

Kazakh officers of the Second World War

There was a larger number of officers than it was considered. But the history passed over in silence about it. Everyone has their own path to the study of own country's history and even after seven decades you are not wonder to the new facts, new names, returned names which give a presentation about the heroism of our countrymen on the battlefields of the Great Patriotic War. In May 2015 a presentation of Zhmabay Dospanov's collection "Ekinshi duniezhuzilik sogystagy kazak ofitserleri" (Kazakh officers of the Second World War) was presented.

-I am a historian, - says Zhumabay Dospanov. – And in the year of the 65th anniversary of the Victory Day I found that there are more Kazakh officers who fought during the Great Patriotic War than we know about them. Everyone knows the names of those who later became the Heroes of the Soviet Union. The natives from Asian countries rarely were trusted to lead the battalions and the headquarters. I found that 61 states, representatives of more than 300 nationalities participated in the Second World War during the collection of materials, Kazakhs were on the 10th place by the officers membership. Asians were not always appointed to the officials of law enforcement agencies. We had about 120 battalion commanders, more than 70 executive officers, 48 commissioners, 63 officer-pilots. It is our pride, our national treasure!

All of them were included in the new book. I deal with this issue since June 2011. People need to know what significant contributions were made by Kazakhs to our common victory over Nazi Germany. My main objective was to prove the courage of our soldiers, who deserved to be the heroes of the country, to share the facts which remained unknown for some reasons in the Soviet time. I achieved my goal,-said the historian. The information about the officers is being received and there are more than 9 thousand people. The book is published in Kazakh and it is planned to be published in Russian and English languages. It will be possible, if the support to our publishing house that is necessary for our country will be provided. Some of the circulation is given to the libraries, the other part is on sale,

because the funds spent on publication should be returned. Such patriots in Kazakhstan as Zhumabay Dospanov gather information of historical past of the country, as a rule, at own expense and a very large obstacle is searching for funds to publish books. I tend to believe that this help will be provided in time.

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