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KATYN MASSACRE, 1940

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During WWII, the Germans in Russia uncovered the remains of 4,000- some Polish Army officers in a forest area named for the Russian village of Katyn, located west of Smolensk. The executed officers had been prisoners of war, and another 11,000 were missing. Controversy developed over whether the Soviets or the Germans committed the atrocity, continuing until the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 and official admissions that the Soviet secret police had in fact executed all 15,000 of the Polish officers.

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