

Soviet Second World War Veteran Badges, Paul Schmitt.

C. 2008, English text, 8 1/2" by 11" format soft cover w. gloss finish, 79 pp., over 400 color photos.

This is the first ever English language reference on what has always been an interesting - and until now scarcely researched - field of collecting. Soviet Patriotic War Veteran "tinnies" are significant both for their historical references and because they were issued exclusively to surviving participants of the battles. Unlike the innumerable jubilee and souvenir pins, they could not be purchased at Souzspechat' kiosks and in most instances, did not have a price stamped on the reverse. Most of the veteran pins were produced in relatively small numbers seldom exceeding 5000, reflecting the small number of the former unit servicemen still alive.

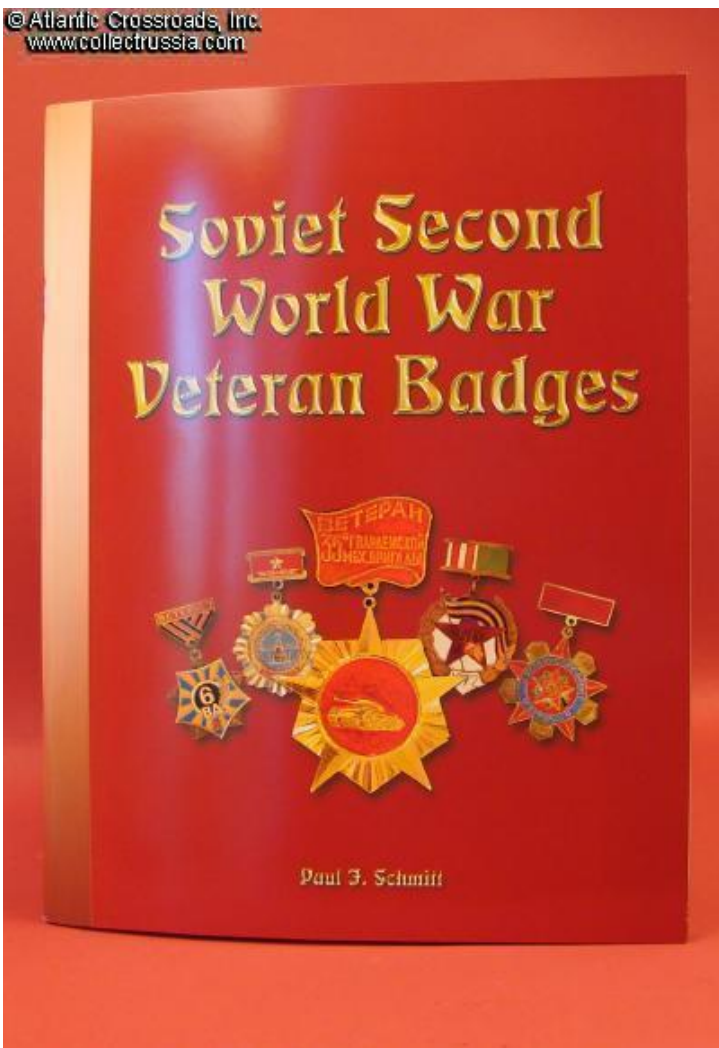
This booklet contains an informative introduction, over 400+ identified badges in color with their description and comments, logical arrangement system, a chart of 45 identified trademarks, bibliography, and photographs of veterans wearing their pins. Arranged by military units from the front level down to regiment with air force, naval, partisan, battle participants, specialized units, and even some badges of unknown provenance.

Written by the highly regarded author of the "Echoes of War" and co-author of "The Comprehensive Guide to Soviet Orders and Medals", this book utilized his years of collecting experience as well as fluent knowledge of Russian language. Although written for a militaria collector, the catalog may also prove an excellent tool for a historian: a unit pin in the veteran's post-war photo often provides the only clue to his WW2 service.

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Ground Forces Armies

Navy

1 Ukrainian Front
Obverse: Suspension rings, the Order of the Great Patriotic War ribbon. Southern - a Ukrainian Veteran. Southern - a Ukrainian Veteran. This front. Southern - a Ukrainian Veteran. Document dated 15 September 1945.

1 Ukrainian Front
Obverse: "Veteran" - a Ukrainian Front and Liberation with listed "1 Guards Army, 5th Air Army, 6th Guards Army, 18th Army, 24th Army, 26th Army, 27th Army, 28th Army, 29th Army, 30th Army, 31st Army, 32nd Army, 33rd Army, 34th Army, 35th Army, 36th Army, 37th Army, 38th Army, 39th Army, 40th Army, 41st Army, 42nd Army, 43rd Army, 44th Army, 45th Army, 46th Army, 47th Army, 48th Army, 49th Army, 50th Army, 51st Army, 52nd Army, 53rd Army, 54th Army, 55th Army, 56th Army, 57th Army, 58th Army, 59th Army, 60th Army, 61st Army, 62nd Army, 63rd Army, 64th Army, 65th Army, 66th Army, 67th Army, 68th Army, 69th Army, 70th Army, 71st Army, 72nd Army, 73rd Army, 74th Army, 75th Army, 76th Army, 77th Army, 78th Army, 79th Army, 80th Army, 81st Army, 82nd Army, 83rd Army, 84th Army, 85th Army, 86th Army, 87th Army, 88th Army, 89th Army, 90th Army, 91st Army, 92nd Army, 93rd Army, 94th Army, 95th Army, 96th Army, 97th Army, 98th Army, 99th Army, 100th Army." Reverse: Smooth finish.

Stopp 2 Ukrainian Front, Trans-Balkal Front
Obverse: "Veteran of the Stopp, 2 Ukrainian, Trans-Balkal Front, 1945-1948". Reverse: Smooth finish with unknown trademark.

Trans-Balkal Front
Obverse: "Veteran 'Trans-Balkal Front'". Reverse: Smooth finish with Moscow #118 trademark. Two pins for attaching obverse star and red star device.

1 Guards Tank Army
Obverse: "Veteran of the 1st Guards Tank Army". Reverse: Smooth finish.

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1st Black Army
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556 Rifle Regiment
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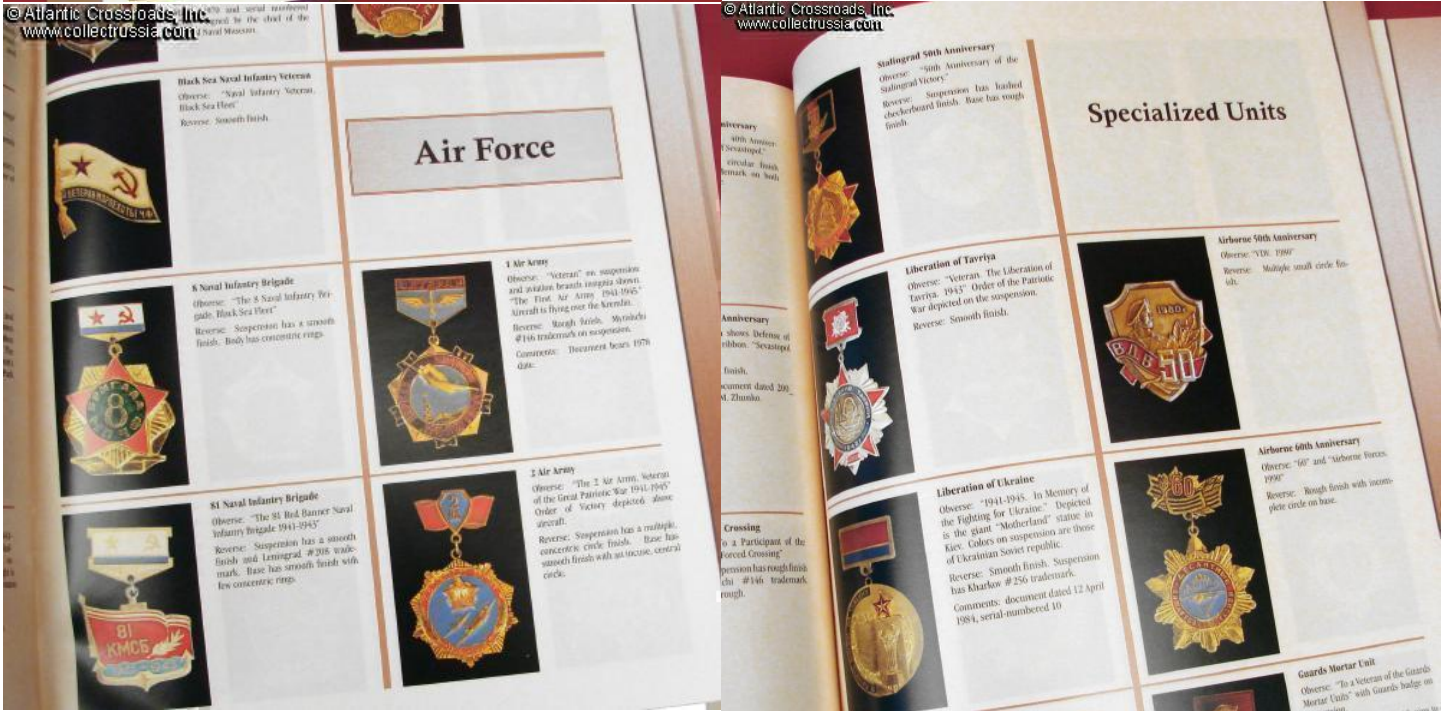
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Black Sea Fleet
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Air Force

Specialized Units

Black Sea Naval Infantry Veterans
Obverse: "Naval Infantry Veterans, Black Sea Fleet". Reverse: Smooth finish.

8 Naval Infantry Brigade
Obverse: "The 8 Naval Infantry Brigade, Black Sea Fleet". Reverse: Suspension has a smooth finish. Body has concentric rings.

81 Naval Infantry Brigade
Obverse: "The 81st Red Banner Naval Infantry Brigade 1941-1945". Reverse: Suspension has a smooth finish and Leningrad #208 trademark. Base has smooth finish with few concentric rings.

1st Air Army
Obverse: "Veteran" on suspension and aviation branch insignia shown. Reverse: "The First Air Army 1941-1945". Awarded to flying over the Kremlin. Reverse: Rough finish. Myshakid #146 trademark on suspension. Comments: Document bears 1978 date.

2nd Air Army
Obverse: "The 2nd Air Army, 'Veteran of the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945' Order of Victory depicted above aircraft". Reverse: Suspension has a multiple concentric circle finish. Base has smooth finish with an incuse, central circle.

50th Anniversary
Obverse: "50th Anniversary of the Stalingrad Victory". Reverse: Suspension has linked checkerboard finish. Base has rough finish.

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Liberation of Tavriya
Obverse: "Veteran, The Liberation of Tavriya, 1943". Order of the Patriotic War depicted on the suspension. Reverse: Smooth finish.

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Airborne 50th Anniversary
Obverse: "1940". Reverse: Multiple small circle finish.

Airborne 60th Anniversary
Obverse: "60" and "Airborne Forces, 1998". Reverse: Rough finish with incomplete circle on base.

Guards Mortar Unit
Obverse: "To a Veteran of the Guards Mortar Units with Guards badge on..."

Partisan



Bryansk
Obverse: "A Partisan of Belarus 1941-1945" (written in Belarusian)
Reverse: Smooth finish, no inscription

WWII in Europe

Obverse: "Partisan of the Second World War in Europe 1941-1945"
Reverse: Smooth finish with inscription "Partisan-Internationalist"
Comments: Strange use of the phrase "Second World War" and not "Great Patriotic War," perhaps due to this badge being awarded to foreigners.



Crimea
Obverse: "Crimean Partisan 1974"
Reverse: Suspension is slightly polished. On base, two concentric circles, center circle and smooth finish.
Comments: Document dated 1974.

Bryansk

Obverse: "To a Participant of the All-Union Gathering of Partisans and Underground Members, Bryansk 80"
Reverse: Smooth finish with Kiev #58 trademark on suspension. Base has "The Bryansk Forest readled harshly" presumably a line from a famous poem or song.



Crimea
Obverse: "Crimean Partisan 2"
Reverse: Small circle trademark on suspension

ANNEX A: TRADEMARKS (Information from U.Y. Korzhik's Catalogue)
