

## 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 Soviet Patriotic War Veteran "tinnies" are significant both for their historical references and because they were issued exclusively to surviving participants of the battles.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.

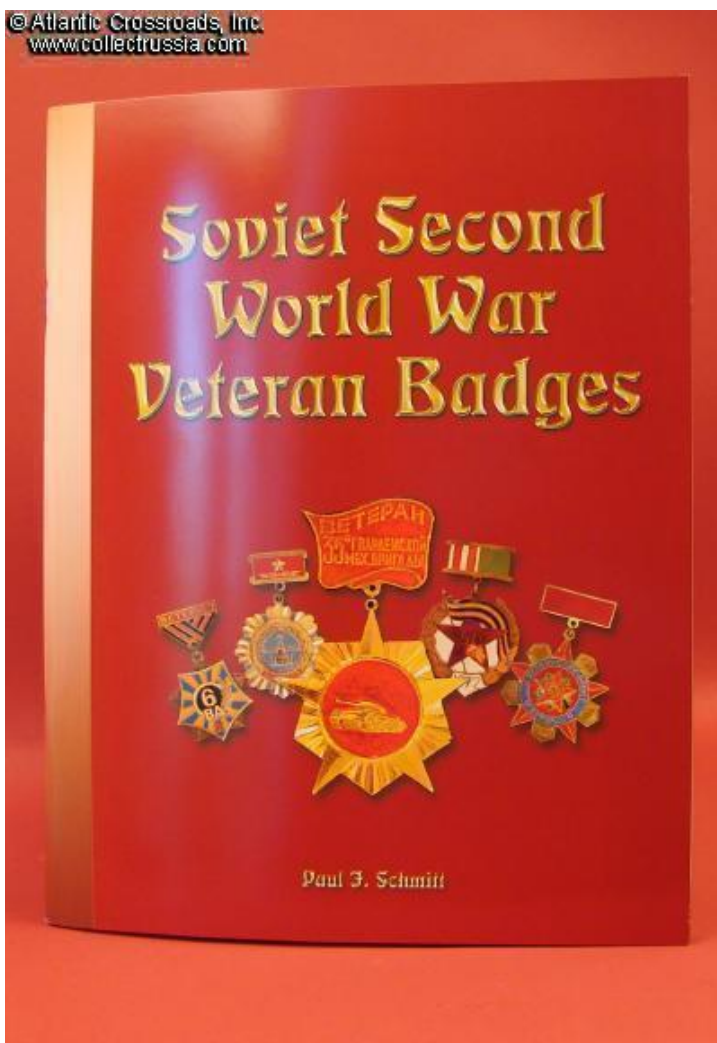
This booklet contains an informative introduction, over 400+ identified badges in color with their description and comments, logical arrangement system, a chart of 45 identified trademarks, bibliography, and photographs of veterans wearing their pins. Arranged by military units from the front level down 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.

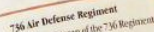
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**Baltic Fleet**  
Obverse: "Victors of the Double Red  
Banner Baltic Fleet"  
Reverse: Heavy suspension features  
Victory over Germany campaign  
ribbon. Base is smooth brass with  
Museum #128 trademark.  
Comments: Document is dated  
June 1973, serial-numbered 157,  
and indicates printing of 40.  
Bears stamp signature of Nina  
Trobin.



**8 Naval Infantry Brigade**  
(Obverse: "The 8 Naval Infantry Brigade, Black Sea Fleet"  
Reverse: Suspension has a smooth  
ring. Buckle has concentric rings.



### Specialized Units



# Partisan



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

## 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 WWII 1974"

Reverse: Suspension in slightly polished. On base, two concentric incuse center circles and smooth finish.

Comments: Document dated 1974.

## Crimea

Obverse: "Crimean Partisan 2004"

Reverse: Small circle from indistinguishable watermark.



## 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 readied harshly" presumably a line from a famous poem or song.



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

16	24	25	27	33	34
38	41	42	43	45	47
70	95	101	102	107	108
113	114	117	118	120	121
126	129	131	132	135	141
153	158	164	167	201	206
209	212	219	244	256	261
270	293	302			