

## Yakov Zheleznyak, Emma Nikonova's Uncle



Here's my uncle Yakov Movshevich Zheleznyak. The photo was made on one of the fronts during the war and we unfortunately do not know where exactly. Yakov was born in 1921. And in 1931 was accepted into the Leningrad Industrial (later Polytechnic) Institute and in the first days of the Finnish war he was called to the army as a student. In 1941 he defended Leningrad; he was in the artillery. Then he fought in different battles and made it to Berlin. He is now 80 years old and lives in Nizhny Novgorod.