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Etka Gertler de Ursztein

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Summary

Etka Gertler de Ursztein was born December 24, 1923, in Lodz, Poland. Her mother, who married at sixteen, was seventeen when Etka was born. Etka had a sister.

One of his aunts owned a wholesale fabric business and had two children. When the Germans arrived, she gave all her merchandise to her doorman, asking him to hide her and her family. He accepted, took the merchandise, but later reported them to the Germans.

She was in the ghetto the Lodz. A man called Gumkowski, who was very old and had an orphanage, acted as "president" of the ghetto.

After being in the ghetto, she went to Auschwitz with her mother and sister, and was there for around three months. After Auschwitz, they were sent to Stutthof. Her sister got very sick but managed to survive.

In 1945, the Nazis took her and her mother and sister to the Cap Arcona ship with 4700 other prisoners. The British bombed the ship thinking that it was carrying German troops. The ship sink close to Lübeck. She and her mother and sister survived. She was taken to a hospital.