Postal Politics:
Soviet Stamps of World War II

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Be a Hero,
August 1941,
30 kopeks*

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All-Union Agricultural and Small-Industrial Exhibition, Tractor, August 1923, 5 rubles

Peasant and Worker
Designed by Shadr
1924-1927, 15 and 20 kopeks

Airmail
October 1923, 5 rubles
Lenin Library Station
Moscow Metro
January 1935,
20 kopeks

Lenin,
1928-1929,
5 rubles

Yalta
Tourism series
September 1938,
15 kopeks
Sailor, February 1928, 14 kopeks

Pilot, March 1938, 20 kopeks

Infantry men, February 1941, 30 kopeks
Blast Furnace, “More Metal, More Machines,” December 1929-January 1930, 20 kopeks
Be a Hero,
August 1941,
30 kopeks
Zakharov, Machine Gunners,
November-December 1942,
1 ruble
V. Koretskii,
*Be a Hero*, Poster,
1941

*Be a Hero*,
August 1941,
30 kopeks
People's Militia

“At the call of the great leader of the peoples, Comrade Stalin, the sons of the Soviet fatherland join the people’s militia.”

December 1941, 30 kopeks
Mukhina, *Worker and Collective Farm Worker*, 1937

Stamp of Mukhina work

The German and Soviet Pavilions at the 1937 Exposition International in Paris
People’s Militia
“At the call of the great leader of the peoples, Comrade Stalin, the sons of the Soviet fatherland join the people’s militia.”
December 1941, 30 kopeks
Heroes of the Great Patriotic War Series, November 1942
Zoia Kosmodem’ianskii, Photo

Manizer, Zoia, 1942

Hero of the Soviet Union
Zoia Kosmodem’ianskii
November 1942, 30 kopeks
Partisans, Take Revenge Without Mercy, Poster

Mukhina, Female Partisan, 1942
Every Komsomol member must master a military specialty, poster, 1941
Heroes of the Great Patriotic War, July to September 1944
Natalia Kovshova and Mariia Polivanova
Soldier with Grenade from The Great Patriotic War series, April 1945, 1 ruble
Making Uniforms, “All for the Front, All for Victory,” November to December 1942, 45 kopeks

Making Shells, “All for the Front, All for Victory,” January-February 1943, 30 kopeks

Gifts for the Front, November to December 1942, 20 kopeks

Collective Farmers, “Agriculture for the Front,” January-February 1943, 30 kopeks
Hero Cities series: Sevastopol, Odesa, Leningrad, Stalingrad, March 1944, 30 kopeks
Allied Nation Flags,
November 1943, 3 rubles (L)
June 1944, 60 kopeks and 3 rubles (R)
Composer Rimsky-Korsakov
July 1944, 3 rubles

Poet Mayakovsky,
October 1943, 60 kopeks
Repin, *The Zaporozhian Cossacks Writing A Letter to the Turkish Sultan*, 1880-1891

Based on Repin painting
November 1944, 60 kopeks

Based on Repin Self-portrait
November 1944, 30 kopeks
Let's Clear the Motherland of Fascist Beasts, April 1945, 20 kopeks

For the Motherland, For Stalin April 1945, 1 ruble

Stalingrad the Hero City March-April 1945, 3 rubles

Death to the German Invaders April 1945, 30 kopeks

Victory Day, 9 May 1945 Overprint on Order of Victory August 1945, 3 rubles