

## CYNJA MYKOLA (Циня Микола Сергійович)

(Tiraspol, Moldavian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic in the Ukrainian SSR, December 9, 1924 - Odesa, Ukraine, April 10, 1999)

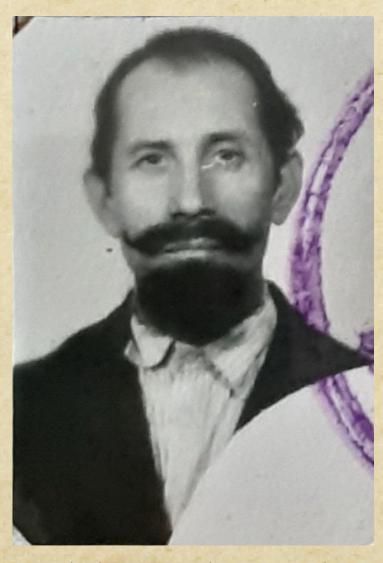


Image taken from M.Cynja's military service card, 1964

The only official data available on Cynja Mykola's wartime activities are as follows: (1) the entry in the military service card (MSC), which confirms that Mykola was a member of the partisan group in 1942-1944. The original MSC is stored in the Romano lilakler, Sartl 1 Roma, vistaro Ц, tlag Cynja. Mykola. S (Romany archives, records group 1 Roms, inventory Ц, file Cynja.Mykola.S); (2) War Veteran Certificate № 120619, issued on November 28, 1994, according to the Ukrainian Law on Status of War Veterans and Guarantees of their Social Protection (1993; an e-copy can be found in the archival file).

According to Mykola's wartime memoirs, recorded by Niko Rergo and Valentina Burlja in 1996, between 1942-1944, before the arrival of the Red Army, he was a labourer on the Romanian railway, loading coal, cleaning wagons and the

like. Simultaneously, he was a member of the irregular partisan group that operated in the areas of Rybnitsa, Slobidka, Balta and Birzula (all were and still are big railway stations). This group was mainly engaged in **intelligence work**, the **secret transportation of supplies**, **weapons and food** for other partisans, and the **preparation of sabotage attacks** on the railway (three record sheets are also stored in the Romano lilakler).

This biography has been written by Niko Rergo









