

# Ptitsyn Semyon Kononovich



- **My great-grandfather, Ptitsyn Semyon Kononovich was born in 1911 in Bodusal alas, village Arangass of Megino Kangalassky region in a poor family.**

**My grandfather was called up to defend the native land in 1942. He served in the 19<sup>th</sup> ski brigade. He was killed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1943 , when the Soviet forces went on the offensive in the area of lake Ilmen. His wife received a notice that he was missing.**

**On the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory, the historian Ivan Mikhailovich Pavlov, who studied the massacre near Staraya Russa, published an article in the newspaper “Sakha sire”, telling that 393 Sakha soldiers had fought in the 19<sup>th</sup> ski brigade.**

**In 1999, the newspaper “Sakha sire” published a list of those who died on that day and my grandfather was the 80-th. His name is immortalized on the memorial wall in Sitestogo village, it is dedicated to the fallen soldiers in the area of lake Ilmen**

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