

On 3 November 2020, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation a silver coin of the series "The Enduring Soldiers Accused by the Communists" – Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz 'Rój', with a face value of 10 złoty.

Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz "Rój"

The reverse of the coin features the images of: Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz "Rój", the Order of Polonia Restituta, a white-and-red flag with the Fighting Poland symbol, and the inscription: 1925-1951.



Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz, alias Rój, was born to a patriotic family in Zagroby on 25 January 1925. He was the son of Adam and Stefania, née Świerczewska. In 1939, he finished the primary school in Różan. During the German occupation, young as he was, he engaged in the underground activity undertaken by the National Armed Forces. In the spring of 1945, he was drafted into the Polish People's Army, but he deserted on hearing that his brother died – Lt. Roman Dziemieszkiewicz, alias Pogoda, was murdered by Soviet soldiers in November 1945.

Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz enlisted as a soldier with the 16th District of the National Military Union (Northern Mazovia), adopting the pseudonym "Rój". From 1946, at the time of mass arrests made by the secret police, he was in command of a detachment of the Special Action Unit of the National Military Union in the administrative district of Ciechanów. Soon,

he was awarded the Cross of Valour for his bravery.

In 1948, he was promoted to the rank of Senior Sergeant. He performed dozens of actions against the officials of the Communist Party, the officers of the terror apparatus, and secret police confidants. He was also involved in raiding the communist secret service prison in Pułtusk (25/26 November 1946) and releasing his sixty five colleagues detained there. On 6 November 1949, in the town of Gołotczyzna near Ciechanów, he stopped a passenger train – his soldiers handed out anti-communist leaflets, and the commander himself delivered an anti-Soviet speech. Educating the society conquered by the Soviet occupant was one of Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz's ways of combat.

Soldiers admired his deep religiousness – he started each day with a prayer and partisans of his detachment wore gorgets featuring the Mother of God. Meanwhile, the communist propaganda disseminated the image of "Rój" as a bloodthirsty

warlord, imputing to him crimes he never committed.

His death was brought about by his fiancée – the secret service blackmailed her into indicating the soldier's whereabouts, threatening to make her family suffer the consequences if she wouldn't. Surrounded in the household of the Burkacki family in the village of Szyszki, Sergeant Mieczysław Dziemieszkiewicz died in a fight against 270-man strong joint operational group of the Department of Security and Citizens' Militia on 13 April 1951. His murderers dragged his body behind their car. So far, no one has been able to locate his remains.

Tadeusz Płuzański

10 zł



Metal: Ag 925/1000
Finish: proof, pad printing
Diameter: 32.00 mm
Weight: 14.14 g
Edge (side): plain
Mintage: up to 11,000 pcs
Designer: Dobrochna Surajewska
Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.

The obverse of the silver coin features prison bars torn apart.



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face value, image of the Eagle established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland
inscription: Rzeczpospolita Polska, year of issue.

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