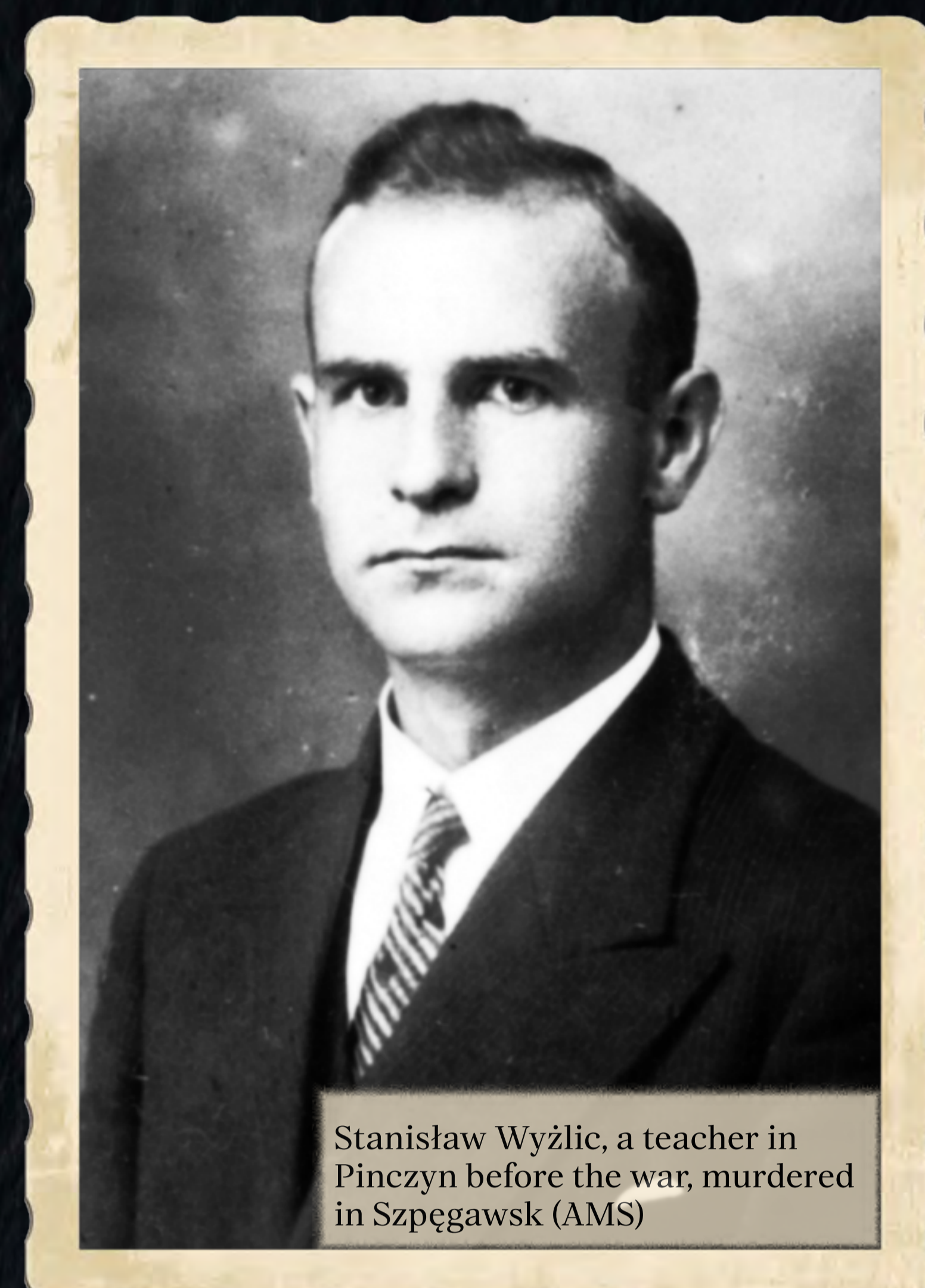


German extermination of Polish teachers

Sites of German extermination of Polish teachers in the former Pomerania Province (prepared by Bartosz Januszewski and Karolina Masłowska)



Stanisław Wyzlic, a teacher in Pinczyn before the war, murdered in Szpegawsk (AMS)



Wojciech Wesolowski, a teacher from Wąbrzeźno, arrested and murdered as a hostage in Mauthausen (AMS)

The operation against the Polish intelligentsia should be considered complete.

Jakob Löllgen in a situation report of the Security Police Operational Headquarters in Bydgoszcz, 10 October 1939

Until the outbreak of the Polish-German war, I served as principal of the school in Żabno. On 12 October 1939 the Gestapo came for me and took me in a car to Starogard. [...] After about a week, we were all transported by bus to prison. It was, I think, the afternoon of 20 October 1939. In prison, the Gestapo tortured and beat us, forcing us to repeat in unison the words: "We are going to die because we are Poles". In total, about 60-70 teachers were brought to the prison.

Memoirs of teacher Jan Kaczmarek

By order of the district head and administrator Johst, the arrest of all Polish teachers began today and will continue until they have all been captured.

Report from the German gendarmerie command in Starogard to the gendarmerie in Kartuzy, 15 October 1939



Three teachers from Bydgoszcz standing in a line moments before being shot in the Valley of Death near Fordon. In the foreground stands Władysław Bieliński, a teacher at a primary school in Wiąg near Świecie, October 1939 (AIPN)



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