

Naum Poliak's Brother Klim Poliak And His Comrades



My brother Klim Poliak and his comrades. Klim is in the center. This picture was made on 23 February 1942. Signed: "To brother Nyuma for the long and kind memory. Days of the war with the German fascism. Your Klim".

My older brother Kalman (Klim) was mobilized in 1940, before the war, to the NKVD (People's Committee for Internal Affairs) Army. At first he was at the border in Uzbekistan. When the war began he was transferred to Moscow to the 10th special regiment that was involved in all operations, related to deportation of the Crimean tatars, chechens, Latvians, Western Ukrainians and Estonians

to Siberia and Middle Asia. My brother never wrote me about it during the war and after the war he didn't like to talk about these tragic events. He finished the war at the Red Square in Moscow. He participated in the Victory Parade. My brother returned to Kiev, got married here and lived in Kiev until the end of his days. He died in 1985.