

RUSSIANS IN THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY DURING WW2

There were several hundreds Russians, born outside Australia, in the Australian Army during the WW2.

Herewith is biographic information about some of them (*Australiada* magazine, NN 5 (1995) - 8 (1996)).

Lev Bazhenov (1913-1990). In 1942 volunteered into the 2/25 Infantry Battalion. He fought in New Guinea, was wounded.



Eugene and George Grigoriev

Eugene Grigoriev (born in 1923). In 1941 along with his brother George and father, who had been a staff officer in Russia, volunteered into the army. He served in Searchlight Unit Battalion (engineers) and took part in combat in New Guinea.



Вверху - Владимир Павленко

Справа - Виктор Замятин

Victor Zamiatin (the right photo). He volunteered into Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and underwent training in Canada from January 1943 to April 1944 . He made more than 30 mission in a *Lancaster* bomber over France and Germany

Vladimir Pavlenko (1908-1985) (the left photo). Volunteered in 1942 and served in Queensland and New Guinea



Boris Vatmanov (1915-1991). In the beginning of the war volunteered into RAAF and served in air reconnaissance of the 75th Fighter Squadron (New Guinea). In 1942-45 served in Darwin.