

DOBRZYŃSKI Jakub (1878 - after 1933), pseudonyms “*Krzysztof*”, “*Kuba*”. An independence activist, member of the Polish Socialist Party (PPS) and the Polish Military Organisation (POW). He was born on 13th December 1878 in Kutno, the son of Natan and Berta née Litauer, brother of Marcel and Aleksandra (married to → Natan Kohn), uncle of → Jerzy.

He lived in Rudniki near Częstochowa, where his family owned an estate and the “Berta” lime factory. In 1902, he joined the PPS. He transported and stored tissue paper. He hid members of the PPS and the PPS fighting organisation, who were threatened with arrest, and smuggled them overseas. In 1905-06, his factory served as a clandestine, central weapons warehouse for the PPS’s fighting organisations. The weapons and ammunition stored there were transported to Łódź and Warsaw. From Rudniki, Sam Dobrzyński transported a printing press to Ostatni Grosz (from 1916, a suburb of Częstochowa). It was used to print PPS leaflets. In October 1908, the police searched Dobrzyński’s home, but found nothing. Arrested together with his brother Marcel, he was kept in custody, in Częstochowa, for several days.

In 1914, he was active in the Polish Legions. In 1915, he joined the Polish Military Organisation (POW) in Częstochowa. He was also a member of the local District Workers’ Committee PPS-FR. As a POW courier, in 1915-16, he transported underground publications and correspondence. In November 1916, he was awarded a star prepared by the Women’s League of the Military Ambulance Service. In November 1918, he participated in the disarming of the Germans in Częstochowa. From 1906, he belonged to the *Tow. Szerzenia Wiedzy w Częstochowie* [Society for the Spreading of Knowledge]. In 1933, he was awarded the Independence Cross.

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