



**SASHA CHEKALIN**



**The school, which raised four Heroes of the Soviet Union, holds an honoured position in Kaluzhskaya Street, main street in the city of Chekalin**



**Alexander Pavlovich Chekalin** was born on 25 March, 1925 in the village of Peskovatskoye in the Tula region. He was a member of the partisan detachment in the Tula region. In 1941 he finished the 8th class of a secondary school in the town of Likhvin in the Tula region. The native village was occupied by the Nazis for two months. In October 1941, the partisan joined the fighter guerrilla detachment in which he served a little more than a month.

In November 1941, Sasha caught a cold and fell ill. The Commissioner allowed the boy to lie down with a trusted person in the nearest village. But there was a traitor who betrayed him. At night, the Nazis broke into the house where the sick partisans were. Alexander managed to grab the grenade and threw it, but it didn't explode. After torturing the teenager for several days, the Nazis arranged a demonstrational execution: the boy was hung in the city square of Likhvin on 6 November, 1941.

On 04 November 1942, Alexander Pavlovich Chekalin was posthumously awarded the highest military title **Hero of the Soviet Union**. In 1944, the city of Likhvin, where Alexander was executed, was renamed into **Chekalin**.