

Set 2: Elective 2: Russia and the Soviet Union 1914–1945

Source 1

(A cartoon produced by Dr Seuss and published in the USA in August 1941. Hitler is depicted wearing the swastika shirt.)



Source 2

(Extracts from Stalin's broadcast to the Soviet nation on 3 July 1941, 11 days after the launch of the German invasion of the USSR.)

Comrades! Citizens! Brothers and sisters! Soldiers of our army and navy! To you I turn, my friends ... The enemy is cruel and unrelenting. His goal is the conquest of our territory, drenched with our sweat and the appropriation¹ of our grain and our oil, harvested by our hard work. His goal is the re-establishment of the rule of landlords.

In case of a forced retreat by units of the Red Army all rolling railway stock must be taken away without leaving behind even a single locomotive, a single railway carriage, a single pound of grain or a single gallon of fuel for the enemy ...

In areas occupied by the enemy, partisan² units must be established, motorised as well as on foot and sabotage groups must be formed to engage the hostile army, to unleash partisan warfare everywhere ... In the occupied areas, an untenable situation must be created for the enemy and his henchmen, they must be persecuted and destroyed at each step and all their measures must be made to fail.

¹ appropriation – the act of taking something for your own use without permission

² partisan – a member of an armed group formed to fight secretly against an occupying force

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Source 3

(A Soviet government poster produced in 1942. The text of the poster reads: 'All for the Victory! From the Women of the USSR to the Front'.)



Source 4

(Extracts from an interview with a female Soviet soldier of World War II conducted by Belarusian author Svetlana Alexievich and published in her book 'The Unwomanly Face of War.' The book was first published in the USSR in 1985. This interview appears in a later uncensored edition published in 2017.)

To die ... I wasn't afraid to die ... There was death around, death was always close, but I didn't think about it. We didn't talk about it. It was circling somewhere nearby, but kept missing. Once during the night a whole [enemy] company conducted a reconnaissance mission in our regiment's sector. Toward morning it pulled back, and we heard moaning in no-man's land. A wounded man had been left behind. "Don't go there, you'll be killed," the soldiers held me back.

I didn't listen to them and crawled there. I found the wounded man. It took me eight hours to drag him back, tied with a belt by the hand. He was alive when we finally made it. The commander of the regiment learned about it, had a fit and was going to arrest me for being absent without permission. The deputy commander's reaction was different: "She deserves to be decorated."

At nineteen I had a medal 'For Courage'. At nineteen my hair was gray.

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