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Grishenkov Yevgeny Fyodorovich is my great-grandfather, who went through the entire Great Patriotic war and received the Order of the Red Star and the medal "for the Victory over Germany". He was born in 1921 in the village of Palaevka, now Ruzaevsky district of the republic of Mordovia. He finished a ten-year school, then went to work in a collective farm and in July 1941 was drafted into the army as a private. During his service, he joined the artillery and served as a gunner. In early 1942, he was promoted to the Second Lieutenant. After his assignment he was appointed a spotter of artillery fire. In one of the operations he destroyed a large number of fascists, for which he was awarded the Order of the Red Star. In 1943 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and in the same year he was appointed commander of the battery. During the Great Patriotic War he was injured 4 times – twice in the leg, and twice in the arm in a hand-to-hand combat. At the end of 1944 with another 4 wounds, he was commissioned with the rank of Captain. During treatment in a hospital in Borovichi, Leningrad region, he met a nurse, whom he later married. After the end of the war, they moved to Mordovia, where they had 5 children. He died in the fall of 1976.

Every year my family participates in the "Immortal Regiment", giving thanks not only to my great-grandfather, but also to all people for the Great Victory!

