

Secret Police in Poland Repression and Resistance

Opposition to the Nazis was much stronger and more persistent in Poland than in Germany, so the Gestapo had its hands full in trying to subdue the insurgents.



A September 2, 1943, postal card from an inmate at the Litzmannstadt (Łódź) Gestapo prison at Robert-Koch-Strasse 16, with a red manuscript censor scrawl. Note that the prisoner wrote the town name as "L-stadt," which was probably a dual protest that went unnoticed by the Nazis. First, he could have meant it to mean Łódź, the Polish name; second, he avoided writing the name of General Karl Litzmann, the Nazi conqueror for whom the town had been renamed.

