



**Br Stefan Borecki, S.J.**  
**(1889-1942. In Zambia 1926-1931)**

**3 November 1942**

Stefan Borecki, a son of Jakub and Maria (nee Ruszczak) Borecki, was born in Tarnopol on 14 January 1889. He entered the novitiate at Stara Wies in 1909. After his novitiate he was sent to Cracow to work as a tailor and assistant infirmarian. From there he was drafted into the Austrian army in 1916 and served in it till the end of the war in 1918. Afterwards he returned to Stara Wies, where he was again house infirmarian. In 1923 he was missioned as infirmarian to our school in Chyrow where he was informed of his destination to Africa. On returning to Cracow he spent some time with the Brothers of St John of God improving his medical knowledge and studying tropical diseases.

In 1925 he left for Northern Rhodesia and on arrival was sent to Katondwe/Kapoche Mission. He served there for five years at the end of which his own health began to deteriorate. For health reasons he left in August 1931 for Poland where he continued to serve as an infirmarian in Cracow and then Stara Wies and Chyrow.

Br Boron reports that at the outbreak of the Second World War he was arrested with hundreds of thousands other Poles and deported to the Soviet Union. There were several other Jesuits deported as well, including even scholastics. When Germany attacked Russia they were all released and allowed to leave the country. They were encouraged to join the Free Polish Army controlled by the Polish Government in exile in London. On his way through the Middle East Br Borecki fell seriously ill and died in Tehran, Iran in 1942. 'As far as is known he died in the Society but in unusual circumstances.'