



OPERATION TANNENBERG

OF OPERATIONAL GROUPS OF GERMAN SECURITY POLICE (Sipo - SICHERHEITSPOLIZEI) AND SECURITY SERVICE (SD - SICHERHEITSDIENST) DURING POLISH CAMPAIGN 1939.

The Third German Reich - genesis of the crime

In the foreground is the destruction of Poland. The aim is elimination of living forces, not the arrival at a certain line.

Adolf Hitler (22 August 1939, Obersalzberg)

MURDEROUS IDEOLOGY



Alfred ROSENBERG
(1893-1946)

- ideologist and creator of the most important theories of national socialism
- conviction about the superiority of the Aryan race
- "living space" (Lebensraum)
- anti-Semitism
- revision of the Treaty of Versailles

A CRIME IN THE NAME OF IDEOLOGY



Reinhard HEYDRICH
(1904-1942)

- fanatical Nazi
- member of SS
- the Head of the Security Service (SD) and the Gestapo
- Head of the Reich Main Security Office (RSHA)
- responsible for the operation "Tannenberg"
- the head of the Einsatzgruppen

ASSUMPTIONS OF THE OPERATION CODENAMED "TANNENBERG"

INVASION OF POLAND 1939

PACIFICATION AT THE BACK OF THE FRONT

CRIME EXECUTORS

THE EXTERMINATION OF THE POLISH LEADERS

~55 000 MURDERED (UNTIL THE END OF 1939)



EINSAZGRUPPEN

- arrest warrants created with the help of local Germans
- areas inhabited by dense clusters of German population (German population in Poland - 780 000 people)
- Free City of Gdańsk
- Einsatzgruppen (operational groups)
- 3 German armies
- border of Poland before 1 September 1939.



PREPARATIONS OF THE EINSAZGRUPPEN (EG) FOR WAR WITH POLAND IN 1939.

18 MAY

Start of formation of five Einsatzgruppen and plans to use them in the future war with Poland

22 MAY

In the SD headquarters, they prepare Special Arrest List for Poland

18 AUG

Sipo and SD Commanders' briefing in Berlin, where it was decided to "turn off the Polish intelligentsia and the Polish resistance movement"

25 AUG

The Gestapo headquarters in Berlin is setting up a department of operation "Tannenberg"

29 AUG

Agreement between the Wehrmacht and the SD, concerning joint actions during the Polish campaign of 1939.

1 SEP

Einsatzgruppen set off for Poland