

Eugen Kohn In The Army



This is a photo of my father, Eugen Kohn, during his army service in Vac. The picture was taken in 1916.

My father, Eugen Kohn, was born on 14th August 1896 in Sebis. His mother tongue was Hungarian. My father completed four grades of school and two years of apprenticeship. He was enrolled in the army at the age of 17, in 1913. My father has told me that he fought at Monte Cassino, Italy during World War I with the Austrian-Hungarian Army. [Editor's note: Monte Cassino was not a theater of operations during World War I, but rather World War II; the interviewee's father more likely served at the Isonzo front.] Shortly thereafter he lived in Budapest with the army until the communist revolution of Bela Kun. I don't know exactly when he came home to Romania, but he told me that the Romanian troops – for Romania was on the side of France and England – had entered Budapest and defeated the troops of Bela Kun. This enabled him to return to Romania.