

Noach Dajbog In Military Uniform



Noach Dajbog in his military uniform of the Kosciuszko Division. This photo was taken around 1944, but I don't know where. Uncle Noach, born in 1903, was the only one of the whole Kielce family to survive the Holocaust, and I spent many years with him after the war. When the war broke out, he had already been married for some time. His first wife, Marjem, nee Ostrowicz, came from a Jewish family, a rather well-to-do one too, I guess, as her father had a farm. They had one son, Julek, who was a year younger than me. Uncle Noach had completed a cadet school and was a reserve officer. And I remember how he came once for some military exercise in his uniform, and I felt so proud. Uncle Noach was a reserve officer and he received a mobilization card in 1939, I think he was

supposed to turn up at his unit somewhere in the Kresy. He couldn't get there, he found himself in Luck, and stayed there. His wife, Aunt Mania, was in Kielce with Julek. She was subsequently executed by the Gestapo for food trading, which is something I know from a book [Krzysztof Urbanski, 'The Extermination of the Jewish Population of Kielce 1939-1945,' Kielce 1994]. Of the living, I was the last one to see them all. When we were fleeing with Aunt Dora and Uncle Srul, they decided to go to Luck and stay with Uncle Noach. In 1940, the NKVD came to the place where Uncle Noach worked and took him straight from there to a transport. He managed to notify Aunt Dora and his brother, and they hurried to join the same transport, because they realized they'd all be taken away sooner or later and they wanted to be together. They were sent to Siberia and ended up in a camp.