

Caricature Of Karel Rutar From Terezin



This is a picture of my husband, Karel Rutar, shown working as a carpenter in Terezin. This caricature was painted by the caricaturist Haas, the brother of the famous actor Hugo Haas. 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 also this picture.