

# Prudetski Innokenty Dmitrievich



MY GRANDFATHER, PRUDETSKY INNOKENTY DMITRIEVICH, WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 29, 1935 IN THE VILLAGE OF TABALAKH, VERKHOYANSK DISTRICT, IN A FAMILY OF A COLLECTIVE FARMER. HIS FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 1 YEAR OLD. MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER RAISED HIM AND HIS SISTER ALONE.

WHEN THE WAR BEGAN MY GRANDFATHER WAS ONLY 6 YEARS OLD. HE AND HIS SISTER MASHA BEGAN TO WORK ALONGSIDE ADULTS. IN SUMMER, THEY MOWED HAY AND PILED. AS THE ONLY MAN IN THE FAMILY, HE BECAME A HUNTER. FROM THE AGE OF SIX, HE CAUGHT DUCKS AND HARES IN SNARES AND TRAPS. MY GRANDFATHER WAS SMALL AND VERY AFRAID TO GO TO THE FOREST ALONE. THEREFORE, HE WOULD TAKE WITH HIM A NEIGHBOURING 2-YEAR-OLD BOY, WHOM HE WORE ON HIS BACK. WHEN A HARE CAME ACROSS, THE LOAD BECAME HEAVIER, BUT HE DID NOT STOP CHECKING THE TRAPS. ADULTS WERE ONLY SURPRISED AT HIS HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE. FROM THE SKINS OF THE CAUGHT HARES, HE ASKED HIS MOTHER TO SEW WARM GLOVES, HATS AND FUR SOCKS. THEY SENT ALL THIS FUR CLOTHES TO THE FRONT. TOWARDS THE END OF THE WAR, 1946, MY GRANDFATHER GRADUATED FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. LATER THEY MOVED TO ADYACHCHY, WHERE HE COMPLETED 7 CLASSES. UNTIL 1950, HE WORKED ON A COLLECTIVE FARM, THEN HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE RANKS OF THE RED ARMY. IN 1961 HE ENTERED THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC COLLEGE, AFTER GRADUATION HE RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE COLLECTIVE FARM AND WORKED FOR 10 YEARS AS A SENIOR ACCOUNTANT. FROM 1975 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT HE WORKED AT A WEATHER STATION IN THE VILLAGE OF ULAKHAN-KUEL.



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