Searching for World War II Soviet Military Service records

The Pamyat-Naroda website at [http://pamyat-naroda.ru](http://pamyat-naroda.ru) is a very important resource for genealogists researching ancestors who might have served in the Soviet Military during World War II. Pamyat-Naroda means “Memory of the People”, and it is a complete catalog of Soviet WWII military records. It can be used to:

- Establish the fate of relatives who took part in the World War II.
- Read the original archival documents containing information about the participants in the war and the course of the war.
- Find information about awards.

While Pamyat-Naroda.ru is a Russian language website, but it can be reasonably easy for a non-Russian speaker to navigate by following a few simple tips.

1. **Use Google Chrome** to navigate and search. Pamyat-Naroda.ru is designed to work with Google Translate, and Google translate works far better on Chrome than any other web browser. Just open Chrome and navigate to [http://pamyat-naroda.ru](http://pamyat-naroda.ru). You can switch between English and Russian using the language toggle in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

2. **Click on Advanced Search**

3. **Even though the text of the Advanced Search page is translated into English you will still need to enter your search terms in Russian.** If you are searching for someone who you think was born in Leova, you should copy the word *Леово* and paste it into the “Place of Birth” field. If you think this person was living in Leova before the war you can copy and paste *Леовский* into the “Place of Recruitment” field. For the surname you will need open a second browser window, navigate to Google translate, transcribe the term from English to Russian, and copy and paste the results into the “Last Name” field.
4- Click on **Search** on the bottom of the **Advanced Search** page, and the results will appear.

5- Click on a name to see the record for that person.