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In Russia there is not a single family in which it would not leave its mark - the Great Patriotic War. Every year, on May 9, millions of families go to participate in the Immortal Regiment, paying tribute to all those who went through this war or, unfortunately, could not return.

There are such heroes in my family - Heroes who will forever remain in the memory of my family and my memory.

Ivan Barchuk (great-great-grandfather) Born in 1907 in Ukraine. He was called to the front on June 23, 1941. His military rank: Red Army. He fought in Ukraine, but, unfortunately, he did not achieve the goal with his comrades. They raided them, all up to one soldier lay in the field, without carrying weapons. The family received a warning that he was missing, but we learned that he was buried in a mass grave. Although the archives still write that he disappeared.

Grigory Zastrozhin (great-great-grandfather). Born in 1900 in the USSR. He was drafted on September 15, 1941 to the front. Grandfather was a Red Army man. He served in 251 rifle division. He died in 1944 in Belarus near Vitebsk.

Zastrozhin Alexey Ilyich. Born in 1920. He was called to the front on September 15, 1940. He wore military knowledge of the Red Army man. He served in the 378th infantry division. He was killed on June 3, 1944 in Estonia, and buried there.

Dmitry Golonov. Born in 1926. He was in the tank troops named after Rokossovsky. He was called up in 1943. He wore the military rank of private. Together with fellow soldiers liberated Poland and reached Berlin. He was awarded the medal "For Courage of the USSR" on May 30, 1951. He died in 1978.



From my mother's side, my great ancestors participated in the war. Great-great-grandmothers, along with my great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers were forced to live under the invaders.

Only a few women of our family participated in hostilities. Anna Zastrozhina was a nurse at the front and returned home almost before the victory. Grandpa's sister Grisha Zastrozhin, in the company of other soldiers at Christmas, gave the Germans a drink of broth and set fire to their house, which helped our army avoid the Germans' raid.

From my father's side, nothing is known about the great-grandparents, no matter how much we tried to find archival information, we didn't succeed. But my great-grandmother **Maria Mayba**, born on September 14, 1924, was also in the village under the invaders, and it was there that she met my great-grandfather **Peter Mayba**. They both survived in those terrible years of World War II, and already in 1949 my grandmother Evgenia Mayba was born.

My grandmother told me about all my relatives. She also talked about how many horrors were when her parents told her about it. She always told me that many defenders who safely returned home never spoke about the war in detail and can be understood.

