

## Lyudmila's Father



That's how father looked in 1942. He was called for the army in July 1941. At first he studied in sapper courses, then trained sappers, was the division engineer. In 1943 he was directed to carry out mine clearing operations in Oryol and Smolensk regions. And after the war, in 1946, father was demobilized and worked as chief engineer in various design organizations. He had to retire early, because mother was very sick, and he did not work any more, he looked after mother. Mother died in 1970, and father lived until 1986.

My Daddy Samuil Berkovich Levit was born in Simferopol in 1904. Their family was also rather rich - they owned a house, I think in Kanatnaya Street. As a boy Daddy, it seems, went to Cheder, but I do not know for sure. Then he studied in a vocational school, in the commercial department. In 1929 Daddy graduated from the Institute of Civil Engineers in Leningrad and was assigned to

Murmansk, the city under construction then. Daddy was one of the first builders and designers of that city. But Mum fell ill with tuberculosis there, and they had to return to Leningrad. Mum got acquainted with Daddy during the students' practical training session in Kronstadt and they got married in 1928. Parents didn't tell me anything about their wedding, I don't even have any photos of this event. Maybe there weren't any wedding at all, they could have just register their marriage with state bodies or live in civil marriage.