Use of the Caves as Mass Graveyards in Slovenia

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Paper gives the brief account on use of caves for mass graveyards in the time of war from years 1941–1945. People were killed at the entrances and thrown into the caves. After that several entrances were undermined and intentionally filled. This hiding of the evidence lasted in some cases tens of years after the events.

In the caver of Speleological Association of Slovenia 86 caves with human remains are reported. In most caves are only few skeletons, but is some probably several thousand people were disposed. Exact number of the people killed from the remains in caves can not be established. Few identification of the people were possible, small objects found usually show their provenance only. People were mostly Slovene, but remains of people from Croatia, Serbia, Albania, Germany and Italy are there as well.