

Vasiliev Semen Nikolaevich



My great grandfather Vasiliev Semen Nikolaevich was a veteran of the Great Patriotic War. He was born in 1916. He lived in the village of Chychymakh in Tattinsky district. On 15th September, 1941, my great grandfather was on the Okhotsk ferry when he received a summons to the war. The long road to war brought them to Mongolia. There he was trained in a cavalry unit. Many people died there because of the harsh climate and typhoid fever. My great grandfather survived there and was sent to the war as a marksman. In November 1942 he reached the city of Stalingrad.

My great grandfather told us: “As we approached the front, the sounds of war began to be heard, and a terrible view opened up before us. When crossing the Volga river, we saw a tractor factory on fire. Immediately began to fight with the army of Paulus. We fought for five or six days in a row, then we were taken to the rear. In Russian I understood only the words "come here" and "go there". Despite this everyone treated me with respect. They called me "Sibiryak". With shouts of " Go! Hurray!“ we raced into battle. We were given 30 rounds a day, and I had a rifle with a long bayonet”.

My great grandfather took part in a bloody battle at a railway station in the Oryol region. In this battle, he was awarded the medal of the “Red Star”. In 1943, he was seriously wounded on the leg, and was placed in a hospital in the city of Rostov, and then was treated for a long time in hospital in Yessentuki in Stavropol region. In 1943 because of the second-group disability he was demobilized. When he left for the war, a one-year-old child and a pregnant wife, my great grandmother, stayed at home. During the war two children died, my great grandmother, like everyone, worked day and night in the rear for the victory. My great grandparents had eleven children after the war. All of them are now grandparents themselves. My great grandfather died in 2004 at the age of 87. He lived a decent life, was an Honorary citizen of the Tattinsky district.

I’m very proud of my great grandparents.

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