

## The Hero of the Great Patriotic War!

War... How much pain, suffering and torment are hidden in these words. It seems that the word "war" is imbued with the tears of the mothers and all those whose family members never returned from the front line. The war in Russia was the most terrible of all – the Great Patriotic War, which lasted 1418 days.



I want to tell you about the great-grandfather of my friend, the veteran of the Great Patriotic War, Sorokin Dmitry Ivanovich. Everyone who remembers him has been revering the memory of his deeds for many years. I learned about his life and his last battle from the stories my friend and his parents.

Sorokin Dmitry Ivanovich was born on 20 August 1911. It was the time when the children had to work as adults. When being a boy, Dmitry Ivanovich, helped his father. It was hard farm labor experience. Later he was called up to the Soviet army, where he served in cavalry. After military service he returned home, he wanted to start a family and continue to work. But the war, like a whirlwind, burst into people's lives without giving them time to recover and realize what was happening. Since 22nd June 1941 during four years of superhuman effort till the very minute of the end of the war, people had been struggling for their future and for the life of future generations. Dmitry Ivanovich served in anti-tank artillery during the Great Patriotic War. The charge of artillerymen was extremely responsible – to knock out the German tanks. Every fight was severe, every destroyed tank cost a person's life. Sorokin Dmitry Ivanovich was awarded the order "the Red Star" for having knocked out 8 enemy tanks, with zero visibility. In 1942, he participated in the fight, defending Moscow. The battle of Moscow was of great importance on the way to the great Victory. During the military battles he had been severely wounded three times. For many years my friend has been keeping home military awards.



I think that those who were close to death in that war knew the value of a person's life. They urge future generations not to waste our time.

Every time I think about the last combat of such a fine man as Dmitri Ivanovich, I am filled with a sense of pride for him. 75 years have swept past since the end of the war! It doesn't matter how many years have passed, we should remember the heroic deeds of our forefathers. We must not forget at what price the victory was achieved, at what price these heroic people could defend our country and keep peace in the world. Our generation should take a cue from still alive veterans. Their most precious present for us is our life in our independent country. There is no future without knowledge of our history. Eternal memory and deep gratitude to the heroes of the Great Patriotic War!

