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POLISH UNDERGROUND ARMY BURN 50,000 GALLONS

GERMAN AIR FORCE PETROL

Fifty thousand gallons of aeroplane benzine went up in flames at the railway station Lisow near Herby, in Central Poland.

The transport consisted of 25 petrol tanks and was bound for the Eastern front under heavy escort. When the train halted at night, it was specially guarded by sentries standing alongside the trucks.

The transport stopped outside Lisow station, and the Polish Underground detachment attacked the tanks and their guards during that night. Riddled with machine-gun bullets, the tanks started to leak, the petrol ran out and was set alight by handgrenades. The fire spread rapidly from tank to tank, causing heavy explosions. Shortly afterwards, the whole train looked like an immense sea of flames. The German guards fled from the fire, shot at by Polish soldiers.

Thirty-two Germans were killed, and many were wounded by shots or by fire. After completing this act of sabotage, the detachment of the Polish Underground Army retreated without loss to themselves.

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