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The Ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of 'The Sharp Gate' operation - Belarus, July 12, 2009

On July 12, 2009 in Belarus a ceremony was held to commemorate the 65th anniversary of 'The Sharp Gate' operation. The event was organized by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Grodno and the Union of Poles in Belarus. Jacek Pawłowicz, the head of Exhibition and History Education Department in the Branch Public Education Office participated in the ceremony as a representative of the Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw. The celebration began with a Holy Mass in the Holy Mother of Rosary Parish in Soły. The mass was held for the Home Army soldiers, who died for their country, and their families. On the way from Grodno to Soły, in Dyndyliszki flowers were laid and candles lit on the mass grave of the Home Army soldiers. Subsequently, the graves of Home Army soldiers in Iwaszkowce, Więclawienięty, Wojstom, Smorgonie and the 1920 soldiers quarters in Żodiszki were visited. In Smorgonie Jacek Pawłowicz gave a short speech. The celebration ended with a meeting with veterans during which Henryk Litwin, the Polish ambassador to

Belarus gave several veterans nominations to the first officer rank.



A prayer at the mass
grave of the Home Army
soldiers in Dyndyliszki



Holy Mass in Soły



Holy Mass in Soły



Laying flowers on
the Home Army
soldiers grave in
Iwaszkowce



Laying a wreath on the
Home Army
soldiers grave in
Smorgonie



Jacek Pawłowicz makes a
speech in Smorgonie



The members of the
celebration
in Wojstom



A speech preceding
the ceremony of giving
the nominations to the
first officer rank



The Polish ambassador to
Belarus giving the
veterans nominations to
the first officer rank



Young people laying
flowers on the fascism
and communism
victims grave in Wojstom



The cementary
in Żodiszki.
The quarters of
solidiers who died
in 1920



A prayer on
the cementary in Żodiszki

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