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In the fighting in the Cracow direction, tankman Senior Lieutenant Ivan Turchenko, a Ukrainian, has brought the score of Germans he has personally killed to 1,170. His notebook records 50 tank attacks, 16 fascist tanks burned and 34 guns destroyed. Before the war Turchenko was a bookkeeper; at the front he preserves his habit of precise accounting. His notebook is in two parts: in one is recorded destruction wreaked by the enemy in Dniepropetrovsk, Kiev and Poltava, and the number of Soviet citizens executed by the fascists in death camps near Dembice and elsewhere—in the other part the tankman registers the Germans killed by him and damage done to the enemy. During the war Turchenko has been wounded four times and his tank set on fire by enemy shells 11 times.