Together with the Polish Army units crossed the Soviet-Iranian frontier, was evacuated to Iran, thereby came under British command with effect from 15.08.1942, as above.

On the re-organisation of the Polish Army in the Middle East assigned to the Polish Armed Forces in the United Kingdom. Arrived on 18.11.1942 and attached to No 1 Armoured Divisional Holding Unit, 1 Polish Armoured Division, 1 Polish Corps.

Postings:

26.11.1942 - 10 Motor Battalion (Dragons) & Light Aid detachment Type "B")
18.08.1944 - 10 Motor Battalion (Dragons) & Light Aid detachment Type "B")
renamed as 10 Motor Regiment (Dragons) & Light Aid detachment Type "B")
20.08.1944 – Wounded in action)
Hospitalised at various military hospitals)
17.11.1944 – Returned to his Unit)
20.04.1945 – Wounded in action) 1 Polish Armoured Division
Hospitalised at various military hospitals)
01.06.1945 – returned to his Unit) 1 Polish Corps
14.08.1946 - On secondment for training – Driving Course)
19.09.1946 – Returned to his Unit)

Served in the United Kingdom 19442-44 and on the Continent 1944-47.

Due to a gradual de-mobilisation of the Polish Forces under British command honourably discharged with effect from 14.01.1947 on emigration to Holland.

Theatre of Operations: ***France, Belgium, Holland and Germany 08.08.1944 – 08.05.1945***

08.08.44-19-08.44 Action at Caen, Falaise, Abbeville, FRANCE
10.04.45-18.04.45 Action on the river Maas, HOLLAND
19.04.45-08.04.44 Kusten Canal, Aschendorf, Papenburg, Ihrhove, Leer, GERMANY

09.05.45-14.01.47 Allied Occupation Forces of Germany

Medal Entitlement:

Polish: Honórary decoration for wounds, Cross for Valour, Army Medal.

British: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, The War Medal 1939-45.

Yours faithfully

APC
POLISH ENQUIRIES
RAF NORTHOLT

M GODDARD (Mrs)
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Army Form A.2038 Serial No. POLAND

WAR DEPARTMENT DRIVING PERMIT

(Not valid for driving any mechanically propelled vehicle for private purposes)

Issued under the conditions of A.C.I.699 of 1940.

The undersigned 28158 Pte

(description) M. BEBNIK Aleksander

10 ARMOURED CAV. BDE

being employed on Military Service is hereby authorised by the Secretary of State for War to drive mechanically propelled vehicles of :—

All Groups
Group I
" III
" IV
" VI

(Delete Groups inapplicable)

when on Government duty, from 1/8 1945

until 1/8 1946

Bebnik

Signature of Holder

Permanent Under-Secretary of State for War.

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CAVALRY BRIGADE POLISH ARMY

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CAMPAIGN STAR

No. 28158 Rank Pte

Name A. BEBNIK

Unit 10TH POLISH MOTORISED DRAGOONS) of 1. Polish **Armoured Division,** is entitled to 1939/45 STAR and FRANCE & GERMANY STAR so far as I can ascertain without reference to GHQ 2nd Echelon by virtue of the following service: 6 months service.

.....45 Signed .....

Comd. / Stankiewicz /
Lt.Col.

Refer: Appendix B 30 Corps Dist.
Routine Order, issue No. 2
Dated 9th July 1945.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
APC POLISH ENQUIRIES
Building 28 B, RAF Northolt
West End Road
Ruislip
Middlesex HA4 6NG
Telephone: 020 8833 8603 Fax: 020 8833 8866

Mrs Ida Bebnik-Mullenders
Siemensstraat 19
414XN Leerdam
THE NETHERLANDS

Our Ref.: 3/1918/85/I/APC/POL/G

Date: 1 July 2009

Dear Madam

Thank you for your recent letter. I am pleased to confirm the following particulars of the military service of:

1918/85/I CORPORAL Aleksander BĘBNIK

Born on: 25 March 1918 **at** Kamienna Góra, Rawa Ruska, Lwów, Poland

Parents: Franciszek and Katarzyna née Pliszka

Marital Status (while serving): Single

Nationality: Polish **Religion:** Roman Catholic

Civilian Occupation (prior to Army Service): Carpenter

Service with the Polish Forces under British Command:

from 15 August 1942 **to** 14 January 1947 (Honourably discharged)

Service with the Polish Resettlement Corps: Enlisted on None
Commissioned

relegated to:
Class "W" Reserve on ./.
Unemployed List

finally discharged
relinquished commission on
(honourably discharged)

Conduct: Very Good.

Former Service and History:

Prior to 1939 lived in Kamienna Góra, district of Rawa Ruska, County of Lwów, Poland – which after the 1939 September campaign in Poland was occupied by the former USSR. Being of Polish nationality he was deported to the former USSR in 1940 (exact date and place(s) of the deportation within the former USSR – not recorded).

On the basis of the Sikorski-Maisky (Polish-Soviet) agreement of July 1941 he was released for the purpose of joining the Polish Armed Forces which were being organised in 1941-42 on the former Soviet territory. Enlisted on 06.03.1942 and posted to 8 Signals Battalion, 8 Infantry Division.

1. DYWIZJA PANCERNA

LEG Nr. 997 *

LEGITYMACJA

upoważniająca do noszenia

KRZYŻA WALECZNYCH

Nadanie ogłoszono
w „Dzienniku Personalnym"

NACZELNEGO WODZA
I
MINISTRA
OBRONY NARODOWEJ

No. 8 z dnia 25.6. 1945 r.

SZEF ODDZIAŁU ORG. KWAT.

(podpis)

PODOSKI

Płk. dypl.

1. DYWIZJA PANCERNA

LEGITYMACJA

Dr. BEBNIK

Aleksander

(Oddział 10. Pułk Dragonów)

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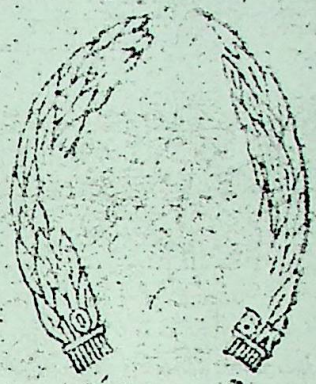
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Podpis Dowódcy

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10 PUŁK DRAGONÓW



LEGITYMACJA

Drg. Bebnik Aleksander

jest uprawniony do posiadania i noszenia „ Odznaki Pułkowej "

Nr. 1194

na podstawie. R.dz. Nr. 42 / 45

poz. p., dnia 20 / IV 1945

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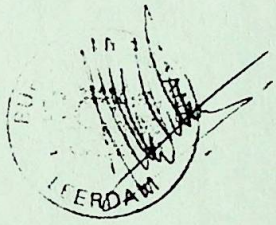
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OVERLEDENE

Geslachtsnaam	:	Bebnik
Voornamen	:	Aleksander
Plaats van geboorte	:	Kamienna Gora, Polen
Dag van geboorte	:	25-03-1918
Geslacht	:	M (mannelijk)
Woonplaats	:	Leerdam
Dag van overlijden	:	05-11-2003 vijf november tweeduizend drie
Uur en minuut van overlijden	:	20.25
Plaats van overlijden	:	Leerdam
Gehuwd met	:	Mullenders, Ida
Geregistreerde partner van	:	-

Dit uittreksel bevat gegevens die ontleend zijn aan het origineel.

Leerdam, 10-11-2003.
De ambtenaar van de burgerlijke stand,



N 2872462 B

Droitwich 2323, Ext.4159.
Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:-
The Under-Secretary of State,
(as opposite)
and the following number quoted

Ref.No. 3/1918/85/I (Records)

The War Office,(Records)(Polish)
Worcester Road,
Droitwich,
Worcs.

16 FEB 1953

February, 1953.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

With reference to your letter of **23rd January, 1953**, I am directed to furnish from the records of the Department the following particulars relating to the military service of **1918/85/I Cpl. Aleksander BEBNIK,**

born on **25th March, 1918** at **Kamionna Góra, county Lwow, Poland,**

son of **Franciszek and Katarzyna née PLISZKA .**

Marital status (while serving): **single.**

Nationality: **Polish.** religion: **Roman-Catholic.**

Civil occupation (prior to enlistment): **carpenter.**

Service with Polish Forces under British Command:-

from **18.11.1942(Middle East)** to **14.1.1947.**

Discharged on 15.1.1947 on emigration to Holland.

Service with Polish Resettlement Corps:- enlisted on **None.**

to R.A. Res.Class "B" on **None.** finally discharged on **None.**

Former Service and History:-

He was deported from Poland to Russia where he joined the Polish Army on 6.3.1942. Transferred via Middle East to the United Kingdom, he arrived in the United Kingdom on 18.11.1942. He took part in the North West European operations (France,Belgium,Holland, Germany) during 1944/45 and was wounded in action on 20.8.1944 and 20.4.1945.

Medals and Awards:-

Polish:- Cross of Valour, Army Medal.

British:- 1939-45 Star, France & Germany Star.

Conduct:- **Very good.**

Remarks:- He was not convicted of any offence or misdemeanour during his service as recorded above.

POLISH SECTION
1 FEB 1953
RECORDS

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

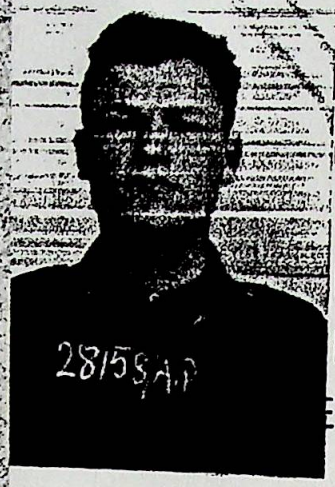
W. A. BLAKE

To:- Mr. **A. BEBNIK,**
Lingestraat 24,
Leerdam,
HOLLAND.

Enclosures:-

POLISH ARMY

SOLDIER'S NAME AND DESCRIPTION



Rank P-te

n Capitals) BEBNiK

lames (in full) ALEKSANDER

rth 25. 3. 1918

Parish [illegible]

In or near the town of [illegible]

In the county of Colorado.

Enlistment Carpenter

Nationality of Father at birth Polish.

Nationality of Mother at birth [illegible]

Religious denomination R.C.

Photographed Number 28158/A.P. 85/1

Signature of Soldier Bębnik

Date [illegible]

DESCRIPTION ON ENLISTMENT

Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 140 Lbs.

Maximum Chest [illegible] ins. Complexion [illegible]

Eyes blue Hair dark

Distinctive Marks and Minor Defects

— None. —

(C.S. 20)

MEDALS · On His Majesty's Service

(I) **OFFICERS** (except H.G.)
Add to partly printed address *If released or otherwise liable to recall to Colours* :—
"The War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1."

If not liable to recall to Colours :—
"DROITWICH,
Worcestershire."

(II) **OTHER RANKS** (and **ALL RANKS, H.G.**)
Add to partly printed address :—
"The War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1."

ARMY

(including A.T.S. and H.G.)

AFFIX POSTAGE STAMP IF IN COUNTRY IN WHICH SHE STILL

OFFICIAL PAID

The ~~Under-Secretary of State for War~~,
POLISH ENQUIRIES
RAF NORTHOLT

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MIDDX HA4 6NG

51-4074—McC—

Please complete, Sign & return

(C.S. 20)

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS, Ex-Army Personnel

WRITE IN INK IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I desire Campaign Stars and Medals, as shown below, awarded to me (or to the late)

Number	Christian or First names	Surname of Officer, soldier or auxiliary
1918/85/1	Aleksander	BEBNIK

Class of Release or Discharge and Date	Age and Service Group No.	Rank	Last Regiment or Corps according to cap badge worn (R.A. to state Branch; Home Guard to insert H.G. with County and Battalion number)
14/01/1947	/	Cpl	PLF

to be addressed to me as follows :—(State *Rank, Title, Mr., Mrs. or Miss*)

(Name) Mrs. I. BEBNIK-MULLENDERS

(Full Postal Address, with Post Town and County — or Postal District and Number —if appropriate)
SIEMENSSTRAAT 19
4142 XP LEERDAM
NEDERLAND

This Box for War Office Use Only

Strike out items which were NOT awarded

STARS

1939-45	~~PACIFIC~~
~~ATLANTIC~~	~~BURMA~~
~~AIR CREW~~	~~ITALY~~
~~EUROPE~~	FRANCE & GERMANY
~~AFRICA~~	

MEDALS

~~DEFENCE~~ | WAR

NOTE—YOUR STARS or MEDALS may not be issued for SEVERAL MONTHS

If you should change your permanent address before receiving them, send a postcard at once to War Office marked "Medals: New Address" and showing (i) the new address and (ii) No., name and last Regiment or Corps.

Signature of Applicant

If claiming as legatee or next-of-kin, state relationship to deceased WIFE

KOPIE UITTREKSEL

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Building 28 B, RAF Northolt
West End Road
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Middlesex HA4 6NG
Telephone: 020 8833 8603 Fax: 020 8833 8866

Mrs Ida Bebnik-Mullenders
Siemensstraat 19
414XN Leerdam
THE NETHERLANDS

Our Ref.: 3/1918/85/I/APC/POL/G

Date: 1 July 2009

Dear Mrs Bebnik-Mullenders

In response to your enquiry, I am happy to enclose a statement of your husband's military service in the Polish Forces under British command during WWII together with copies all available documents.

Having checked your husband's service record, I would inform that your husband was entitled to the followings British awards: *1939-45 Star, France & Germany Star* and *the War Medal 1939-45* which were not issued to him.

Therefore, I am enclosing the CS20 application form for the issue of the awards. Please complete, sign and return it to this office. The awards will then be issued and send to your home address free of charge by the Army Medal Office at Innsworth, in due course. The whole procedure may take up to 3 months to complete.

I am also returning £30.00 as disclosure of information for widow is free of charge.

Yours sincerely

M GODDARD (Mrs)
APC Polish Historical Disclosures

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Documenten uit het Verenigd Koninkrijk

DETAIL OF PERSONAL SIZED GARMENTS.

Article.	Size No.
Anklets, Web	
Blouse, B.D., or Jackets, K.D. or S.D.	
Boots, Ankle	
Cap, Bonnet or Helmet	
Drawers, cellular or woollen	
Gloves, knitted	
Greatcoat	
Jersey, pullover	
Overalls	
Shirts	
Shoes, canvas	
Socks, worsted	
Trousers, B.D., S.D. or Shorts, K.D.	
Vests, woollen	

ALL RANKS

REMEMBER—Never discuss military, naval or air matters in public or with any stranger, no matter to what nationality he or she may belong.

The enemy wants information about you, your unit, your destination. He will do his utmost to discover it.

Keep him in the dark. Gossip on military subjects is highly dangerous to the country, whereas secrecy leads to success.

BE ON YOUR GUARD and report any suspicious individual.

Army Book 64 (Part I).

Soldier's Service Book.

(Soldier's Pay Book, Army Book 64 (Part II), will be issued for active service.)

Entries in this book (other than those connected with the making of a Soldier's Will) are to be made under the superintendence of an Officer.

Instructions to Soldier.

1. You are held **personally responsible** for the safe custody of this book.
2. You will **always carry this book** on your person.
3. You must produce the book whenever called upon to do so by the Civil Police or by a competent military authority, viz., Officer, Warrant Officer, N.C.O. or Military Policeman.
4. You must not alter or make any entry in this book (except as regards your Will on pages 15 to 20).
5. Should you lose the book, you will report the matter to your immediate military superior.
6. On your transfer to the Army Reserve this book will be handed into your Orderly Room for transmission, through the O. i/c Records, to place of rejoining on mobilization.
7. You will be permitted to retain this book after discharge, but should you lose the book after discharge it cannot be replaced.
8. If you are discharged from the Army Reserve, this book will be forwarded to you by the O. i/c Records.

DUPLICATE

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(1) SOLDIER'S NAME and DESCRIPTION on ATTESTATION.

Army Number 28158/85/I

Surname (in capitals) BEBNIK

Christian Names (in full) ALEKSANDER

Date of Birth 25.3.1918

Trade on Enlistment carpenter

Religious Denomination R.C.

Approved Society

Membership No.

Enlisted at On

For the :—

* Regular Army. * Supplementary Reserve.
* Territorial Army. * Army Reserve Section D.
* Strike out those inapplicable.

For years with the Colours and years in the Reserve.

Signature of Soldier

Date

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DESCRIPTION ON ENLISTMENT.

Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 140 lbs.
Maximum Chest ins. Complexion four
Eyes blue Hair dark
Distinctive Marks and Minor Defects



CONDITION ON TRANSFER TO RESERVE.

Found fit for

Defects or History of past illness which should be enquired into if called up for Service

Date 19

Initials of M.O. i/c.

Aleksander Bebnik

en

Ida Mullenders

geven U kennis van hun voorgenomen huwelijk, waarvan de voltrekking zal plaats hebben op Woensdag 25 Juni a.s. te Leerdam.

Leerdam, 4 Juni 1947.

Lingedijk 27
Noordwal 57

STOWARZYSZENIE POLSKICH KOMBATANTOW SAMOPOMOC WOJSKA.

KOLO Nr. 151

Karta czlonkowska Nr. 13194

Imie Aleksander

Nazwisko Babrik

Data wystawienia 1.XI.1946

Prezes Kola

Sekretarz Kola