



I want to tell you about my grandmother's brother, Viktor Lapshin. He was born in 1926 in a large family in the village of Lopatino, Furmanovsky district, Ivanovo region. His father, Alexander Lapshin, was the Chairman of the first collective farm in the Ivanovo region. In high school Victor was a good student. In 1943, he volunteered for the front. He was 17 years old, he "added" one year to himself. He was smart and athletic, and had been assigned to the intelligence service. During the war, he repeatedly went to the rear of the Nazis, captured the Germans in the rear of the enemy. He told his relatives how he spent nights scouting in the German capital, hiding in ruined houses and under trees. He mostly performed individual missions. The purpose of these missions was to gather valuable information about enemy locations. Thanks to this information, many lives were saved and many enemy outposts were discovered. In the battles with his unit, Victor reached Berlin and took part in its capture. After the end of the war, Viktor served in the army in Berlin for another 5 years. After that, he went to school for another 2 years. Then he went to live in Siberia-Tyumen region, where he lived for the rest of his life. Viktor Alexandrovich was awarded numerous orders and medals.

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