

Soldiers In World War I



This photo is from the series of the World War I photos that my father, Bernard Kohn, left behind.

I don't know if my father is in this photo or not, I cannot recognize him.

The other people in this photo are other soldiers and nurses of the Austro-Hungarian army. I don't know where the photo was taken, maybe in Nis, where my father was captured and died.

My father was born in 1887 in Koska, near Nasice. He was a salesman and met my mother in Vinkovci. For a short time, my parents lived in Vienna, Austria, where my brother Aleksandar was born in 1912.

I think they lived in Vienna because of the nature of my father's work. He was a salesman and a manager in a firm that dealt with the production of textiles.

From Vienna they moved to Rijeka, again because of his work, where I was born in 1914, just when World War I started. My father was imprisoned by the Serbs in Nis in 1915.

In the place where he was captured, there were many typhus patients and my father was also infected with typhus. He died in 1915 in Nis and was buried there. I was only one year old when my father died and I practically never met him.