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Chronicles of Victory. Khatyn

On March 22, 2013 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the stamp "Chronicles of Victory. Khatyn".

Designer: Ivan Lukin. **Printing**: offset. **Colour**: full colour. **Paper**: chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation**: comb $13^{1/2}$. **Size of the stamp**: 29,6x52 mm. **Sheet composition**: 6 (3x2) stamps. **Size of the sheet**: 122x131 mm. **Print quantity**: 60.000 stamps.

The stamp was printed at the Republican Unitary Enterprise "Bobruisk Integrated Printing House named after A.T.Nepogodin".

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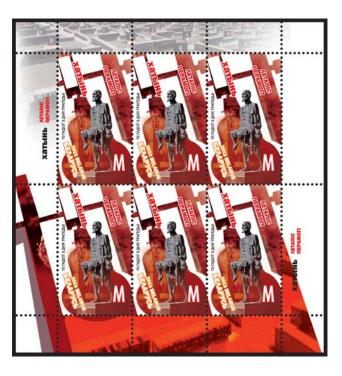
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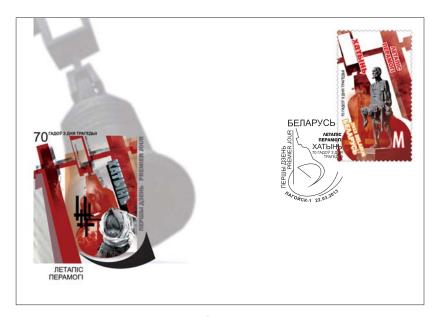
Historical reference: Chronicles of Victory include both heroic and tragic events that led our people to the Victory in World War II. One of the tragic symbols and sorrowful pages in the history of World War II is the village of Khatyn.

On March 22, 1943 Belarusian partisans committed an act of subversion against a German police battalion not far from the village of Khatyn, damaging a communication line and setting an ambush. Some Nazis were killed. The police battalion together with the SS battalion of Dirlewanger started pursuing the partisans. In revenge they surrounded the village and drove the local people together into a barn that was later set on fire. Only 5 children and one adult from Khatyn survived. 149 villagers were killed or burnt alive.

On July 5, 1969 the opening ceremony of the memorial complex took place at the site of the former village of Khatyn. The Memorial embodies the idea of courage and defiance of the people who brought untold sacrifices for Victory.

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Colour of the postmark — black.

Special **postmark** and **FDC** designed by I. Lukin.

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out on the stamp issuing day at the post office No.1 of Logoisk.