

WAR, WRITER, MISSING...

World War II (1939–1941) broken out by two fascisms (Hitler and Stalin) was the most bloody in the 20th century (and up to the point, in the 21st century). It was really the continuation of the policy. Firstly, the above-mentioned fascisms signed the treaty of non-aggression (The Molotov–Ribbentrop Pact). Then they started to divide Europe and the world, Nazi Germany annexed Austria (as in the present Russia annexed the Crimea), the Stalin USSR annexed the Baltic countries and Western Ukraine: millions of people were involved into fighting, all industries of both pro-fascist systems were busy with firearm and other lethal weapon production. As a result, more than 50 million people were killed.

According to the encyclopedia *The Great Patriotic War. 1941-1945* (published in Russian in 1985) more than a thousand writers were involved into the war against Nazi Germany. This figure is obviously diminished. As only in Ukraine they numbered in five hundred and four. These writers were surely talented in different ways and their involvement into the war also was different. Some fought at the fronts, others worked in the military press or other works related to military activities. There were the people who advanced at the forefront and provided the people there with food or basic soldier equipment, and then they were awarded with the medals "For Valiant Labor in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945". As for the participants who were fighting, their number was surely smaller.