

## Yuzef Kirtzer



This is my husband Yuzef Kirtzer.

He came to Moscow after being in hospital. This is his first photo after World War II, taken for documents in Moscow. This photo was taken in 1944.

My husband was born in Dnepropetrovsk in Ukraine. He finished lower secondary school and entered an art school. He was good at drawing.

When the Great Patriotic War began my husband was mobilized to the army. He was a 2nd-year student at that time. He went to a military infantry school in Vladikavkaz.

Then he was commanding officer of an infantry platoon near Stalingrad and chief of battalion headquarters at the southwestern front. He was severely wounded in his head near Dnepropetrovsk. He lost an eye and was taken to hospital.

After he was released from hospital, he went to serve in a district military registry office in Novosibirsk. He was demobilized in January 1946. At that time, his family was living in Moscow.

His father received a room in a barrack and his family got together in his room. They didn't have much money, but they decided to support their son and help him get a higher education.

Yuzef graduated from the Leningrad Industrial-Art High School very successfully. After finishing his college he did contractual jobs as it was difficult to find a permanent job.

Then he went to work as a teacher of an art subject in the Theatrical Art School. He worked in this school until he retired in 1990. Then he worked at the department of art of the Moscow Pedagogical College.

At that time his textbook in drawing for secondary and special educational institutions was published. It's still very popular. Besides, he did creative work for students' performances.

He was a talented and extraordinary man and he had such a difficult life. He lost his eye, but he got education and became a specialist. It required courage and strong will. He was very sociable and had many friends.