



RESIST

ETA WROBEL FOUGHT AGAINST THE NAZIS AS A JEWISH PARTISAN IN POLAND

"I was born a fighter." In her youth she was a free spirit who challenged authority. In early 1940, Eta Wrobel, the only child of a family of twelve to survive the Holocaust, began her resistance against the Germans.

After being imprisoned for forging documents to save sick Jews, then escaping only to endure placement in a ghetto, Eta hid deep within the woods. There she joined an exclusively Jewish group of partisans, or resistance fighters, who were dedicated to overcoming the Nazis. Her unit had to steal most of their supplies, sleep in cramped quarters, and received no proper medical attention. Conse-

quently, Eta was forced to extract a bullet from her own leg. Her unit set mines on roads to hinder the progress of German troops and to cut off supply routes, routinely hid Jewish children in Polish households, and persuaded key towns to not contact the German police. Eta's dynamic personality and natural military skills were instrumental in strategic planning for her unit, and a key to the success of their missions.

Eta remembers her heroic years with the partisans: "The biggest resistance that we could have done to the Germans was to survive."

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