

# At the Front Line: Experiences of Australian Soldiers in World War II | 2002 | 300 pages | Cambridge University Press, 2002 | Mark Johnston | 9780521523233

When World War II began, Zinoviy Kolobanov already had serious military experience. For example, he fought in the Finnish War of 1939-1940, during which he escaped from a burning tank three times. In 1941, Kolobanov commanded a tank unit during the German advance toward Leningrad (now St. Petersburg). Near the village of Voskovitsy, Kolobanov's unit got the order to defend the road leading to the town of Krasnogvardeysk (now Gatchina, 26 miles outside Leningrad). One day, when his regiment was on the front lines near Daugavpils in Latvia, two enemy tanks appeared in the rear of Soviet positions, near Sereda's field kitchen. He acted quickly and hid with the regiment's horses in the forest. The only weapons he had were an axe and an old rifle. Australia entered World War II on 3 September 1939, following the government's acceptance of the United Kingdom's declaration of war on Nazi Germany. Australia later entered into a state of war with other members of the Axis powers, including the Kingdom of Italy on 11 June 1940, and the Empire of Japan on 9 December 1941. By the end of the war, almost a million Australians had served in the armed forces, whose military units fought primarily in the European theatre, North African campaign, and the item 1 At Front Line Experiences Australian Soldiers World War II Mark Johnston | 9780521523233 1 - At Front Line Experiences Australian Soldiers World War II Mark Johnston | 9780521523233. £11.29. Free postage. item 2 At Front Line Experiences Australian Soldiers World War II Mark Johnston | 9780521523233 2 - At Front Line Experiences Australian Soldiers World War II Mark Johnston | 9780521523233. £11.29. Free postage. item 3 At the Front Line: Experiences of Australian Soldiers in World War II. 3 - At the Front Line: Experiences of Australian Soldiers in World War II. £26.88. Free postage. item 4 At the Front Line: Experiences of Australian Soldiers in World War II. A moving insight into the experience of war, based on the letters and diaries of over 300 soldiers. Product Identifiers. Publisher.