

Wolfgang Veit, born on May 17, 1927 in Göppingen, died on May 8, 1942 in Sao Paulo/Brazil

Wolfgang Veit can be imagined as a delicate, sensitive child. He was born as the son of Margarete Veit, née Mayer (1898 - 1978) and Carl Veit (1888 - 1960). Before him, his sisters Erika (1921 - 2006) and Liese (1923 - 2010) had been born. Carl Veit was technical director and partner in the felt cloth factory Carl Veit OHG on Ulmer Straße in Göppingen, which had been founded by Carl Veit's father Sigmund. The private address of the Veit family was Ludwigstraße 30 - today's Mörikestraße.



It is known that Wolfgang attended the private Montessori kindergarten, which was run by Gertrud Morgenstern. The only photo we have of Wolfgang shows him on the farewell excursion of the kindergarten group in 1933.

Based on his age, it is likely that Wolfgang Veit was still enrolled in the state 'Evangelische Knabenschule' (Protestant boys' school) and was able to attend it until June 1936.

From September 1936 until his family fled in July 1938, he was a student at the Göppingen Jewish School; his signature can be found, for example, on the farewell letter written for his classmate Beate Dörzbacher.

Beate Dörzbacher and Wolfgang Veit
(Source: Initiative Stolpersteine Göppingen)

The Veit family first fled to Belgium/Eupen. After the attack by the German army in May 1940, Wolfgang's father was arrested by Belgian police and deported to southern France as an 'enemy German', where he was interned for almost two years. Wolfgang, his sisters and his mother were able to settle in Brussels, but lived in constant insecurity, which is why they also fled to southern France in 1940.

There Carl Veit had succeeded in organizing visas for his family's escape. Via Spain, the Veit family reached Lisbon, from where they were able to flee to Brazil/Sao Paulo. Here, Carl Veit founded a felt cloth factory again with great difficulty. The family happiness, which seemed to have been saved, was shattered when Wolfgang Veit died of an illness in Sao Paulo shortly before his 15th birthday.