

My great-grandfather Nikolay Lebedev is a soldier of the Great Patriotic War

75 years have passed since the day of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War, but its echo is still in humans' souls. We don't have the right to forget the horror of that war. We don't have the right to forget those soldiers, who died for our bright future. We must remember everybody and everything. We must remember one of the most terrible wars, which has affected every family, from father to son.

This war has left its sign in my family too. I want to tell you about the feat that my great-grandfather performed. He was born in the town of Kineshma in Ivanovo region. He was called to defend the native land in 1941, when he just turned 19 (like me now). My great-grandfather was a very brave soldier. He protected not only our great country, but also his family. When he went to war, my great-grandmother was waiting for him was pregnant.

I can tell you a lot of stories about my great-grandfather's heroic deeds during the war, but now I want to share the one that still strikes me with you. That happened during the battle, when the great-grandfather's detachment were fighting to seize the Nazi base. One of the fascists turned up behind my great-grandfather's group and wanted to shoot the commander, but my grandfather noticed him in time, covered the commander with his own body and saved his life. The bullet didn't go through, but lodged near the heart. As I was told later, the doctors hadn't not removed it, because it was very dangerous for my grandfather's life. So, my great-grandfather lived the rest of his life with a bullet near his heart. My great-grandfather was awarded several times for his heroic deeds. His awards are our family's relic now. Unfortunately, I don't have a photo of my hero.

So, I think Victory day has always been and must remain the greatest holiday in our country. Our forefathers gave us the opportunity to live under the peaceful sky now and we mustn't forget about that. I'm proud of my great-grandfather. Thanks to his and other simple soldiers's daily feats fascism was defeated!

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