



STANISŁAWA KAMIENIECKA

Volunteer Stanisława Kamieniecka, born on 15 September 1920 in Nowa Wilejka, Wilno–Troki district. Most recently I had lived in the Wilno district, Saniszki estate, where I helped my father farm the land.

On 13 September 1940, my eight-person family and I were deported to Russia, North Kazakhstan Oblast, Kokchetav region. We were sent to the Jelenovka kolkhoz, situated 35 kilometers from Kokchetav. We were placed in a tiny room with a Soviet family.

We worked in the fields, with steer and with tractors. We were paid a minimum amount of money (102 rubles for a year's work by four people). After a year of working in the kolkhoz, I went to seek work in town, and I found a job in a brick factory, where I worked for a month and a half. In May 1941, railway laborers were being recruited. And so on 17 May I went with my family to Akmolinsk Oblast to build a railway embankment. We worked there, sometimes with horses and sometimes with a shovel or a crowbar. In the second half of August we were taken to finish the railway line in the vicinity of the town of Kartaly, Tobol train station. I worked there until I left for the army, that is until 26 December 1941.

On 3 January 1942 I joined the ranks of the Women's Auxiliary Service. My family remained in Tobol.