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My great-great grandfather, Dimitris, was involved as a soldier of the Greek army in two major historical events. The first was the Allied intervention of the Russian Civil War in 1919. After the Bolshevik government withdrew from World War One, the Allied Powers (France, Britain, Italy, United States) openly backed the anti-communist White Forces in Russia. Dimitris, after a few years of training, and despite being only 18 years old, went to Crimea on a battleship and took part in the capture of the cities Odessa and Sevastopol. They held their positions for about six months and in spring 1919 were forced to leave after a strong Russian attack. Dimitris spent a few months in Constanza, Romania, where the Allies were re-grouped and then were sent to Smyrna/Ismir in Turkey as the Greco-Turkish war had just begun. He took part in many battles in Minor Asia where the Greek Army advanced and gained territory until 1921. Then, the Greek front collapsed and after a Turkish counter-attack, the war ended in 1922 with the the recapture and the great loss at Smyrna. Dimitris

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the desastation and just made it into a boat and escaped the burning city. He came back to the port of Athens where his army service ended and he went back home to his overjoyed family.

(Χαραλαμπίτσουλο)

Name: Dimitris Χαραλμπίτσουλο

Date of death: 1980 (Age 79 yrs)

Kids: Eight

Lived in: Kalavrita, Greece (Near Patras.)

Date of birth: 1901