

**In the light memory of Kazakhi falconer Pansatbek Keuenov (1916-2012) -
man of a very difficult life**





In previous year our aul (Kazakhi village) Kenasaryk in Tolebijusky dittrict of South--Kazakhstani Region has lost one of the most honourable aksakal Pansatbek Keuenov (1916 - 2012). I will list what he should live over during his life. Civil War (1917-18), hunger 1921-22, collectivization (he is grandson of famous Bekasyl aulie) with all natural consequences, hunger during 1932-33. In 1939 he was recruited to Soviet Army to the fronts of Soviet-Finnish war (Winter War), and in 1941 being in the 2nd Army of infamous General-lieutenant Anderi Vlasov he was imprisoned, he saw personally Mustafa Shokai in concentration camp in the territory of Poland. He was recruited in the composition of "Turkestan legion", but he did not fight against Soviet power because one battalion of their regiment during the first battle went over to the side of the Red Army. After that the Nazis left them to potect different objects of strategic importance in German rear...They have been liberated from captivity by armies of Allies and he was send across entire Europe and the Mediterranean Sea in Port Said, in the transit camp in possession of Americans. In several months Soviet officers came to this camp and began to convince to return home. Americans warned ex-prisoners what they might expect in homeland. Soviet officers insisently primised that there is non threat for

them.. After long consideration he decided to return. At the port of the Black Sea coast they met NKVD troops, they have been loaded in waggons and sent to Altai to work in mining as so called good will volunteers without right for translocation. ..

He was not smoking and drinking man, he possessed physical strength and very rapidly he became “stakhanovets” (example of good behaviour to others). His adventures were not finished and continued....

He was the first man who restored falconry in his district – Tolebiskiy district of the South-Kazakhstan Region. His son is also falconer and he was participant of the last Falconry Festival in Abu Dhabi in Dec 2014. At the resent there is also entire school consisted of his pupils.

In 2009 I met him and recorded his story by means of dictophone. I keep this a 3-hour record.

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