

Victory day

70 years have passed since the day of the Victory in the Great Patriotic war, but its echo till now doesn't calm down in humans' souls. We haven't the right to forget the horror of that war. We haven't the right to forget those soldiers, who died for our bright future. We must remember everybody and everything. We must come down the memory about one of the most terrible war, which concerned every family, from father to son.

This war has left its sign in my family too. My great-grandfather is Shvakin Michael lived in the village Rybinskie Budy of Kursk region. He was called to defend the native land in 1941. When he went to the front, he had had a son and two small daughters; one of them was my grandmother. He fought in the infantry under the command of marshal Rokossovski.

His 16 years old son Leonid was called up in 1942. As fate has willed it they both took part in the liberation of the town Konigsberg, but didn't meet. The father and the son went the whole Europe and met the Victory day in Berlin. They were wounded and treated in hospital there, but didn't meet again. They took part in the liberation of Poland, Czechoslovakia, the cities and towns of Germany.

My great-grandfather had many battle rewards. They are our family's relic now.

So, I think Victory day was and must remain the lightest holiday. Our forefathers give 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 his and other simple soldiers daily feat of arms fascism was defeated!

We bow our thanks the simple soldier, but the real hero!

Task 1: find in the text English equivalents to the following words

людские души	<i>proud of</i>
светлое будущее	<i>the peaceful sky</i>
самая ужасная война	<i>fought in the infantry</i>
воевал в пехоте	<i>the most terrible war</i>
семейная реликвия	<i>simple soldier</i>
самый светлый праздник	<i>the lightest holiday</i>
мирное небо	<i>bright future</i>
гордиться	<i>humans' souls</i>
обычный солдат	<i>family's relic</i>



Task 2: match the word from the left column to the word from the right column to make up the word combinations.

Native	rewards
Whole	soldier
battle	hero
real	Europe
simple	land

