

To the Editor
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Dear Editor,

Contrary to what Mr. M. Weiss says in FP, May 02, 2014 - "Poland technically ceased to exist as a country after the joint invasion and occupation by Nazi and Soviet forces in 1939." - the Polish government was active abroad and fully recognized internationally, save by the aggressor states and their collaborators. It resided in France, and the UK (July 1940-July 1945). The Polish armed forces were the 4th strongest among the allied armies in the European and North African theatres, including in the Battle of Britain, operations in Norway, Normandy, operation Overlord, Berlin etc. The Polish intelligence services provided the allies with important data. The Enigma coding system (the German coding device) had been broken by Polish mathematicians, and disclosed to the French and British intelligence services, in August 1939, which contributed later to the Bletchley Park Enigma code breaking. The Home Army and other military organizations were active in Poland against the enemy, while the Catholic Church and clandestine schooling did their work. All that, at an enormous cost of the lives of Polish citizens, in a country that "technically ceased to exist".

Sincerely,
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