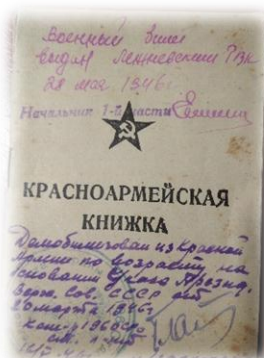


### Kokurin Alexander Ivanovich

75 years have passed since the day of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War, but its echo till now doesn't calm down in humans' souls. We must save the memory about one of the most terrible wars, which concerned every family, from father to son. This war has left its sign in my family too. This story is about my great-grandfather... Kokurin Alexander Ivanovich was born in the village Lezhnevo of Ivanovo region in 1920. He received a seven-year education and became a turner at the factory. He was called to defend the native land in October 1940. He served as border guard in the Department of procurement of supplies to the workers in Petrozavodsk, which was on the Leningrad front under the command of Marshal Voroshilov. There was a war with Finland at that time. At the beginning of the Great Patriotic War, Alexander Ivanovich became a member of the 168th Infantry Division of the NKVD, and then entered the 1269th Infantry Regiment. From 1941 to 1944 he participated in the defense of Leningrad. At the beginning of 1945 the regiment was transferred to Tallinn, then through Riga to Tukums, where in May it accepted the surrender of the Kurland enemy group. By this time, my great-grandfather rose to the rank of Junior Sergeant. The Courland Threshold was his last point in this war. In November 1945, Junior Sergeant Kokurin arrived in the small German city of Wilthen, where he fell into the 196th infantry guard company. He stayed there until the end of spring 1946. He was awarded a nominal watch for excellent service. In May 28, 1946 he was demobilized from the army by decree of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet. He returned to Lezhnevo after the service. In Wilthen, the great-grandfather took his photograph, on the back of which was written: «In good memory to my brother from his brother Sasha. City of Wilten. 8-3-1946. Kokurin»... Kokurin Alexander Ivanovich was twice wounded. He was awarded the medals "For the Defense of Leningrad" and "For Courage", which he received in 1945 for the successful capture of an enemy baggage. After the war, he was awarded the Zhukov medal and the Order of the Great Patriotic War of the Second Degree.



Александра Ивановича за то, что он в бою на Курляндском полуострове 8.5.1945 г. действуя в составе стрелкового отряда проявил храбрость и отвагу по захвату в плен вражеского оboва.