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*The fighting cavalry units and formations of the Red Army  
during the Great Patriotic War*

This paper examines hostilities of cavalry units and formations by the Red Army during World War II. It shows their growing role and importance during the Soviet troops for the liberation of Ukraine. Cavalry rightfully belonged to the military elite armed forces of. The six from seven of cavalry corps were awarded with the honorary title of guards at the end of the war. Cavalryman took part in all major defensive operations and advancing Soviet troops. Cavalry units quite long remained the only means of agile operational level, successfully solving complex combat missions, before the Soviet Union, large independent and efficient mechanized and armored formations and associations (corps and armies). Cavalry was the principal operations with the attacking Red Army and closely cooperating with tanks. A characteristic feature of the combat employment of cavalry in this period was the formation of horse- mechanized group ( HMG ) - moving operational or tactical associations created in the army to meet the challenges of a breakthrough in the war and the military offensive. They are always used on the main lines of attack. The most effective cavalry operated in extremely difficult climatic conditions of winter thaw, early fall and late fall, when the motorized troops lost through continuous off-road mobility and were not able to carry out a while invisible maneuver during operations. Cavalry belonged important role in the defeat of the Wehrmacht outside Moscow and Stalingrad in Fruit - battle of liberation and the Northern Black Sea. Undemanding to the supply and quality of frontline roads cavalry clearly demonstrated its superiority in the exercise of profound breakthroughs and shooting raids (especially at night) to rear enemy in its investigation, the conduct of the fighting on the external and internal environment of the front of the enemy. Cavalry Corps with tank armies were different weapons and trained in skilled hands, defeated the army of Nazi Germany and its military satellites.