

Commanders of the Corps, Great PatrioticBiographic Encyclopedia, 2 Volumes.

I. Basik, B. Vedenskiy et al. C. 2006, Moscow. Russian text, hard cover, 670 pp and 462 pp per volume. These books are a part of the 4-volume "Great Patriotic" series.

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