One Hero of Two Towns.

What do you think unites the two small towns of Lysva and Nytva in the Perm Krai? Well, their names are similar – they share the common root "-va", which means "water" in the Komi-Permyak language. Then, both towns have ponds and well-developed industry. But, as it turns out, there's one more interesting fact. What unites these two towns is one man who is considered a Hero. Without doubt, he is a Hero for the entire Soviet Union, and in these two small towns he has earned special fame and honour. This is the heroic pilot Alexander Vasilyevich Oborin.

Alexander Vasilyevich Oborin (22 March 1908 — 7 August 1944) was a lieutenant colonel and commander of the 438th Fighter Aviation Regiment. He was awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union.

His awards and Titles are:
- Hero of the Soviet Union
- Two Orders of Lenin
- Three Orders of the Red Banner
- Order of the Red Star

The monuments to Alexander Vasilyevich Oborin are erected in the towns of Nytva and Lysva in Perm Krai. In his native village, Nizhnyaya Garevaya, near Nytva, where he spent his childhood, a street is named after the Hero.

In 1932, he graduated from the Leningrad Military Theoretical School for Pilots, and then he studied at the Engels Military Aviation School for Pilots.

Alexander Oborin served on the fronts of the Great Patriotic War from July 1941. By August 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Oborin had completed 283 combat missions, personally shooting down 12 enemy aircraft.

On 7 August 1944, during an air battle over the Sandomierz bridgehead near the settlement of Lagów (31 km southeast of Kielce, Poland), when his ammunition ran out, he rammed an enemy fighter but was also killed. The title of Hero of the Soviet Union was awarded posthumously on 10 April 1945.

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Tasks

Task 1: True or False

Mark each statement as True or False according to the text.

	True	False
1. The root "-va" in the Komi-Permyak language means "mountain".		
2. Oborin was a pilot.		
3. Alexander Oborin was born in 1908.		
4. He was awarded the Order of the Red Star twice.		
5. Oborin commanded the 438th Fighter Aviation Regiment during World War II.		
6. He died in an air battle in Poland.		
7. The title of Hero of the Soviet Union was awarded to him during his lifetime.		

Task 2: Vocabulary Matching

Match the words from the text with their definitions.

Word/Phrase	Definition
1. Squadron	a) A high military award in the USSR
2. Hero of the Soviet Union	b) A military unit in aviation, smaller than a regiment
3. Ramming	c) A large area prepared for military operations
4. A Hero	d) Deliberately crashing an aircraft into an enemy plane
5. Bridgehead	e) The highest honorary title for bravery in the USSR
6. Order	f) a person who is admired for bravery or noble qualities

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