

There are causes worth dying for, but none worth killing for.

*Albert Camus*

Spring of 1945. Soviet forces, moving along enemy territory, on their way broke the defense of the enemy. The Warriors sought forward and thought only about one thing, which is quite close Berlin! The Assault of the Reichstag was a combat operation by Red Army units against German troops to take possession of the German Parliament building. It was conducted in the final phase of the Berlin Offensive from 28 April to 2 May 1945. Many of our fellow countrymen also participated in the Battle of Berlin. Among them there are those who left the winning signature on walls of the defeated Reichstag, and those who were awarded awards for these heavy fights. But there are also those who, in the step before the Victory, folded their heads in the last hours of the war.

Anufriyev Jacov Andreevich, my great-grandfather, was born in 1907, a native of the village of Diyur. In August 1941, he was called into the Red Army, identified into an anti-aircraft unit that guarded Arkhangelsk from the invasion of enemy aircraft. He soon became a flood of a heavy machine gun. In December 1942, an anti-aircraft machine gun calculation shot down an enemy heavy bomber, for which he was awarded the Bravery Medal. In early June 1943, many soldiers were sent to the Western Front from near Arkhangelsk. Appointed him as the senior intelligence group of a separate artillery anti-tank division, which had 45th and 76mm anti-tank guns in service. In strong battles on the Sandomir direction, Jacob Andreevich commanded the calculation of a 76 mm gun that hit two enemy tanks, for which he was awarded the Order of Glory of the III degree. In this fight he was wounded, a fragment of an enemy shell hit his shoulder. After his recovery he caught up with his part, from which he reached Berlin. He died in 1987, at the age of eighty.