

LIDA PARTISAN FORMATION

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It was formed in April 1943 by the Decision of the *Baranavichy Underground Voblast Committee of the Communist Party (Bolsheviks) of Belarus*. It formed part of the voblast *Baranavichy Partisan Formation*.

It operated in the invaded territory of Voranava, Iwje, Lida, Liubcha, Navagrudak, and Juracishki rajons of Baranavichy Voblast.

It consisted of 6 partisan brigades, i.e. the Aleksandr Nevskij, F. E. Dzerzhinskij, S. M. Kirov, V. I. Chapaev, "Upierad" (onward), 1st Baranavichy ones; in addition, the "Niawlownyja" (the elusive ones) Brigade, "Slawny" (the glorious one) and "Navatary" (innovators) detachments, "Zakhodnija" (the western ones) and "Znishchalnik" (destroyer) Special groups operated independently in the Lida zone; the M. I. Kalinin family Detachment was located in Navagrudak Rajon.

It tied with the Red Army on July 6–11, 1944; before that, there had been 4.2 thousand partisans in the brigades and detachments.

Commander was 1st Secretary of the Lida Interrajon Party Centre and Lida Underground Town-Rajon Committee of the Communist Party (Bolsheviks) of Belarus E. D. Gapeev. [B. A.] Skuratovich, G. T. Vorobev, I. Ja. Mukhortov, G. G. Kagan, [P. I.] Lyskov, F. I. Serebriakov, [G. P.] Dziatlava, Ju. B. Dragun, Ju. I. Tajts formed part of the formation's headquarters.

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