

# Josef Baruhovic's Father, Haim Baruhovic, In The POW Camp In Biberach



My father, Haim Baruhovic (seated center, in the white uniform), is pictured with other prisoners of war in the Biberak camp for POWs in Germany.

The photo was taken in 1942

The man in the first row second from the left is also a Jew.

My father, Haim (or Mika) Baruh was born in Pristina in 1898. He studied medicine and dentistry in Zagreb and in Prague.

When he finished his studies he enlisted in the military and became an active officer. When he joined the military he Serbianized his name.

He was not compelled to make this change but felt it would help his career and make life less complicated for him.

In 1941 my father was in the army.

The fighting lasted a short period, only two or three weeks, before the Yugoslav army capitulated.

My father was taken prisoner, which we only found out later. All the Croats with whom my father served were released and only the Jewish and Serbian soldiers and officers were taken away.

We wrote to my father during the war, using special envelopes the Germans issued for sending letters to prisoners of war.