

Miron Manilov, Evangelina Manilova And Their Friends



These are the officers of Gorokhovets artillery regiment with their families. This picture was taken near the officers barracks, where we lived during my service in Gorokhovets. My wife Evangelina Manilova is the first to the left, and I am the fifth to the left. The picture was taken in 1949. I graduated from the Higher Officer School with honors in the rank of captain and was sent to the town of Gorokhovets, Vladimir region. I became a commander of the artillery squad in the camp. We worked for the squadron, went for trainings and carried out investigations, for the commander of the squadron. I had served in Gorokhovets for three years, and decided to enter Moscow Academy of Engineering Troops. It was the year 1948. I met my future wife Eva in Moscow. In March 1949 we got married. We had an ordinary wedding in those times. We got registered in the state registration office and had a modest wedding party in the evening. We got together in a close family circle. My parents and sisters came to my wedding from Kharkov. When my leave was over, my wife and I left for Gorokhovets. The commandment gave us a room in the officers' barracks. There were a couple of more families of the officers. I kept on serving in the army. My wife was involved in the amateur talent group of the regiment. Soon, I found out that I was to be transferred to the Far-Eastern peninsular Kamchatka, to artillery regiment #203, which was a part of the division, located not far from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatski. My wife was pregnant and decided that it would be better for her and our child, if she returned to Moscow and stayed with her parents, and so I left by myself. I was given a room in the officers' barracks. It was in the log house on the coast of the ocean. The living conditions were primitive.