

Bella Kisselgof 's Uncle Foya Rivkin



My Uncle Foya (Efim) Rivkin, in a photo taken in Dnepropetrovsk in 1938 before the war. Uncle Foya is wearing the uniform of a cadet of the military tank school. My mother's youngest brother Foya (Efim), graduated from a tank school in Dnepropetrovsk in 1939. He immediately was summoned into the army and participated in the war with Finland. After the Finnish war he served in the Great Patriotic War and then in the war with Japan. He was at war for eight years. After the war he settled down in Chernovtsy and married a Jewish woman named Etia. After three years he

and his wife moved to Lvov, where he worked as a cab driver. He then divorced his wife to marry a woman who was twenty-two years younger. They had a son. After my uncle died in 1990 his wife and son emigrated to Israel. When in 1940 the Soviet Army occupied Bukovina Uncle Foya was among the first soldiers arriving there on his tank. He was in Chernovtsy and the people welcomed the soldiers with flowers. He liked the town very much. He decided to move there and got married after he settled down in Chernovtsy. Uncle Foya demobilized at the end of 1947 after the war with Japan. He didn't come back to Donbass. In 1948 uncle Foya came to Enakievo and helped me and Mama move to Chernovtsy.