

Igor Brover During His Mandatory Military Service



This is me, Igor Brover (the first on the right) with the commander of our ship, a captain. This photo was taken in Severomorsk in 1956. This photograph was taken after we had training on our ship, and I sent it to my parents in Odessa. I was recruited to the Navy in 1955. At first I served in a training military unit in Lomonosov near Leningrad and then I served on a ship in Severomorsk. I didn't have any nationality-related problems in the army, basically. I was physically strong and had independent character. Besides, I was Komsomol unit leader of the ship. Of course, there might have been intrigues behind the curtains, but they had nothing to do with me. When I was serving in the army, the Hungarian revolution [1956] happened. All I remember about this period was the propaganda. We didn't understand things then and supported the actions of our country. I demobilized in 1959.