

SOVIET ARMY FREES LUBLIN.

Just over a hundred miles south east of Warsaw, in the historic town of Lublin the flag of Poland flies again. The Red Army with Polish regiments in support brought freedom to a city occupied by the enemy for three years.

Thousands of Germans were taken prisoner when the Russian advance west of the town cut off their retreat. But by this time in Lublin castle there was horrifying evidence that the Germans had done their bestial worst. Seven hundred Poles were put to death when the enemy were forced to fly from the town. The Poles had been put to forced labour on war work in the prison. There were heart-rending scenes when relatives found that their worst fears were justified among the grim pile of corpses.

For most of the population it was an hour of unbelievable rejoicing when the liberating Soviet and Polish regiments entered the town. The Polish troops did splendid service as guerrillas before entering into regular service with the Red Army. Local partisans also helped in the defeat of the enemy and liberation of the town. After five years of hell joy returned to this part of Poland.