

# THEY DEFENDED OUR HOMES



„Who ever forgets the  
past is unfit  
to create the future”

There are events in history which are never to be forgotten: they are kept in human memory.





Every year on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May the veterans of the Great Patriotic war put on their orders and medals and go out on the festive streets. Every year on this day the country saved by them is celebrating the Great Victory.



We recall the deeds of our great-grandfathers. All peoples show feelings of deep respect, love, admiration and thanks to the soldiers for their contributions to our lives and to society.



The war and everything that is bound up with it in memories of older people, is history for our generation. Our knowledge of the war comes from stories of veterans who lived through the horrors of the most cruel and bloody war destruction and separation from their loved ones.





The battle against fascism was the most important event of their whole lives. They cannot forget the destruction, woe and suffering fascism inflicted on the peoples of various countries.

We bow our heads in memory to those who gave their lives in the struggle for the freedom and independence of their peoples.

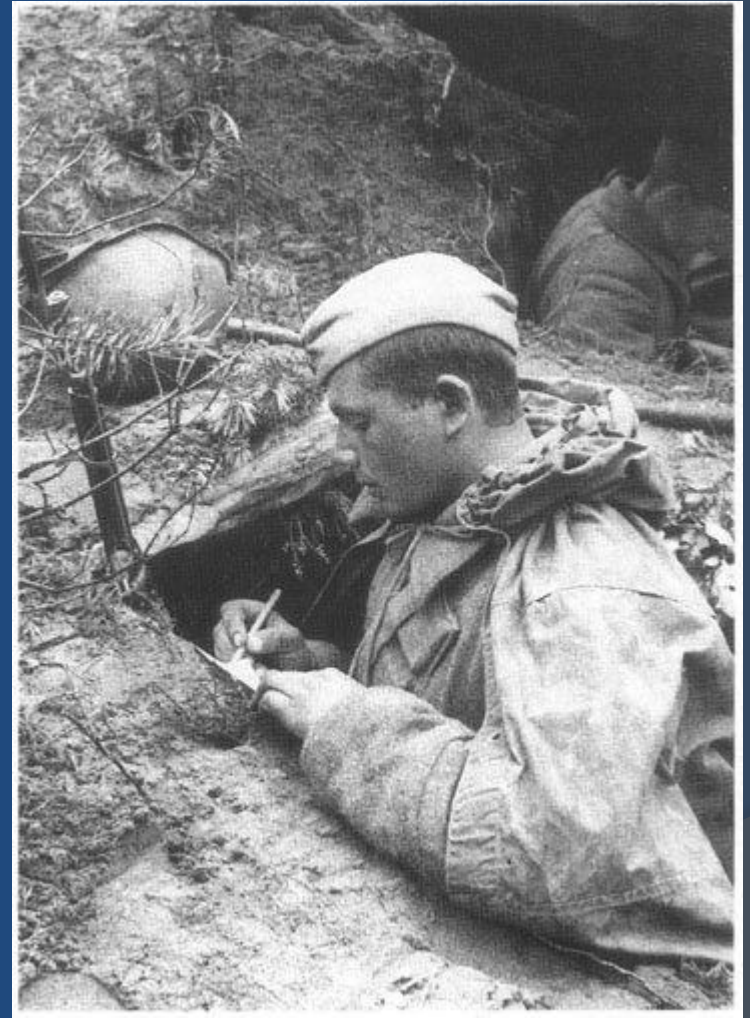


On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 1941 a great misfortune came to the county.





It was the war. Our people met this great ordeal courageously, but the victory was not soon to be gained. On the Motherland's called Astrakhan, not very great in population, sent to the front more than 100 000 people. Triangular envelopes came to Astrakhan from all the regions of that great war.



One of them was I.A.Yusupov.  
Place of birth- Astrakhan, Astrakhan  
province, Soviet Russia

Years of service 1941-1944

The title of Senior Sergeant

Part of the 360th Infantry Regiment,  
74 Infantry Division, 13th Army

Commanded the department of 360  
Infantry Regiment



In the ranks of the Red Army Aksanovich Ismail Yusupov was drafted in December 1941. He took part in battles of the Great Patriotic War in 1942.

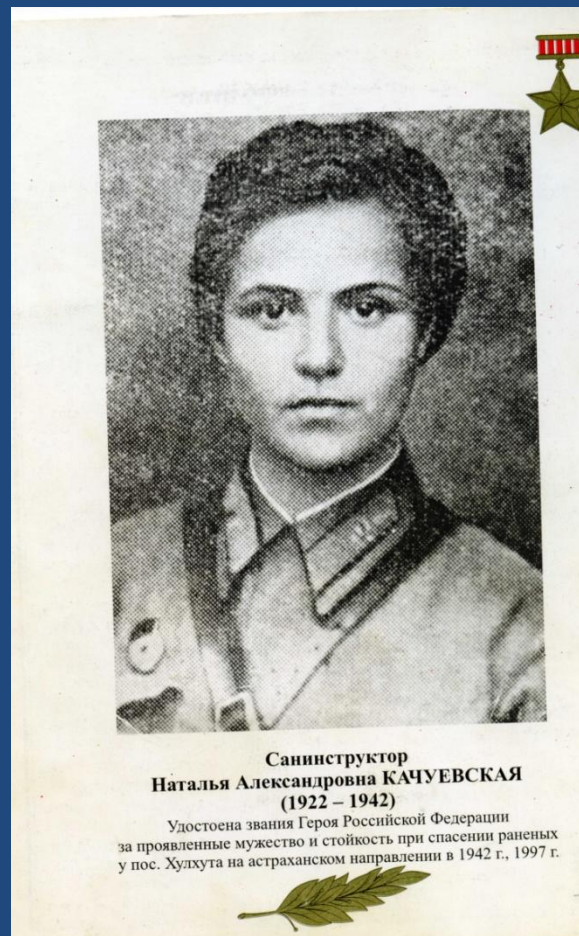
As part of the advance team sergeant Aksanovich Ismail Yusupov, in September, 23 in 1943 crossed the Dnieper near the village of Komarin (Bragin district, Gomel region). Sergeant Ismail Aksanovich Yusupov, managing officer, participated in the battles for the village and Birches Posudovo. During the attack on the village Posudovo advancing Soviet troops blocked the path of Hitler's gun. Sergeant Ismail Yusupov, throwing machine-gun crew with grenades, seized the gun. In this battle the Germans were driven out of the village.



Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR from October 16, 1943 Ismail Yusupov Aksanovich for bravery and courage shown in crossing the Dnieper River, was awarded the title of the Hero of the Soviet Union, with the award of the Gold Star Medal and the Order of Lenin.



- Now I would like to shift your attention to one of the bravest heroes of our region Natasha Kuchuevskaya



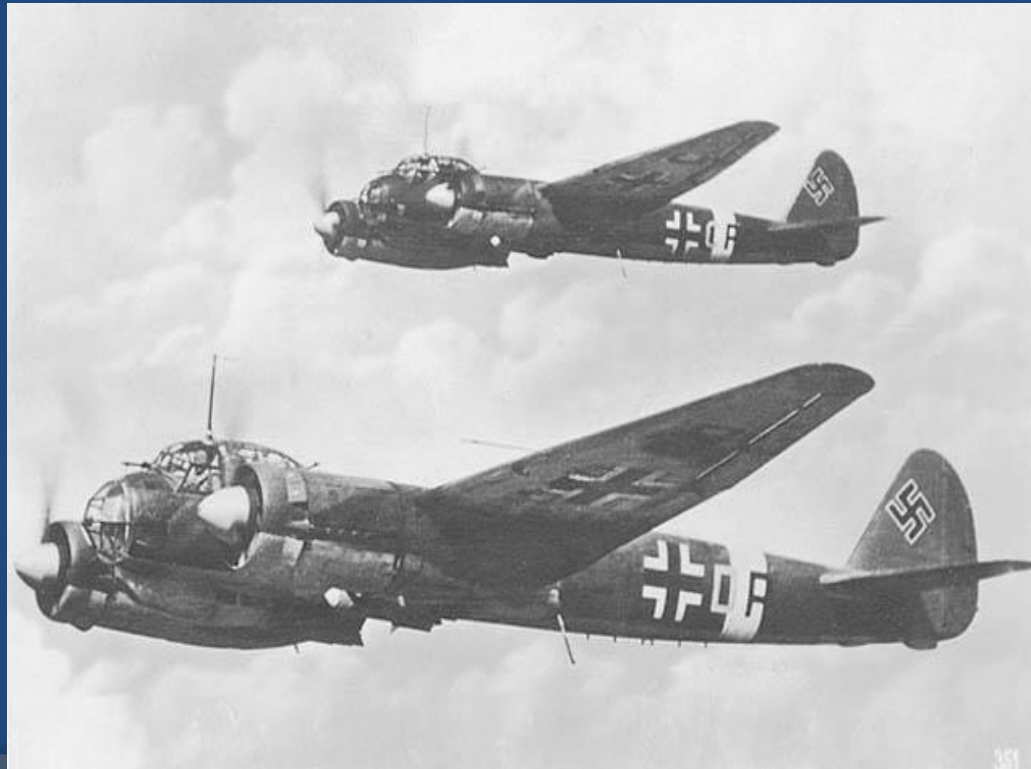
- ⦿ This girl was a saninstructor of the 105<sup>th</sup> rifle battalion. She saved the lives of 20 gravely wounded soldiers and was killed during the battle .



- Her actions and her heroism made her one of the well-known participants of the Great Patriotic War . There are even streets which have her name in Astrakhan , Moscow , Volgograd.



- During the Second World War millions of people showed heroism. They went into battle knowing that most likely they already never will come back home to their families. The special role was played in those days by pilots. They beat off attacks of Fascist bombers which have carried away uncountable set of lives of the Soviet PEACE people.





Name of this hero is Stepan  
Zdorovtsev





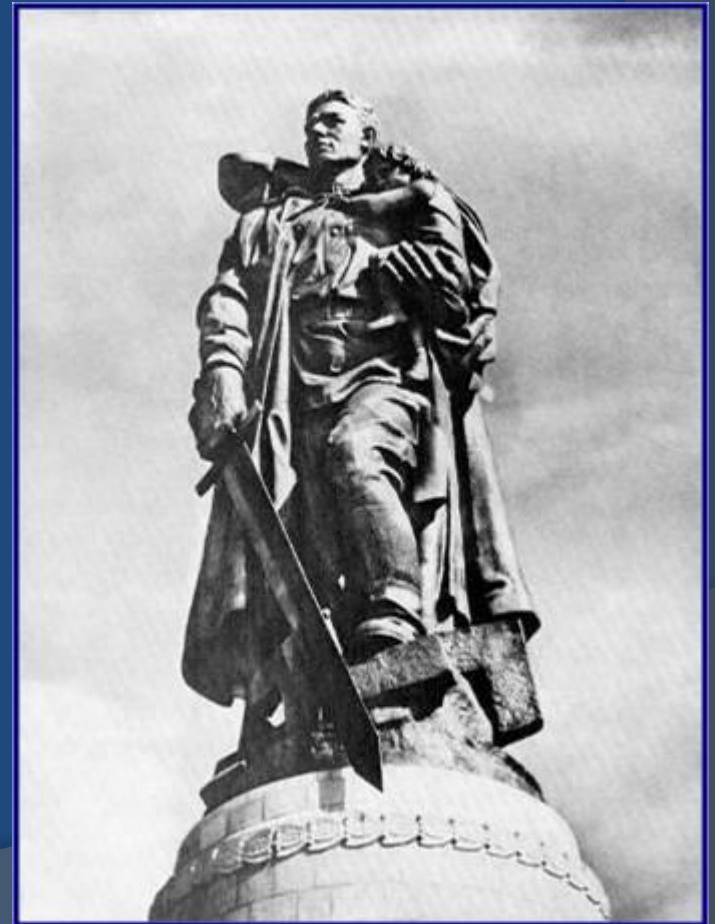








65 years ago the guns of the Great Patriotic war were silenced. 65 years ago the Great Victory was won. By this time many people who carried this victory on their shoulders and gave peace to every home have died.



On the granite board of Honor the Museum of Military Glory names of Astrakhans- heroes of the USSR and full holders of the order of Glory are inscribed in golden letters.





The book of posthumous glory “Memory” keeps the names of those who remained in that war for ever.....



No words can fully convey the significance of the Soviet people's feat in achieving victory over fascism. Nothing could shake the spirit of the Soviet soldiers or the Soviet people, who stood up to defend the achievements of their system, to defend democracy against the “brown plague”.



We are on the side of peace, energy and abilities to ensuring that the horrors of war are not repeated. We call for all the people in the world: enough sufferings, no more blood, no more tears.

