

**Organization of Polish Infantry
1939**

Polish Infantry Division

Headquarters

Infantry Brigade, with

- 3 Infantry Regiments, each with
 - 1 Headquarters Company
 - 3 Infantry Battalions, each with
 - 3 Infantry Companies, each with
 - 4 Officers
 - 226 Men
 - 9 Light Machine Guns
 - 3 46mm Mortars
 - 3 Anti-tank rifles
 - 13 Horses
 - 1 Heavy Machine Gun Company
 - 5 Officers
 - 166 Men
 - 12 Light Machine Guns
 - 2 81mm Mortars
 - 48 Horses
- 1 Reconnaissance Company
 - 3 Officers
 - 105 Men
 - 4 Light Machine Guns
 - 2 Anti-tank Rifles
 - 53 Horses
- 1 Anti-tank Company
 - 4 Officers
 - 120 Men
 - 9 37mm AT Guns
 - 53 Horses
- 1 Special Detachment
 - Pioneer Platoon
 - 1 Officer
 - 60 Men
 - 19 Horses
 - Artillery Platoon
 - 2 Officers
 - 50 Men
 - 2 75mm Guns
 - Anti-Gas Platoon
 - 1 Officer
 - 46 Men
 - 1 Communications Platoon

Light Artillery Regiment (Horse Drawn) , with

- 24 75mm guns
- 12 100mm guns

Heavy Artillery Detachment (Horse Drawn), with

- 12 105mm guns
- 3 155mm howitzers

2 Heavy Artillery Battalions, each with

Bicycle Company, (2 types) with

- Type A
 - 4 Officers
 - 211 Men
 - 9 Light Machine Guns
 - 196 Horses
 - 7 Horse Drawn Vehicles
 - 1 Car or Truck
- Type B
 - 5 Officers
 - 210 Men
 - 9 Light Machine Guns
 - 3 Anti-tank rifles
 - 196 Horses
 - 5 Horse Drawn Vehicles
 - 3 Cars or Trucks

Cavalry Squadron, with

- 5 Officers
- 210 Men
- 213 Rifles
- 215 Horses (estimated)
- 1 Horse Drawn Vehicle (estimated)

Antiaircraft Battery, (3 types) with

- Type A
 - 5 officers
 - 135 men
 - 9 Heavy Machine Guns
 - 2 81mm Mortars
 - 109 Horses
 - 45 Horse drawn vehicles
- Type B
 - 6 officers
 - 192 men
 - 12 Heavy Machine Guns
 - 2 81mm Mortars
 - 132 Horses
 - 55 Horse drawn vehicles
- Type C
 - 5 officers
 - 185 men
 - 16 Heavy Machine Guns
 - 124 Horses
 - 52 Horse drawn vehicles

Engineer Battalion

Heavy Machine Gun Company (*), with

- 6 Officers
- 166 Men
- 12 Heavy Machine Guns
- 2 81mm Mortars
- 48 Horses
- 30 Horse Drawn Vehicles

Telephone Company

Radio Platoon

Field Court and Military Police Platoon

Medical Company

Disinfection/Bathing Column
 Chemical Warfare Unit
 3 Supply Columns
 Supply Platoon
 Repair Depot

*Tankette company in some divisions.

Divisions and Component Units

Div	Infantry	Artillery		Hvy Eng			Notes
	Regiments	Lt Regt	Hv Det	Bcyl	Cav.	AA MG Bn	
1L	1L, 5L, 6L	1L	1	Co.	1	- Co.	1
2L	2L, 3L, 4L	2	2	Co.	2	- Co.	-
3L	7L, 8L, 9L	3	3	Co.	3	Bty Co.	3
4	14, 63, 67NG	4	4	Co.	4	Bty Co.	4 81 TKS
5	19, 26, 40	5	5	Co.	5	Bty Co.	5
6	12, 16, 20	6	6	Co.	6	- Co.	6
7	25, 27, 74	7	7	Co.	7	Bty Co.	7 NG Bn
8	13, 21, 32	8	8	Co.	8	Bty Co.	8 63 TKS
9	22, 34, 35	9+56Bn	-	-	9	Bty Co.	9
10	28, 30, 31, NG	10	10	Co.	10	Bty Co.	10 32TKS & 92TK
11	48, 49, 53	11	11	Co.	11	Bty Co.	11
12	51, 52, 54	12	12	Co.	12	Bty Co.	12 AT Co
13	43, 44, 45	13	13	Co.	13	Bty Co.	13
14	55, 57, 58, NG, NG	14	14	Co.	14	Bty Co.	14 71 TKS
15	59, 61, 62, NG	15	15	Co.	15	Bty Co.	15 82 TKS & AT Co
16	64, 65, 66, NG	16	16	Co.	16	Bty Co.	16 Assault Bn
17	68, 69, 70	17	17	Co.	17	Bty Co.	17 72 TK
18	33, 42, 71	18	18	Co.	18	Bty Co.	18
19	77, 85, 86	19	19	Co.	19	Bty Co.	19 AT Co
20	78, 79, 80	20	20	Co.	20	Bty Co.	20 62 TK
21*	3, 4, 202	21	21	Co.	21	Bty Co.	21
22*	2, 5, 6	22	22	Co.	22	Bty Co.	22
23	11, 73, 75	23	23&95	2Cos.	23	Bty Co.	23
24	17, 38, 39	24	24	Co.	24	Bty Co.	24
25	29, 56, 60, NG	25	25	Co.	25	Bty Co.	25 31 TKS
26	10, 18, 37, NG	26	26	Co.	26	Bty Co.	26 (1)
27	23, 24, 50	27	27	Co.	27	Bty Co.	27
28	15, 36, 72	28	28	Co.	28	Bty Co.	28 91 TK
29	41, 76, 81	29	29	Co.	29	Bty Co.	29 41 TK (2)
30	82, 83, 84	30	30	Co.	30	Bty Co.	30
33+	133, 134, 135	31	-	-	33	- Co.	33 43
35+	205, 205, 207	32	-	-	35	- Co.	35 35
36+	163, 164, 165	40	-	-	36	- Co.	36 46
45+	154, 155, 156	55	-	Co.	45	- 2Cos	45 55 (incomplt)
50+	178, 179, 180, 181			(not completed)			
55+	201, 203, 204	65+Bn		(not completed)			
60+	182, 183, 184			(not completed)			
1*	1 KOP, 2 KOP, NG	Bn+		(not completed)			
2*	1R, NG, NG/KOP	Bn		(not completed)			
3*	KOP, NG, NG			(not completed)			

(1) 51st Armored Train

(2) 52nd Armored Train

* Mountain Division

+ Reserve Division

NG - National Guard
KOP - Frontier Defense Corps

National Guard Brigade:

Brigade Headquarters

Infantry *

8 Battalions, usually Type IV
1 Bicycle Company
1 Artillery Platoon

* Nowogrodzka, Pomorska, Suwalska & Wolynska Brigades had four regiments each, for a total strength of 7,184men. Otherwise the strength of a brigade ran about 5,000 men.

Type I Battalion

16 Officers
404 Men
9 Light Machine Guns
2 Heavy Machine Guns
1 46mm Mortar
34 Horses
15 Horse Drawn Vehicles
4 Motorcycles

Type IV Battalion

19 Officers
683 Men
9 Light Machine Guns
6 Heavy Machine Guns
1 46mm Mortar
3 Anti-Tank Rifles
70 Horses
50 Bicycles
32 Horse Drawn Vehicles
4 Motorcycles
1 Car or Truck

Type II Battalion

545 Men

Type III Battalion

608 Men

Type S Heavy Machine Gun Battalions

526 Men
18 Heavy Machine Guns
2 46mm Mortars

National Guard Unit

Warszawski Brigade

1st Warszawski Battalion
2nd Warszawski Battalion
3rd Warszawski Battalion
1st Mazurski Battalion
2nd Mazurski Battalion
Kurpiowski Battalion

Type

IV
IV
IV
IV
IV
IV

Deployment

21st Mtn Div.
21st Mtn Div.
36th Regt.
3/32nd Regt
32nd Regt
5th Lancers

Wolynska Half Brigade

Chelminski Battalion
Kowelski Battalion
Lucki Battalion

I
I
I

7th Regt
50th & 23rd Regt
24th & 43rd Regt

Dzisnienska Half Brigade

Braslowski Battalion	I	KOP Slobodka Bn
Postawski Battalion	I	23rd Lancers
Sieradzka Brigade		
Klobucki Battalion	IV	27th Div.
Lublinecki Battalion	IV	74th Regt
1st Wielunski Battalion	IV	31st Regt
2nd Wielunski Battalion	IV	31st Regt
Gornoslaska Brigade		
Chorzowski Battalion	Type S	75th Regt
Katowicki Battalion	III	73rd Regt
Oswiecimski Battalion	III	73rd Cadre Regt
Rybnicki Battalion	III	75th Regt
Sosnowiecki Battalion	III	73rd Regt
Tarnogorski Battalion	III	11th Regt
Zawiercianski Battalion	III	11th Regt
Dabrowskia Half Brigade		
Chrzanowski Battalion	IV	204th Regt/55th Div
Dabrowski Battalion	IV	204th Regt/55th Div
Olkuski Battalion	IV	204th Regt/55th Div
Slaska-Cieszynska Half Brigade		
Bielski Battalion	III	3rd Regt
1st Cieszynski Battalion	III	4th Regt
2nd Cieszynski Battalion	III	4th Regt
Podhalanska Brigade		
Grolicki Battalion	IV	16th Regt
Jasielski Battalion	IV	16th Regt
Limanowski Battalion	IV	1st Regt
Sadecki Battalion	IV	1st Regt
Zakopianski Battalion	IV	12th Regt
Zywiecki Battalion	IV	12th Regt
Lowoska Brigade		
Brzezanski Battalion	I	51st Regt
1st Lowoski Battalion	I	26th Regt
2nd Lowoski Battalion	I	40th Regt
Sokalski Battalion	I	19th Regt
Tarnopolski Battalion	I	54th Regt
Karpacka Half Brigade		
1st Huculski Battalion	I	49th Regt
2nd Huculski Battalion	I	49th Regt
Stanislawowski Battalion	I	48th Regt
Strycki Battalion	I	53rd Regt
Kaliska Brigade		
Kepinski Battalion	IV	
Kozminski Battalion	IV	
Krotoszynski Battalion	IV	
Ostrowski Battalion	IV	
Ostrzeszowski Battalion	IV	
Poznanska Brigade		
Obornicki Battalion	IV	
Opalenicki Battalion	IV	
1st Poznanski Battalion	IV	
2nd Poznanski Battalion	IV	
Rawicki Battalion	IV	
Szamatulski Battalion	IV	
Chelminska Brigade		
Brodnicki Battalion	IV	67th Regt
Bydgoski Battalion	IV	61st Regt

Jablonowski Battalion	IV	63rd Regt
Kcyński Battalion	IV	62nd Regt
Nakielski Battalion	IV	61st Regt
Wagrowiecki Battalion	IV	62nd Regt
Zniński Battalion	IV	62nd Regt
Pomorska		
Czerski Battalion	II	1st Regt
Koronowski Battalion	Type S	61st Regt
Koscierski Battalion	II	2nd Regt
Starogardzki Battalion	II	2/65th Regt
Swiecki Battalion	II	66th Regt
Tucholski Battalion	II	1st Naval Brigade
Podkarpacka Brigade		
Brzozowski Battalion	IV	2nd
Jaroslawski Battalion	I	39th
Krosnienski Battalion	IV	2nd
Przemyski Battalion	I	38th
Rzeszowski Battalion	I	17th
Samborski Battalion	I	6th
Sanocki Battalion	I	2nd
Turczanski Battalion	I	6th
Morska (Naval) Brigade		
1st Gdynski Brigade	IV	2nd Naval Brigade
2nd Gdynski Brigade	IV	2nd Naval Brigade
3rd Gdynski Brigade	IV	2nd Naval Brigade
5th Gdynski Brigade	IV	2nd Naval Brigade
Krakus Group	not applicable	

Frontier Defense Corps (KOP)

Ethnic Polish troops that maintained a high level of readiness and defended the eastern border with the Ukrain against border incursions. It could mobilize 4 divisional headquarters (33rd, 35th, 36th, & 38th), and three Mountain Brigade headquarters (1st, 2nd, & 3rd), twelve regimental headquarters, 34 infantry battalions, 12 cavalry squadrons, two light artillery bataions and four engineer companies. They were incorporated into the reserve and national guard prior to deployment.

Upon mobilization the remaining KOP cadres and battalions deployed as seven understrength regiments (Baronowiczew, Glebokie, Podole, Rowne, Sarny, Wilejka, & Wilno) in Brigade Polesie along the eastern frontier.

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