

Ciechanów, 07.04.2018

Ms Mira Wszelaka

President of the *Polish League Against Defamation*

Dear Madam

On behalf of the families of the fallen soldiers of the National Military Union, who served in the "Tygrys" patrol of the unit commanded by MSgt. Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz, a.k.a. "Rój", we would like to thank the entire *Polish League Against Defamation - Good Name Redoubt* Team for their involvement and work connected with the photo presented in the "Familiar Faces" article, on the Argentinian *Pagina12* web portal in December 2017. We are giving much attention to your activities, and respect and appreciate them. We also support your request, and will aid you whenever possible in this regard. Please keep us informed about the matter at hand.

During the many years of communist rule in Poland, the faces of the Cursed Soldiers were banned from public spaces. They were "damned", passed over, and even insulted after death. Their families were oppressed, and for decades bore the brunt of "black propaganda" about the military anti-communist underground. Nowadays, historical documents and studies are available to the public in which one can easily verify a variety information and facts on these matters. As it turns out, however, we still must demand the befitting remembrance of our close, fallen, soldiers. For us, this is painful and incomprehensible.

The families of Polish soldiers serving in the National Military Union, murdered by the communist regime, and the families of the Jews murdered in Jedwabne, contrary to appearances, have much in common. They experienced the same pain, suffering, despair, helplessness, and, more importantly, shed the same tears, after losing their nearest and dearest. Those tears should serve as the basis for historical truth and mutual respect between our nations.

We would like to reiterate our gratitude for your activities aimed at setting the record straight on false information concerning the history of Poland, and, in this case, the history of our families.

Yours sincerely,

- the niece of National Military Union soldier Józef Niski, a.k.a. "Brzoza", from the "Tygrys" patrol in "Rój's" unit;
- the niece of National Military Union soldier Ildefons Żbikowski, a.k.a "Tygrys", patrol commander in "Rój's" unit.