

Malea Veselnitskaya's Father Isaac Ostrovski In A Group Of Russian Prisoners-Of-War In Memel



This is my father Isaac Ostrovski (fifth from left, second row) in a group of Russian prisoners-of-war, German chief of the camp and guards. This photo was taken in Memel in 1916.

My father was born in Alexandria in 1893. He could read and write in Russian. I guess he finished an elementary school. In 1914, when World War I began, he was mobilized to the tsarist army. He was captured by Germans. He was in Memel, [Klaipeda since 1923]. Germans treated prisoners-of-war well and my father even had a photograph where prisoners were photographed with chief and guards of the camp. In 1916 my father returned to Alexandria where he got to know that his mother had died and his brother and sister were in Kremenchug. He went to Kremenchug where he met my mother.