

From childhood, my grandparents tell me about our ancestors, about my great-grandfathers who fought and defended our homeland during the Second World War.

Every year, for the past 4 years, I have been participating in the "Immortal Regiment" campaign. I go with my great-great-grandfather Vasily Rodionovich Makovkin, born in 1907. My great-grandmother received a funeral letter, Vasily Rodionovich died of his wounds on 12/11/1942 in a hospital in the Stalingrad region. He was a machine gunner, was wounded in



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battle. He was buried in the cemetery of the city of Leninsk, Stalingrad region.

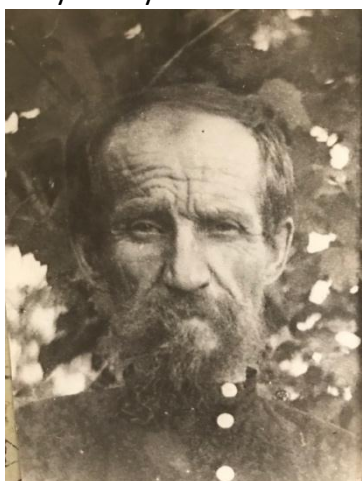
Two of my great-great-grandfathers, Pavel Lisitsov, born in 1907, and Ivan Andreevich Kitov, born in 1914, went missing. Pavel Vasilievich was an ordinary soldier, he disappeared in mid-1942, Ivan Andreevich, a Red Army soldier, disappeared in 1943. Their photos, unfortunately, were not preserved.

I also have ancestors who survived the war.

Egor Andreevich Kitov, born in 1921, the elder brother of my great-great-grandfather, who died, Ivan Andreevich. He was an ordinary submachine gunner. He came alive from the war, with a wound in his hand.

Another grandfather Zhirelov Vasily Mikhailovich, born in 1902, when the war began, he was a private, he guarded the warehouse in the war. His photo was preserved in our family.

My family has home front workers.



For example, the great-grandfather and great-grandmother Lisitsov Tatyana Vasilievna and Vasily Pavlovich are depicted in the photo. During the war they were still in their teens. And with them the wife of the warrior Vasily Rodionovich, Makovkin Agrippina Ivanovna, who worked in the rear with five children, was waiting for her husband from the war, but only a funeral letter came.

According to the surviving ancestors passed on to me by my grandparents, these were the most difficult times. Village grandfathers who fought did not always have weapons, they went into

battle with weapons from improvised means, fought with all their strength, most gave their lives for the good of the Motherland! We must know, remember and honor the memory of our ancestors who died and returned from the war, because they gave their lives, for the future — for the sake of us and a peaceful sky above our heads!