



- The aim of our work: to show the role of women during the World War II, to tell about their will and ability to participate in the war and to remind people about respect and honor to the heroes of the Great Patriotic War.
- The object of our study historical documents, history books about real events, recollections, old family albums and documentaries.
- The subject of the research women who joined the fight and kept pace with men to defend their country from fascism.
- The tasks:
- to keep track of the women's participating in the war;
- - to investigate the biography of Tihomirova A.I.;
- to search historical documents;
- try to answer the question why Soviet women helped to fight against fascists;
- - to prove that women's contribution to the war was definitely significant

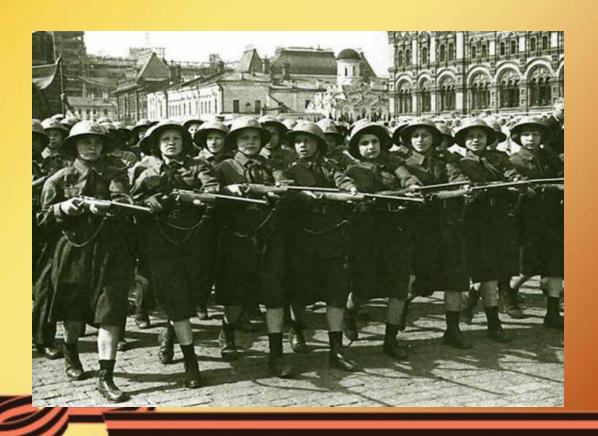
Importance of the research

• The generations change each other, the number of war veterans is decreasing, their children are in a retirement age. Unfortunately, we think about those heroes only on the Victory Day. It is very important especially for the younger generation as we should reverence the memory of our relatives who has taken part in World War and preserve everything they have done for us deeply in our hearts.



Women in the World War

- The Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the USA played the main role in the struggle against Germany.
- In all these countries women did their best to work for the victory.



In 1941 Britain became the first western country to call up women, to take part in war work. Some became mechanics and engineers; some drove tanks or built ships. Typical WVS contributions included organizing evacuations, shelters, clothing exchanges and mobile canteens.





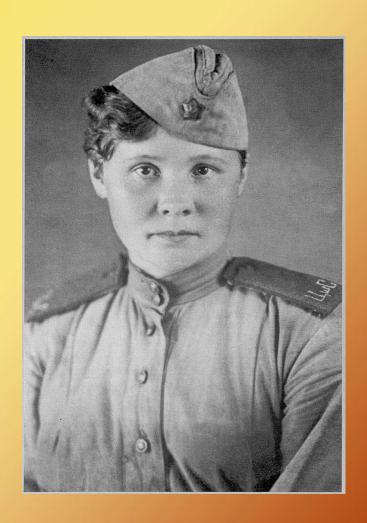


The United States quickly committed itself to total war after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Many women became nurses, about 74.000 women served in the American Army and Navy Nurse Corps, more than 1,000 women served as pilots in the Women Airforce Service Pilots.



Russian women in the war

There were 800,000 women who served in the Soviet Armed Forces during the war, which is roughly 3 percent of total military personnel. Women played a great part in most of the armed forces of the Second World War. The Soviet Union deployed women as snipers. The most famous snipers during the war were Lyudmila Pavlichenko and Roza Shanina. Tatyana Nikolayevna Baramzina was a Soviet sniper in the Great Patriotic War credited with a minimum of 36 kills.





Marina Mikhaylovna Raskova was a famous Soviet pilot and navigator. Fascists were extremely afraid of women – the members of

the bomber squadron, they called them "Night Witches".





As, we have already pointed out, the majority of the women were in medical units. Of the medical personnel in the Red Army, 40 % of paramedics, 43 % of surgeons, 46 % of doctors, 57 % of medical assistants, and 200 % of nurses were women. Vera Sergeyevna Kashcheyeva was awarded the title Hero of the Soviet Union and in 1973 became one of the first women to be awarded the Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal.





The angel of charity

- A big war is always big blood and huge losses. In 1941-1945 doctors, nurses and medical assistants saved more than 17 million soldiers and officers of the Red Army 72.3% of the wounded were returned to the front. And every soldier and officer in the battle felt that a nurse was near them, that she would give first aid, would hide from bombs and would carry them from the battle field.
- One of these nurses of mercy was Antonina Ivanovna Tihomirova. On the 5 of May in 1942 after turning eighteen a young girl enlisted in the army and served in the ammunition dump. In January 1943 she entered military nursing courses and in March Antonina joined the Red Army after graduating from her brief medical training



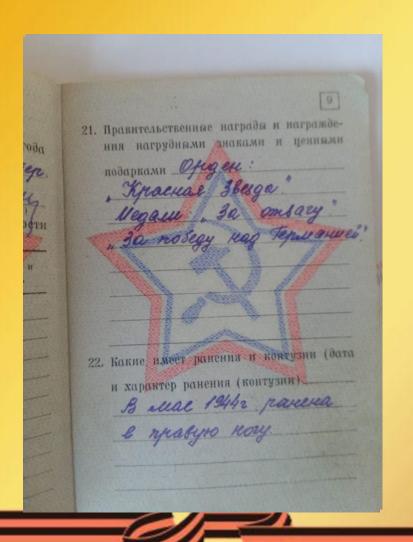


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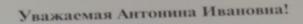
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She was assigned to the 85th Guards Rifle Division, 249th Rifle Regiment of the Red Army of the Baltic front as a medical instructor. She came a great way of a nurse of mercy from Klin to Latvia. She fought on the Smolensk, Pskov, Orsha, Rzev and Moscow fronts, she showed the utmost courage and heroism and shared the hardships of the soldiers and commanders. She evacuated wounded soldiers from the battlefield. Facing heavy enemy fire she would carry the wounded to safety



For her actions in battle near New village in Smolensk region in November 1943 she was awarded the Medal "For Battle Merit" and the Medal "For Courage". The Order of the Patriotic War she got after rescuing 38 wounded soldiers in the Battle of Vayzma. In a terrible battle near the river of Velikaya not far from Pskov in April 1944 she carried 47 wounded soldiers, officers, and their weapons from the battlefield and was awarded the Order of the Red Star

She doesn't know exactly how many wounded soldiers she has carried from the battle field; maybe 300 maybe 500. Antonina Ivanovna says; "If I knew I would stay alive I would have written a diary but at that time we thought only about saving our soldiers".

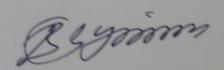


Сердечно поздравляю Вас с юбилеем.

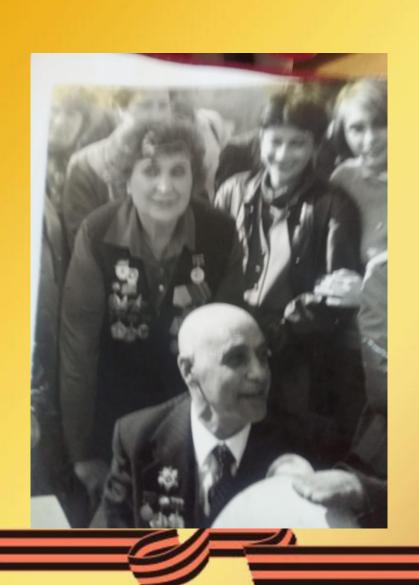
Вы выстояли в годину тяжёлых испытаний, сохранили веру в правое дело, в добро и справедливость. Опалённая войной молодость, вся Ваша жизнь всегда будут служить для нас и для будущих поколений ярким примером беззаветной любви к Родине, силы духа и несгибаемой воли.

Желаю Вам здоровья, благополучия и всего самого наилучшего.

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 After one of the most difficult. battles she was walking the field trying to find the survived. Suddenly the girl heard a groan and a cry for help. When Antonina found the wounded soldier he had been completely frozen because it was terribly cold. His name was Aleksey Surzikov from the 1-st Shock Army. She couldn't forget him and tried to find him after the war. Only in 1984 they met in Gorky Park on the Victory Day. Since that time Antonina Ivanovna became a dear guest in the Surzikovs' house.

After the war, in June 1945 she was discharged from military service. She worked as a shop assistant for 25 years and in 1994 went on a retire. But she continued to take an active part in bringing up the youth.



Antonina Ivanovna is well known in Balashiha because she often holds the lessons of courage at schools and tells students about her war way.

Балашихинская





она вышла из блиндажа и побежала по траншее, за спиной раздался взрыв. Все, кто был в блиндаже, - замполит, замести-

> бая миссия: как можно больше солдат вернуть к жизни. После одного из тяжелейших боев ходила Антонина по полю и окликала живых. Мороз стоял жуткий. Вдруг девушка услышала стон и мольбы о помощи. аненый солдат уже замерзал, когда она его обнаружила. На вопрос, как его зовут, боец ответил: "Я из 1-й Ударной. Зовут - Суржиков Алексей".

тель командира полка и трое связистов погибли. Судьба хранила Антонину Ивановну неспроста, видно, была у нее осо-

Вскоре солдаты из 1-й Ударной помогли отправить раненого в тыл. ...Они встретились через много пет после Победы, в восьмидесятых годах. Антонина Ивановна в течение длительного времени ежегодно 9 мая приезжала в Парк культуры и отдыха им. Горького в надежде найти одно-

полчан, но никого так и не встретила. И вдруг однажды услышала, как быв ший боец с увлечением рассказывает фронтовикам о до боли знакомом военном эпизоде. Услышала и фамипию солдата, того, о котором все время помнила, думала, что с ним стало. Ног у Алексея не было по колено, не

было и кистей рук, видно, долго в тот морозный день пролежал он в снегу. Несмотря на оказанную помощь, началась гангрена, конечности пришлось ампутировать. Но солдат выжил, и непросто выжил, а жил полноценной жизнью. Женился, вырастил сына и всегда помнил девушку, спасшую ему жизнь.

С тех пор А.И.Тихомирова стала в семье Суржиковых дорогим и почетным гостем, встречали ее, как родную. Алексей пел, играл на барабане и никогда не унывал. В 1994 году он ушел из жизни.

У А.И.Тихомировой - два ордена Красной Звезды, орден Отечественной войны, медаль "За отвагу", много других наград.

На вопрос, за что каждая из наград, Антонина Ивановна скромно отвечает "Все за вынос с поля боя раненых, больше я ничего не делала".

вела, но тогда было не до записей, мы ду-Один орден Красной Звезды у нее мали только об одном: как оказать по-"покалеченный", на нем стерлась краска, оказывала первую по- так как не раз и не два мешался он с зем-

рит Антонина Ивановна, - я бы дневник

мощь нашим бойцам".

Unlike many of the women profiled here, Antonina survived the war – and, indeed, is still apparently living today, at the age of 96. I would like to say that Antonina Ivanovna is an outstanding woman. There is no doubt that this woman is worthy of admiration, homage and adoration.





There is an expression "The war does not have a woman's face". But all the hardships of the war lay on the fragile women's shoulders. Every year we more and more grasp the immortal heroic deed of women in the war, their great victim sacrificed on the altar of the victory. We should worship the women who covered the rear, saved children and defended the motherland with men.



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