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German units in Kamenny Brod during 1941

Research to place German units in Kamenny Brod to coincide with the massacres in August 1941

Kamenny Brod was in the area of operations for Army Group South. In looking for combat units we start off with the 11th Army or parts of the Romanian units attached to ArmeeGruppeSud. In August 1941, Operation Barbarossa was in full swing and who was where would have gotten confusing. Add to that, the German army, like most modern armies, travels with a huge list of support units and hangers-on.

By support units I mean units with non-combat functions, e.g., RAD (Reichsarbeitsdienst), OT (Organazion Todt), RKU (Reichskommissariat Ukraine), and of course the SS-insatzgruppen.

Given the time and location further search for records of the SS-Einstazgruppen under the command of a particularly loathsome individual named Friedrich Jeckeln

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friedrich_Jeckeln

He was originally part of the 3rd SS Totenkopf. Say what you want about the Waffen SS being soldiers, these guys were recruited from concentration camp guards and as early as the spring of 1940 were executing British soldiers who surrendered. We are trying to place German units in Kamenny Brod to coincide with the massacres there we start with Jeckeln.

And this Axis history page with a link that concerns that region of the Ukraine:

<http://www.axishistory.com/index.php?id=3940>

Note: We requested source information from German Embassy in Washington, but they did not respond.

(ISJM) Allan Dolgow has passed on news reported by Michael Savin, of the press service of the Russian Jewish Congress, about the recent (May 24, 2009) inauguration of a new memorial to the victims of the Holocaust in the village of Kammeny Brod, Ukraine, a small town which once had three synagogues. During the German occupation the Jews of the town were killed.

The president of the Russian Jewish Congress, Yuriy Kanner, who was born and grew up in Kammeny Brod, and he initiated of the creation of the memorial, which is also dedicated to the memory of his many relatives killed in the village.

Representatives of the local administrations, activists of Jewish communities, and rabbis of Berdichev, Gitomir (Zhitomir), Lvov and Chmelnytsk were present during this ceremony.

It is not clear from the report where the new monument is located. The survey of Jewish sites in Ukraine by the sponsored by the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad reported in 1996 that there was a Jewish cemetery in the town and at least two mass graves of Jews executed in 1941.

The first mass grave is located at 1.5 km to Northeast from Kamenny Brod, and was unmarked in the pine forest. The second mass grave is located to the northeast, 500m from a faience factory, reached by crossing Zovtnevaya Street. It was fenced (c. 1950?), and at least in the 1990s it was kept moderately clean and the marker/monument was kept in repair.

To view a slideshow of the dedication, please visit

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U3Lovni8ug>

From Yad Vashem

Thank you for your recent mail requesting information about the perpetrators of the killing of Jews in Kamenny Brod during the summer of 1941. The killing of Jews (and other "hostile elements") was not perpetrated by the Wehrmacht directly, but by SS and police units which operated right behind the frontline (in cooperation with the regular army that's true). According to certain reports, copies of which we received from the Zentrale Stelle in Ludwigsburg, Germany, our file O.53/93, the 1.SS-Brigade was operating in the Kamenny Brod area, with two regiments, SS-I.R.8 and SS-I.R.10. It is not very clear which of those regiments entered Kamenny Brod in August 1941 and committed the killing of Jews there.

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