



Photo of a Cadet of the Leningrad Suvorov Junior Military Academy, Artillery Branch, inscribed, dated 1948.

Measures 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", printed on semi-gloss photo paper. The photo has a dedication inscription on the verso reading "To my dear Uncle Vasya and Katyusha from your nephew Yuri. Leningrad, January 1948." The cadet is wearing the Young Communist League (Komsomol) membership badge, which means that he is at least fourteen years of age.

In very good to excellent condition, showing minute creases and bumps to the corners and the top edge, far from the image and not intrusive to the eye.

Junior Military Academies were founded in 1943 by a decree of the Council of People's Commissars of the USSR as one of the restorative measures aimed at providing an opportunity of shelter, health care and education to hundreds of male orphans and homeless kids of school age in the areas liberated from the German invaders, while at the same time growing a cadre of future career officers completely indoctrinated with communist ideology and unwaveringly loyal to the state and Communist Party. Over time, dozens of such academies sprung all over the Soviet Union. Most of them were Army, but in 1944 the Nakhimov Naval School was created in Leningrad, the first of several such junior naval schools, to embrace the need in future cadre career naval officers.

Please note that the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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гому дяде
и Ваське
от племянника
Юрия
Ленинград. Январь. 1948

