

## WAR HERO ALEKSANDR BAUROV

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Aleksandr Baurov was a Russian Rom from a family of well-known artists, musicians and singers. He played the guitar in an ensemble, but he also studied electromechanical communication in Leningrad. During the Second World War, he was made commander of communications support for the Red Army and later commander of the 1st Aeronautical Division. After the war, and by then a highly decorated hero, he joined the Soviet Engineering Corps, which built and launched the first Soviet rockets.

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### Did you know

... that during the Second World War, many Roma women fought as soldiers and partisans?

... that Russia had a big Roma population and that the first Roma theatre, the Teatr Romén, was founded in Moscow in 1931?

... that during the 1920s and 1930s Russian Roma founded their own collective farms in southern Russia with several hundred inhabitants each?

### For you to do

Find out about other prominent or famous people who came from Roma or Sinti families.

### The photo

Aleksandr Baurov in the 1960s. Private collection of Nikolai Bessonov, Moscow, Russia.