

I would like to tell you about a private soldier, a shooter of the Soviet army, who was directly involved in the hostilities during the Great Patriotic War.

My great-grandfather Sitov Nikolai Ivanovich was born on November 18, 1922 in the village of Bloskhka, Puchezhsky District, Ivanovo Region.

When the war began, great-grandfather was 18 years old. On May 3, 1943, he was drafted into the Soviet Army by the Puchezh RVC. He was trained for two months, and then was transferred to the 433rd rifle regiment.



My great-grandfather participated in the Great Patriotic War from July 1, 1943. On July 22, between Bryansk and Orel, a military echelon heading towards the Kursk Bulge was fired upon by German aircraft. In this echelon was my great-grandfather.

He, along with other soldiers, saved the wounded. On that day, my great-grandfather saved the wounded division commander by covering him with his body. The private soldier had to crawl under the bullets that whistled overhead. On this day, great-grandfather was seriously injured in his right hand and right thigh. Then there were long months of treatment in the Gorokhovets camps near the city of Gorky and return to the parental home. The right hand remained lifeless until his death.



In 1946, Sitov Nikolai Ivanovich was awarded the first medal "For the victory over Germany in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945." It was the most expensive reward for him.



In 1966, for his active participation in the Great Patriotic War, for the salvation of a seriously wounded division commander, serious wounds and conscientious work in the post-war period, great-grandfather was awarded the Order of Glory of the III degree, and in 1985 - the Order of the Patriotic War of the I degree. Our family also preserved other awards of my great-grandfather.



And even though I have never seen my great-grandfather, I am proud that I am his great-granddaughter. After all, a person who has roots is much stronger spiritually than those who are not interested in the past of their family.