

Nazism in Retreat

After the German army's decisive defeat at Stalingrad in February 1943, the Red Army went on the offensive, forcing the Germans to retreat across the entire Eastern front. Victory was still two years away, but it was now assured. Many Poles, especially residents of the eastern part of their country that had been annexed by the U.S.S.R. during the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact partition, joined a Polish force commanded by General Zygmunt Berling that fought alongside the Red Army.

A February 23, 1944, Soviet soldier's postage free patriotic field post card inscribed "Death to the German Occupiers!" at the top, with Leningrad February 29 arrival postmarks and military censor's marking. A June 11, 1945, Polish soldier's postage free field post card with Lviv/Lviv arrival datestamp and censor's marking.

