Postcard Sent By Lojza To Karel Rutar To Theresienstadt (second Side)



E. Rutar, Prag X., Sudetenstrasse 48/V. J 495 Karl Rutar B IV - 125 12 October 1943 The front side of the postcard reads: LIEBER KARL! SCHON EIN VIERTEL JAHR HABE ICH NICHTS VON ELKA UND MUTTER GEHÖRT. SCHADE, DASS ICH AUCH VON DIR KEINE NACHRICHT HABE. ICH DENKE OFT AN EUCH. GRÜSSE HANKA, POLÁKS. LOJZA DEAR KARL, I HAVEN?T HEARD FROM ELKA AND MOTHER IN THREE MONTHS NOW. WHAT A PITY I HAVEN?T HAD A MESSAGE FROM YOU EITHER. I OFTEN THINK OF YOU. GREETINGS TO HANKA, POLÁKS. LOJZA Karel got this postcard from his friend Lojza while in Terezin. Karel left Terezin to go work in Wulkov ? he was quite handy, and had worked as a carpenter in Terezin. After the war I found out that he?d been the head carpenter, and that some problem had happened there that he didn't cause, but they punished him for being the boss and letting it happen. The SS soldier punished him by making him go outside at night, in the winter, naked, and pouring cold water on him. He then gave him such a slap that it punctured his eardrum, and for the rest of his life Karel was hard of hearing in one ear. From Wulkov he returned to Terezin, where after the war he recuperated, and then brought with him to Prague many materials ? correspondence cards, on which you could send a maximum of thirty words to Terezin, maps, and a picture painted for him by the caricaturist Haas, brother of the actor Hugo Haas.