

Northern Group of Forces [Poland] (Северная Группа Войск (СГВ)) (Severnaya Gruppy Voisk (SGV))

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Headquarters: Legnica, Polish Democratic Republic

Commander-in-Chief: General-Lieutenant Ivan Ivanovich Korbutov (appointed February 1987)

6th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
20th Tank Division
Independent Assets

History:

The NGF was originally established by the Order No. 11096 dated 29 May 1945 issued by the Headquarters of the Supreme High Command (*Stavka VGK*). In the order, it established the major Soviet forces to be utilized for the occupation of Poland. The Headquarters of the 2nd Byelorussian Front would become the Headquarters of the Northern Group of Forces (NGF), effective on 10 June 1945, with most of the forces of the Front, along with some elements of the 1st Byelorussian and 1st Ukrainian Fronts also, even though they would set up their own Groups of Forces. The NGF would remain in place until 1993 when it completed its withdrawal from Poland.

A. Group-level Assets:

1. Group Headquarters – Legnica, Poland

2. Combat units:

- a. 91st Independent Security & Protection Battalion – Legnica 51° 12' 10" North, 16° 08' 50" East
b. 83rd Air Assault Brigade –

3. Combat Support units:

- a. 55th Guards Helicopter Regiment (+)– Kolobrzeg Miasto 54° 12' 00" North, 15° 41' 10" East
1. 635th Independent Aerodome-Technical Support Battalion (attached)
b. 114th Missile Brigade (SS-1C) –
1. 21st Independent Missile Battalion
2. 39th Independent Missile Battalion
3. 55th Independent Missile Battalion
c. 140th Anti-Aircraft Missile Brigade –
1. 1020th Independent Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion
2. 1022nd Independent Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion
3. 1060th Independent Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion
4. 1066th Independent Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion
d. 325th Independent Anti-Aircraft Missile Regiment –

4. Support units:

- a. 100th Independent Engineer-Sapper Battalion
b. 5th Pontoon Bridge Regiment –
c. 902nd Independent Pontoon Brigade Battalion
d. 1308th Independent Pontoon Bridge Battalion
e. 3rd Signals Brigade –
f. 134th Signals Brigade –
g. 137th Independent Signals Battalion – Legnica 51° 12' 10" North, 16° 08' 50" East
h. 587th Independent Radio Relay Battalion – 51° 08' 30" North, 16° 58' 20" East
i. 86th Independent Radio-Technical Battalion
j. 1955th Independent Radio-Electronic Warfare Battalion – Strzegom 50° 57' 50" North, 16° 21' 30" East

- k. 1610th Independent Signals Training Battalion
- l. 663rd Armor Stores Depot – Bialogard Miasto 54° 00' 30" North, 15° 58' 10" East
- m. 885th Engineer Depot – Olawa Miasto 50° 56' 20" North, 17° 18' 20" East
- n. 748th Signals Depot – Legnica 51° 13' 00" North, 16° 10' 30" East
- o. 15th Railroad Battalion
- p. 650th Independent Repair-Reconstruction Battalion
- q. 1003rd Training Center

B. 6th Guards Motorized Rifle Division - [Category A]

Historical Note:

The 6th Guards Motorized Rifle Division can trace its history back to 8 September 1941 when the 325th Rifle Division (I Formation) was formed in the Orel Military District. It took part in the battles around Moscow, both defensive and offensive, then the summer battles in front Moscow. On 18 April 1943, it was awarded 'Guards' status and re-designated the 90th Guards Rifle Division. The 90th GRD fought in the Battle of Kursk in the summer of 1943, then the offensives into the Baltic region and East Prussia, ending the war along the Baltic coast. In May 1945, it was designated as part of the occupation forces for the German portion of Poland. In the summer of 1946, it was tapped to become one of the new Mechanized Division Divisions and was designated the 26th Guards Mechanized Division. In 1957, it again was re-designated, this time to the 38th Guards Tank Division, which held until 1965 when it went back to the 90th Guards Tank Division. In an exchange of numbers, the 6th Guards Motorized Rifle Division in Germany in 1982 became the 90th Guards Tank Division, while the 90th Guards Tank Division became the 6th Guards Motorized Rifle Division. This remained until the Division withdrew from Poland in 1992 and was moved to T'ver in the Moscow Military District where it became the 166th Guards Motorized Rifle Brigade. Later, it was disbanded and converted into the 70th Weapons & Equipment Storage Base.

Assigned units:

- a. Division Headquarters – Borne-Sulinovo 53° 35' 10" North, 16° 32' 20" East
- b. 16th Guards Motorized Regiment (BTR) – Borne-Sulinovo 53° 34' 30" North, 16° 32' 20" East
- c. 82nd Guards Motorized Regiment (BTR) – Sypniewko 53° 29' 10" North, 16° 33' 10" East
- d. 252nd Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment (BMP) – Borne-Sulinovo 53° 34' 50" North, 16° 33' 00" East
- e. 80th Tank Regiment – Borne-Sulinovo 53° 34' 30" North, 16° 31' 50" East
- f. 193rd Guards Self-Propelled Artillery Regiment – Bialogard-Miasto 54° 00' 50" North, 16° 00' 10" East
- g. 1082nd Anti-Aircraft Missile Regiment – Szczecinek Miasto 53° 42' 00" North, 16° 42' 50" East
- h. 669th Independent Missile Battalion (SS-21) – Bialogard-Miasto 54° 00' 30" North, 15° 58' 00" East
- i. 90th Independent Tank Battalion – Borne-Sulinovo 53° 34' 50" North, 16° 32' 00" East
- j. 465th Independent Anti-Tank Artillery Battalion – Bialogard-Miasto 53° 59' 40" North, 16° 00' 20" East
- k. 126th Independent Reconnaissance & Radio-EW Battalion – Bialogard-Miasto 53° 59' 40" North, 16° 00' 20" East
- l. 54th Independent Guards Signals Battalion – Borne-Sulinovo 53° 34' 30" North, 16° 33' 00" East
- m. 101st Independent Engineer-Sapper Battalion – Szczecin 53° 26' 40" North, 14° 29' 50" East
- n. 71st Independent Repair-Reconstruction Battalion
- o. Unidentified Independent Chemical Defense Battalion
- p. 87th Independent Medical-Sanitation Battalion
- q. 1083rd Independent Material Support Battalion

Division Notes:

The honorific title of the Division was the "6th Guards Vitebsk-Novgorod twice Red Banner Motorized Rifle Division.

C. 20th Tank Division - [Category A]

Historical Note:

The 20th Tank Division can trace its history back to 12 December 1942 when the 20th Tank Corps was formed in the Moscow Defense Zone. It took part in the counter-offensives in the winter of 1942/43 and the summer 1943 offensives in the southern Ukraine. After taking part in the offensives in 1944 and early 1945, it was in Stavke Reserves when the war ended. It was allocated to the Northern Group of Forces by Directive No. 11096, where it remained through the Cold War. In later 1945, it was reorganized into the 20th Tank Division. Between 1949 and 1955, it was known as the 7th Tank Division, although as a cadre unit. IN 1955, it was restored to full strength and renamed the 20th Tank Division. It would remain in southern Poland until 1991 when it was disbanded.

- a. Division Headquarters – Swietoszow 51° 28' 10" North, 15° 23' 40" East
- b. 8th Guards Tank Regiment – Swietoszow 51° 28' 30" North, 15° 24' 30" East
- c. 76th Guards Tank Regiment – Leszno Gorne 51° 26' 30" North, 15° 33' 20" East

d. 155th Tank Regiment – Swietoszow	51° 28' 00" North, 15° 24' 00" East
e. 144th Motorized Rifle Regiment (BMP) – Leszno Gorne	51° 26' 40" North, 15° 33' 40" East
f. 1052nd Self-Propelled Artillery Regiment – Swietoszow	51° 27' 40" North, 15° 24' 10" East
g. 459th Anti-Aircraft Missile Regiment – Swietoszow	51° 27' 30" North, 15° 24' 10" East
h. 595th Independent Missile Battalion (SS-21) – Leszno Gorne	51° 28' 00" North, 15° 33' 40" East
i. 96th Independent Reconnaissance & Radio-EW Battalion – Swietoszow	51° 28' 30" North, 15° 24' 10" East
j. 710th Independent Signals Battalion – Swietoszow – Swietoszow	51° 28' 30" North, 15° 24' 10" East
k. 206th Independent Engineer-Sapper Battalion – Swietoszow	51° 28' 30" North, 15° 24' 10" East
l. 70th Independent Repair-Reconstruction Battalion	
m. Unidentified Independent Chemical Defense Battalion	
n. 219th Independent Medical-Sanitation Battalion	
o. 1072nd Independent Material Support Battalion	

Division Notes:

The honorific title of the Division was the “20th Kirovograd-Zvenigorod Red Banner Tank Division.