

Evgeni Chazov's Father Pyotr Chazov With His Comrades



Military of the Civil War with their awards, taken in 1919. My father Pyotr Chazov is standing on the left. The first on the right is Soviet commander Blucher arrested and executed in late 1930s.

In 1917 my father joined the Red Army along with other workers. Basically, he joined it to get better food. They were also provided clothes and accommodation. My father struggled against White units in Siberia. His fellow comrade was a hero of the Civil War and a future Marshall of the Soviet Union, Golikov. Life threw them together several times in the future. My father served in Ukraine and took part in battles in the Crimea and was awarded an Order of Red Star [Soviet Military Order of Red Star Instituted on April 6, 1930, the Order of the Red Star was awarded to servicemen of the Soviet Army, Navy, Border Guards, Internal Troops, and Committee of State Security (KGB) personnel, for personal courage and bravery in battle, excellent organization and capable combat leadership]. An outstanding red commander Blyukher conducted the award ceremony. During the Civil War my father became a communist. After the Civil War was over my father passed his exams to receive a certificate of a low secondary school and then finished a Higher Party School. He became a political officer in the Red army. He was sent to serve in Odessa, Dnepropetrovsk and Krivoy Rog. By the time my parents met he was in the rank of lieutenant colonel.