

Grief to lose important person in the war

I don't have an experience of the war, but I am one of war survival family, as my uncle died in the Pacific war. My uncle, a brother of my father, died in operation in Tenian isle at his young age of 22, around August in the year 1944, when I had only 3 years. At that time on average one man was called for military service from each family. From my family my uncle was called to work in communication service in the navy.

Myself when I knew that my uncle died in the war, I worried myself as a child: "How he died on an isolated island in the southern Pacific?" On the other hand, I heard that an acquaintance of his, who lost his acquaintance in the war, prayed for a departed soul, carrying back home his remains. His acquaintance himself died in the overseas owing to malnutrition. In such a hardship he kept holding his farewell note to his family. In the war there were some who died encountering an attack by enemies or in the mission of special attack corps. But at the end of the war many died owing to lack of food and malnutrition,

I hear that there were fronts where the soldiers could eat only 70 grammes of the rice per day owing to the difficulty in marine transportation.

I intend to pass down to the next generation the fact that soldiers struggled in the war in such difficulty.

Sad and hard feeling to feel in the war

In Higashi-Chichibumura there were the soldiers who died ramming themselves to the enemy ships in the mission of the special attack corps. It is impossible nowadays to think about, at that time it was the obligation of the soldiers strictly obey the orders of their superiors. That was why many soldiers lost their lives sacrificing themselves. I can say same things to the remaining families. They survived desperately to protect themselves and their family. I remember that, as a child, I covered the bulb to reduce brightness. I remember that I cleared the soot discharged from lamp's wick.

For the world peace

My father was sent to China during 3 years since 1937 owing to the Japan-

China war, and engaged with protecting railroad tracks equipment as a member of train regiment. He came back to Japan safely. My father experienced the World War II, but he was engaged in the Pacific War in a position to send off the soldiers, and rarely talked about the war. Passing a little bit more time, he would talk us about his experience in the Pacific War, but it did not come true, owing to his passing away. I remember that after the war it took pretty time to heal for the persons who lost their important family members. Domestically, after the Pacific War, there are many persons who still suffer, though there are no wars. I do not want my sons suffer from the experience of the war, but I surely feel that we should pass to the next generations, to our sons and grand sons, the memories and experiences of the war.

What I can do as a member of Believed Families Association

I am the president of Higashi-Chichibumura believed families association. Not limiting to Higashi-Chichbumura, there are many people who lost their family members and friends in the war. I think it important to hand down to the next generation their feelings as a raconteur, and to continue the activities of this Believed Families Association. I will continue my activities as a member for the generation who do not know the war.