



ZINAIDA PORTNOVA

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Zinaida Martynovna Portnova (Russian: Зинаида Мартыновна Портова; 20 February 1926 – 10 January 1944) was a Soviet teenager, partisan and posthumous Hero of the Soviet Union



Monument to Zinaida Portnova -
Soviet pioneer-hero. Former pioneer
camp "Scarlet Sails" village Berry, near the city
of Togliatti, Russia

In 1942, in the German-occupied Belarus, not far from the village of Obol in the Vitebsk region, a Wehrmacht officers retraining center was located. Artillerymen, pilots and tankers from near Leningrad, Novgorod, Orel gathered here.

None of these important Germans, dashing officers who went through dozens of battles, hung with crosses and medals, could not have imagined that death awaits them not on the battlefield, but here in Oboli in the image of a smiling Belarusian girl. The girl's name was Zina Portnova.



The investigation began as soon as the Germans discovered a widespread malaise in the dining room after lunch, and the doctor diagnosed “poisoning”. The chief cook, frightened by the scale of the sabotage, and well aware of what would happen if his oversight was discovered, swore and swore that he didn’t allow any of the locals to come to the pots. However, to check, a new dishwasher was ordered to eat soup. Zina, without blinking an eye, scooped up a spoon and swallowed, then again and again. The girl survived.



Since August 1943, the scout of the partisan detachment named after K.E. Voroshilova. In December 1943, returning from a mission to find out the reasons for the failure of the Young Avengers organization, she was captured in the village of Mostishche. At one of the Gestapo's interrogations in the village of Goryany, grabbing the investigator's gun from the table, shot him and two other Nazis, tried to escape, but was captured. After that, she was tortured for more than a month, trying to get any information about the partisans. On the morning of January 10, 1944, she was shot in the prison of the city of Polotsk



- ▶ On 1 July 1958, Portnova was posthumously declared a Hero of the Soviet Union by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. She also received the Order of Lenin. In 1969, the village of Zuya dedicated a commemorative plaque in her honour.^[2] She also had numerous Young Pioneer groups named in her honour.^[3]
- ▶ Portnova has had many school teams and groups named after her, as well the museum to the Komsomol, situated on the highway between Polotsk and Vitebsk, and a school in St. Petersburg. There are two monuments to her, a bust in Minsk and an obelisk in the village of Obol.^[2]

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Commemorative plaque in St. Petersburg. Zina Portnova Street



Memorial plaque st. Zina Portnova, 60 St. Petersburg



Dedicated to Zinaida Portnova, 1978, an art labeled envelope of the USSR



Hero of the Soviet Union



Order of Lenin



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