / 32	
Malopolska Volunteer Army units ?			(does not appear in Sikorski, perhaps it is the Lwów volunteers?)
1 st Reserve IB 101 st , 105 th , 106 th Reserve IRs (uncertain)			(does not appear in Sikorski)
5 th ID (Galician) 19 th , 38 th , 39 th , 40 th IRs	<i>Gen P Shimanski</i>	5,000 / 300 / 91 / 32	Lwów (in bad shape, reforming)
2 nd Tank Btn.		Renaults	Mainly in Lwów
Lwów Volunteer Garrison	<i>Gen Maczynski</i>		
7th Army “Ukrainian Army”	<i>Gen Pawlenko</i>	11,000 / - / 29 / 2 (approximate)	Mostly still forming
1 st Ukrainian ID (Zaporozhian)			
2 nd Ukrainian ID (Volhynian)	<i>Col Udovychenko</i>		The primary active unit of this army
3 rd Ukrainian ID (Iron)			
4 th Ukrainian ID (Kievan)			
5 th Ukrainian ID (Kherson)			
Ukrainian CD			