

Our losses:

- 2 Waffen-SS dead
- 2 Waffen-SS wounded
- 1 engineer wounded.

A policeman wounded on 7-th May 1943 died today from wounds. We captured about 15 to 20 pistols of various calibers, considerable stores of ammunition for pistols and rifles, moreover a number of home-made hand grenades, made in the former armament factories.

Termination of action: 2130 hours. Will be continued on 9-th May 1943 1000 hours.

The SS and Police Führer
in the District of Warsaw
s. (Stroop)
SS-Brigadeführer and Majorgeneral of Police

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(Jesuites)
SS-Sturmbannführer

C o p y.

Teletype message

From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 9-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 625/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale operation on 9-th May 1943, start 1000 hours.

The operation carried out today had the following result: The combing-out parties at work today discovered 42 dug-outs. From these dug-outs we pulled out alive 1.037 Jews and bandits. In battle 319 bandits and Jews were shot, moreover an uncertain number of buildings which formerly contained the „Transavia“ concern was destroyed by fire; so, in this operation in spite of all combing out again were caught a number of Jews.

Again were captured some pistols and hand grenades.

Our strength:

Used in operation:

German Police	4/103
Security Police	2/12
Engineers (W.H.)	3/67
Waffen-SS	13/547

Cordoning forces:	Day	Night
German Police	1/87	1/36
Waffen-SS	—	1/300
Trawniki	160	—
Polish Police	1/160	1/160

Our losses:

None.

The total of Jews caught up to date has risen to 51.313. Outside the former Jewish Ghetto 254 Jews and bandits were shot.

Termination of operation: 2100 hours, will be continued on 10-th May 1943, 1000 hours.

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Teletype message

From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 10-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 627/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale action on 10-th May 1943, start 1000 hrs.

Today search-parties again combed out the area of the former Jewish residential district. As on preceding days we again pulled out of the dug-outs, against all expectations, a considerable number of Jews. The resistance offered by the Jews had not weakened today. In contrast to the previous days, it seems that those members of the Jewish main battle group who are still in existence and have not been destroyed have retired into the ruins still within their reach, with the intention of firing from there against the acting detachments and inflicting them casualties.⁹⁴

Today we caught a total of 1.183 Jews alive, 187 bandits and Jews were shot. Again a not ascertainable number of Jews and bandits were destroyed in the blown-up dug-outs. The total of Jews caught up to date has risen to 52.693.

Today at 0900 hours a truck drove up to a certain sewer entrance in the so-called Prosta. Someone in the truck explo-

ded two hand grenades, which was the signal for the bandits who were standing ready in the sewer to climb out of the hole. The bandits and Jews — there are always some Polish bandits among them — armed with carbines, small arms and one machine gun, climbed into the truck and drove away in an unknown direction.⁹⁵ The last man of the gang, who stood sentry in the sewer and had the duty of closing the sewer lid, was captured. It is he who gave the above information. He testified that most of the members of the gang, which had been divided into several battle groups, had either been killed in battle or had committed suicide because of the futility of the fight. The search for the truck we began, had no results. The bandits testified further that the Prosta is now the refuge for the still existing Jews, because the ground of the former Ghetto has become too hot. For this reason, I resolved to deal with the Prosta in the same manner as with the Ghetto, and to destroy this miniature Ghetto.

Today, we again captured small arms and some ammunition. The Security Police yesterday succeeded in capturing a workshop outside the Ghetto which manufactured 10,000 to 11,000 explosive charges and other ammunition.

Our strength:

as on the preceding day.

Our losses:

3 SS-men wounded.

Owing to the excellent understanding between us and the Wehrmacht, the detachment of Engineers was reinforced. Moreover, a considerable amount of explosives was put at our disposal.

Termination of operation: 2200 hours. Will be continued on 11-th May 1943, 0930 hours.

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From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 11-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 629/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale operation on 11-th May 1943, start 0930 hours.

The scouting parties sent out last night again reported that there must still be Jews within some dug-outs, since Jews were seen in the ruined streets. The scouting parties shot 12 Jews. On the basis of these reports, today again combing-out parties were used; they succeeded in discovering, capturing and destroying a total of 47 dug-outs. Today again Jews were caught who had settled themselves in remainders of walls, in which the roofs were not quite destroyed. The Jews and bandits are seeking those new refuges, because staying in the dug-outs has become in the meantime unbearable for them. One dug-out was discovered which contained about 12 rooms equipped with plumbing, water and separate bath arrangements for men and women. Considerable amounts of food were captured or secured, in order to diminish more and more the possibility of getting food.

A total of 931 Jews and bandits were caught. 53 bandits were shot. More of them perished when dug-outs were blown up and when a small block of buildings was destroyed by fire. The total of Jews caught up to date has risen to 53,667. Several pistols, hand grenades and ammunition were captured.

We have not been able to smoke out the sewers systematically once more, since we are short of smoke-candles. „OFK“ is ready to provide new smoke-candles.

Our strength:

Used in operation:

German Police	6/126
Engineering Emergency Service	1/6
Security Police	2/14
Engineers (W.H.)	4/76
Waffen-SS	12/308

Cordoning forces:

	Day	Night
German Police	1/112	1/86
Waffen-SS	—	1/130
Trawniki	160	—
Polish Police	1/160	1/160

Our losses:

1 SS-man wounded.

Total of losses:

71 wounded, 12 dead.

Termination of today's operation: 2145 hours, will be continued on 12 th May 1943, 0930 hours.

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Teletype message

From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 12-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 637/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale operation on 12-th May 1943, start 0930 hrs.

When the acting combing-out parties searched for further dug-outs in which Jews were hiding, they succeeded in discovering 30 dug-outs. 663 Jews were pulled out of them and 133 Jews were shot. The sum total of Jews caught has arisen to 54,463.

Furthermore the miniature Ghetto was reinforcedly cordoned off and destroyed by fire. Probably a considerable number of Jews perished in the flames; no accurate ascertainment in this regard could be made since the fire was still burning when darkness set in. One concrete building in the Prosta, from which Jews had been taken out, was heavily damaged by blowing-up in order to make it impossible for the bandits to use it as a base later.

It is noteworthy that the Poles, without having been warned, took at once appropriate measures for protecting their window panes etc., before the blowing up started.

The transports of Jews leaving here now will be directed to T. II⁹⁶ beginning today.

Our strength:

Used in operation:

German Police	5/126
Engineering Emergency Service	1/6
Security Police	2/14
Engineers (W.H.)	4/74
Waffen-SS	12/508

Cordoning forces:

	Day	Night
German Police	1/112	1/86
Waffen-SS	—	1/300
Trawniki	160	—
Polish Police	1/160	1/160

Our losses:

1 Waffen-SS-man wounded.

Termination of today's operation: 2100 hours, will be continued on 13-th May 1943, 1000 hours.

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From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 13-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 641/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale operation on 13-th May 1943, start 1000 hours.

In combing out the large Ghetto and the miniature Ghetto (Prosta) today 234 Jews were arrested. 155 Jews were shot in battle. Today it became clear that the Jews and bandits whom we are catching now belong to the so-called battle groups. All of them are young fellows and females between 18 and 25 years of age. When we captured one dug-out, a real skirmish took place, in which the Jews not only fired from 08 pistols and Polish Vis pistols, but also threw Polish „pineapple“ hand grenades at the Waffen-SS-men. After part of the inmates of the dug-out had been caught and were about to be searched, one of the females — what had happened already often — as quick as lightning put her hand under her shirt and fetched from her bloomers a „pineapple“ hand grenade, drew the safety catch, threw the grenade among the men who were searching her, and jumped quickly to cover. It is only thanks to the presence of mind of the men that no casualties ensued.

The few Jews and criminals⁹⁷ still staying in the Ghetto have for the last 2 days been using the hideouts they can still

find among the ruins, retiring at night into the dug-outs whose location is known to them, to eat and get provisions for the next day. Lately we have been unable to extract information from the captured Jews of further dug-outs they knew. The remainder of the inmates of that dug-out where the skirmish took place were destroyed by using heavier explosive charges. From a Wehrmacht factory we caught 327 Jews today. The Jews we catch now are sent to T. II.

The total of Jews caught has risen to 55.179.

Our strength:

Used in operation:

German Police	4/182
Engineering Emergency Service	1/6
Security Police	2/14
Engineers	4/74
Waffen-SS	12/517

Cordoning forces:	Day	Night
German Police	2/137	1/87
Waffen-SS	—	1/300
Trawniki	270	—
Polish Police	1/160	1/160

Our losses:

2 Waffen-SS dead
3 Waffen-SS wounded
1 policeman wounded.

The 2 Waffen-SS men lost their lives in the air attack in the Ghetto.⁹⁸

33 dug-outs were discovered and destroyed. Booty: 6 pistols, 2 hand grenades, and explosive charges.

Termination of today's operation: 21 hours, will be continued on 14-th May 1943, 1000 hours.

My intention is to terminate the large-scale operation on 16-th May 1943 and to turn all further measures over to Police Battalion III/23. Unless ordered otherwise, I am going to submit to the conference of SS and Police Führers a detailed report, including an appendix containing photos.

The SS and Police Führer
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Teletype message

From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 14-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 646/43 secret.
Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.
To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale operation on 14-th May 1943, start 1000 hours.

The combing-out parties formed today, again went to work within the areas allotted to each of them under orders to open further dwelling dug-outs and to catch the Jews. In this way a considerable number of bandits and Jews again were caught today, especially some traces discovered during the night were now followed up with good results. The night patrols clashed with armed bandits⁹⁹ several times. These bandits fired a machine gun and small arms. In this operation we had four casualties — 3 Waffen-SS men and 1 policeman. Repeatedly, shots were fired from the aryan part against the external cordon.¹⁰⁰ In the skirmishes about 30 bandits were shot and 9 Jews and bandits, members of an armed gang, were captured. One dug-out was taken during the night, the Jews captured, and some pistols, among them one of 12 mm. caliber, were captured. In one dug-out inhabited by about 100 persons, we were able to capture 2 rifles, 16 pistols, some hand grenades and incendiary appliances. Of the bandits who resisted, some again wore German military uniform, German steel helmets and „Knobelbecher“. Apart from the carbines, we

captured 60 rounds of German rifle ammunition. One riding party had a skirmish with a gang, 10 to 14 strong, on the roofs of a block of buildings at the border of the Ghetto (aryan part). The bandits were destroyed; we suffered no losses.

The captured bandits repeatedly testify that still not all persons in the Ghetto have been caught. They reckon strengly that the action will soon be over, and that they will then be able to continue to live in the Ghetto. Several bandits stated that they had long been in a position to kill off the leader of the action, the „General“,¹⁰¹ as they call him, but that they had orders not to do so, for it could cause a further intensification of the anti-Jewish measures.

Today again some concrete buildings in which the bandits find refuge over and over again were blown up by the engineers.

In order to force the bandits in the sewers to come to the surface, 183 sewer entrances were opened at 1500 hours, and smoke-candles were lowered into them at an ordered X-time, thereupon the bandits, seeking escape from what they supposed to be gas,¹⁰² crowded together in the center of the former Jewish residential area, and we were able to pull them out of the sewer entrances there.

I shall come to a decision after tomorrow's operations regarding termination of the action.

Today afternoon SS-Gruppenführer and Lieutenant General of the Waffen-SS von Herff¹⁰³ was present during the operations.

Our strength:

Used in operation:	
German Police	4/184
Engineering Emergency Service	1/6
Security Police	2/16
Engineers	4/73
Waffen-SS	12/510

Cordoning forces:	Day	Night
German Police	2/138	1/87
Waffen-SS	—	1/300
Trawniki	270	—
Polish Police	1/160	1/160

Our losses:

5 wounded: 4 Waffen-SS, 1 Police.

A total of 398 Jews were caught today, furthermore 154 Jews and bandits were shot in battle. The total of the Jews caught has risen to 55.731.

Booty: rifles, pistols and ammunition. Further, a number of incendiary bottles (Molotov cocktails).

Termination of action: 2115 hours, will be continued on 15-th May 1943 0900 hours.

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Teletype message

From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 15-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 648/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale operation on 15-th May 1943. Start 0900 hours.

The 5 scouting parties who patrolled the Ghetto last night reported that they encountered Jews only sporadically. In contrast to the preceding nights, they were able to shoot only 6 or 7 Jews. The acting combing-out parties today also had little result. 29 more dug-outs were discovered, but part of them were no longer inhabited. A total of 87 Jews were caught today and moreover 67 bandits and Jews were shot in battle. In a skirmish which developed around noon, and in which the bandits again resisted by using Molotov cocktails, pistols and home-made hand grenades, the gang was destroyed, but subsequently a policeman was wounded by a shot through the right thigh. A special unit once more searched the last block of buildings which was still intact in the Ghetto, and subsequently destroyed it. In the evening the chapel, mortuary and all other buildings on the Jewish cemetery were blown up or destroyed by fire.

The sum total of Jews caught has risen to 55.885.

Our strength:

Used in operation:

German Police	4/184
Engineering Emergency Service	1/6
Security Police	2/16
Engineers	4/74
Waffen-SS	12/510

Cordoning forces: Day Night

German Police	2/138	1/87
Waffen-SS	—	1/300
Trawniki	270	—
Polish Police	1/160	1/160

Our losses:

1 policeman wounded.

We captured 4 pistols of larger calibers, 1 infernal machine with fuse, 10 kilograms of explosives, and a considerable amount of ammunition. Termination of operation: 2130 hours. Will be continued on 16-th May 1943, 1000 hours.

I will terminate the large-scale operation on 16-th May 1943 at dusk, by blowing up the synagogue, which we did not succeed in accomplishing today, and will subsequently charge Police Battalion III/23 with continuing resp. completing the measures which are still necessary.

The SS and Police Führer
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Teletype message

From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 16-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 652/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

Progress of large-scale operation on 16-th May 1943, start 1000 hours.

180 Jews, bandits and subhumans were destroyed. The former Jewish quarter of Warsaw is no longer in existence. The large-scale action was terminated at 2015 hours by blowing up the Warsaw synagogue.¹⁰⁴

The measures to be taken with regard to the established banned areas were handed over to the commander of Police Battalion III/23, whom I instructed carefully.

Total number of Jews, both caught ones and Jews whose extermination can be proved, rises to 56.065.

No losses today.

I will submit a final report to the Conference of SS and Police Führers on 18-th May 1943.¹⁰⁵

The SS and Police Führer
in the District of Warsaw

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SS-Brigadeführer and Majorgeneral of Police

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Teletype message¹⁰⁶

From: The SS and Police Führer in the District of Warsaw

Warsaw, 24-th May 1943.

Ref. No.: I ab/St/Gr-16 07-Journal No. 663/43 secret.

Re: Large-scale Ghetto Operation.

Ref. Your teletype message No. 946 of 21-st May 1943.

To: The Higher SS and Police Führer East,
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Police
Krüger — or deputy,
C r a c o w.

I beg to reply to the above teletype message:

No. 1:

Of the total of 56.065 caught Jews, about 7.000 were destroyed in the former Jewish residential area itself, during large-scale operation. 6.929 Jews were destroyed by transporting them to T. II;¹⁰⁷ the sum total of Jews destroyed is therefore 13.929. Beyond the number of 56.065 an estimated number of 5 to 6.000 Jews were destroyed by being blown up or by perishing in the flames.

No. 2:

A total of 631 dug-outs were destroyed.

No. 3 (booty):

7 Polish rifles, 1 Russian rifle, 7 German rifles.

59 pistols of various calibers.

Several 100 hand grenades, including Polish and home-made ones.

A few 100 incendiary bottles.

Home-made explosive charges.

Infernal machines with fuses.

Large amounts of explosives, ammunition for arms of all calibers, including machine-gun ammunition.

With regard to the bag of arms one must take into consideration that in most cases we were not able to capture the arms themselves, since the Jews and bandits before they were captured threw them away into hideouts and holes which we could not discover or find. The smoke which we had developed in the dug-outs also prevented our men from discovering and capturing the arms. Since we had to blow up the dug-outs at once, we were not in a position to search for the arms later on.

The hand grenades, explosive charges and incendiary bottles captured were used at once against the bandits.

Furthermore we captured:

1.240 used uniform tunics (partly equipped with medal ribbons — Iron Cross and East Medal).

600 pairs of used trousers.

Pieces of equipment and German steel helmets.

108 horses, 4 of them still in the former Ghetto (hearses).

4.4 million Zloty. We captured moreover about 5 to 6 million Zloty, not yet counted, a considerable amount of foreign currency, including, among others,

Doll. 14.300 in paper

Doll. 9.200 in gold.

Moreover large amounts of jewelry (rings, chains, watches etc.).

No. 4:

With the exception of 8 buildings (police lodgings, hospital and accommodations for the Werkschutz) the former Ghetto has been completely destroyed. Where blowing up was not

carried out, only fire walls are still standing. But the ruins still contain enormous amounts of bricks and scrap material which could be used.

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