



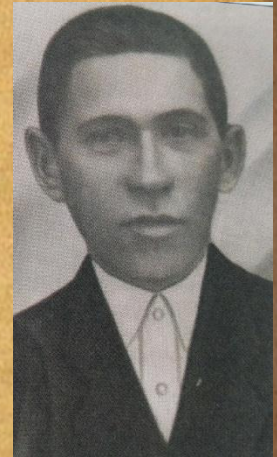
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My Great-grandfather

Vasily Ivanovich Cherepanov

75 years ago, the Great Patriotic war broke out – a ter-

rible test for the Soviet people ... This news echoed in every family. This war did not spare our family. I want to tell you about my great-grandfather, who did not return from the war. My grandmother, his daughter, told me about him, this is all she knows about her father, because when he went to war, she was only one year old.



My great-grandfather, Cherepanov Vasily Ivanovich, lived in the Village of Novlenskoye with his family. The family was large, friendly, and had four children. My great-grandfather worked as a foreman on a collective farm, and my great-grandmother, his wife, taught needlework lessons at a village school.

And suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, the war with the white Finns began. Vasily was called up for military service in Vologda. Sometimes he came to see the family, to please the children with gifts. The short war with the Finns was over. Vasily wanted to return to his family and normal life. But the Great Patriotic war broke out. My great-grandfather was sent to the active army. He did not have time to see his wife and children and say 'goodbye'. Vasily wrote to his Maria: "My dear, the situation is clear to you. If something happens to me, please take care of our children and yourself. You won't have to blush for me. I would rather die than give up my motherland – the land on which I have worked conscientiously from a young age." There was no further news from Vasily Ivanovich...

After the war the people of Novlenskoye were waiting for their winners. Thirty-eight countrymen died and did not return to their relatives and friends. Vasily Cherepanov is among them ...



Eternal memory ...

