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My most memorable moment from the occupation

One evening the Germans prepared an ambush for Polish partisans near our house. They had already captured one Polish fighter before. At 11 p.m. they brought three more partisans with their hands up. They marched them inside. An officer gave an order to tie them up and leave them lying in the dung until morning. There were about 150 German soldiers. They beat the captured as much as they wanted to make them reveal where they kept their weapons. None confessed. The Germans stripped them of their uniforms, burned them and led the partisans to the forest where they again beat and abused them, and in the end, they ordered them to dig a pit and executed them.

When one of the families learned about these events, they dug them out at night. The partisans had some of their teeth knocked off and their hair torn out. The bodies were buried with due ceremony. The fighter who had been captured before others asked for some water. He approached the well and shouted "Long live our soldiers", crossed himself and jumped inside. A German managed to shoot at him and throw a grenade. The brave partisan died.