

Information for those interested

"The Angel Watched over Me" - is a family project of a book about Jan Tyrka - a scout from Tarnów, his brothers and other scouts, who for their courage were thrown into the prison in Tarnów, from where they were deported to the Auschwitz camp in Oświęcim (where many of them died, also two brothers of Jan Tyrka - Józef and Stefan), then transferred to the camp in Buchenwald. The story begins from the times of Jan Tyrka's parents before World War I through snapshots from World War I, interwar time, extensive information, based on source records and documents from World War II to post-war times; Jan Tyrka and other displaced persons stayed in Germany until 1950 and finally emigrated to Australia and his life in Australia. The book is not only about Jan Tyrka and his relatives, but also refers to places, events and people associated with his person, as well as a lot about the camps themselves and about camp poetry. The book has a memoir, historical character, and above all it is a patriotic book. In addition to a lot of historical information, you can find many photographs not only family ones. The book is a document because it contains personal, camp and post-camp documents. The psychological aspect of the influence of camp experiences on the human psyche is discussed. Where, due to tragedy, there are not enough words or to give the book even more emphatic content, the author reaches for poetry. Also, the one from the aforementioned original poetry diaries, brought from Buchenwald, for the possession of which death was threatened. Jan Tyrka took it over in 1944, when his friend was killed during the Allied raids on the ammunition factory in the Buchenwald camp. He hid poetry until his death march from Buchenwald to Dachau, and then with two rather heavy poetic diaries, framed in wooden covers with metal prisoner numbers and initials of two camps (Auschwitz, Buchenwald), he escaped through the Bavarian forest. And finally, he brought poetry to Australia, kept it in his house like a relic until his death. Now poetry will find its place of honor in this book and will be an additional literary and historical document. Attached are links to videos about Jan Tyrka and three excerpts from the book "The Angel Watched over Me" and the recitation of a camp poem, written on Christmas Eve 1943.

Links to videos attached:

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