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STANISŁAW HALLER (1872 - 1940)

Stanisław Haller de Hallenburg was a Polish politician and general murdered in the Katyn massacre. He was a cousin of General Józef Haller.



Between 1894 and 1918 Haller served in the Austro-Hungarian Army. Among other military functions, he was commandant of Fortress Kraków. In 1918 he joined the nascent Polish Army. During the Polish-Soviet War he contributed to the defeat of Budionny's army and

its expulsion beyond the Bug River. In 1919-1920, 1923-25 and in May 1926 he was Chief of the Polish General Staff. After 1926 he was placed in retirement as a political opponent of the new regime headed by Józef Piłsudski.

In 1939 he was arrested by the Soviets and placed in a POW camp in Starobelsk . Along with other Polish prisoners of war, he was murdered by the NKVD in April 1940, just before his sixty-eighth birthday, near Kharkov, in the Katyn Massacres.

Among the Katyn victims were 14 Polish generals including Leon Billewicz, Bronisław Bohatyrewicz, Xawery Czernicki(admiral), Aleksander Kowalewski, Henryk Minkiewicz, Kazimierz Orlik-Łukowski, Konstatnty Plisowski, Rudolf Prich (murdered in Lwow), Franciszek Sikorski, Leonard Skierski, Piotr Skuratowicz, Mieczysław Smorawiński and Alojzy Wir-Konas (promoted posthumously). Stanisław Haller is patron of the 5th command regiment of the Cracow-based Polish 2nd Mechanized Corps.

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