

Malea Veselnitskaya's Father Isaac Ostrovski In The Army



This is my father Isaac Ostrovski (first from left) in the army. This photo was taken in the 1910s, but I don't know where.

My father was born in Alexandria, Kherson province 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.