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First publication about a forgotten prisoner of war camp

Thanks to the initiative of the Polish-American Foundation, a new publication has appeared, which for the first time presents a monographic account of the history of one of the forgotten prisoner of war camps on the territory of present-day Poland: Stalag XXI B/H Thure.

The camp operated in a small village called Tur (German: Thure), located less than 10 km from Szubin (Nakło County, Kuyavian-Pomeranian voivodeship) in the years 1940-1941. It was intended for privates and non-commissioned officers, mainly British. Several hundred soldiers were held there at a time.

The publication presents many photographs depicting the daily life of the prisoners, fragments of memoirs or letters, and a plan of the former camp. Most of these materials have not been published before.

The authors of the bilingual study are Jan Daniluk, PhD, a historian from Gdańsk, and Mariusz Winiecki, EngD, a researcher of history and resident of Szubin. They are both members of the Board of the Polish-American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin.

The Foundation was established in November 2018 as a result of many years of cooperation between former American prisoners of war of Oflag 64 (a prisoner of war camp existing in Szubin between 1943 and 1945) and their families, and enthusiasts and researchers of the history of prisoners of war in Poland.

The mission of the Foundation is to preserve, deepen and popularise the knowledge about Allied prisoners of war in German captivity during World War II, with particular emphasis on the fate of thousands of Allied prisoners of war held in camps in Szubin and the surrounding area, and of Polish citizens who assisted these prisoners. More about the Foundation: www.szubinpowcamps.org (the website is available in Polish, English and French).

The study on Stalag XXI B/H Thure by Jan Daniluk, PhD and Mariusz Winiecki, EngD is the first publication independently issued by the Foundation.

Currently, both authors are working on their next publication – this time a monograph devoted to Oflag 64.

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