



Further Reading

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I would suggest the following to players interested in better understanding the Civil War in Ukraine and the campaigns in *Tatchanka*. These suggestions are not necessarily the main sources for the game; these are mostly, but not all, narrative military histories.

On the Civil War as a whole

W. Bruce Lincoln, *Red Victory: A History of the Russian Civil War* Da Capo Press, 1999. First published in 1989.

Evan Mawdsley, *The Russian Civil War* Allen & Unwin, 1987.

These are two good general histories of the Civil War. Lincoln's book is more vividly written, and I'd recommend it to anyone interested in the conflict. Mawdsley's book is the stronger reference, and has steadily grown on me since I started redesigning *Tatchanka*.

On the Makhnovists

Petr Arshinov, *History of the Makhnovist Movement (1918 – 1921)* via <http://www.nestormakhno.info/english/arshinov/index.htm> First published in 1921. (in Russian)

A. Tymoshchuk, *Anarkho-kommunisticheskie Formirovaniya N. Makhno. Sentyabr 1917 - August 1921 gg.* First published in 1996. (in Russian)

<http://www.nestormakhno.info/> (in several languages, including English)

<http://www.makhno.ru/> (in Russian and Ukrainian)

Arshinov's book is a general history of the Makhnovist movement by one of its participants. Arshinov's book is strongest when describing their political development and weakest when describing their military campaigns. Arshinov's and Skirda's histories pose chronological problems, and Tymoshchuk's history appears to be the most accurate description of their military campaigns.

On the Bolsheviks

Arthur E. Adams, *Bolsheviks in the Ukraine: The Second Campaign, 1918 – 1919* Kennikat Press, 1973. First published in 1963.

Adams' book describes the rise and fall of the Ukrainian Bolsheviks in late 1918 and early – mid 1919. It also describes the divisions and collapse of the Ukrainian Directory, and the Bolshevik negotiations with independent partisans, especially Grigoriev.

On the Armed Forces of South Russia

Peter Kenez, *Red Advance, White Defeat: Civil War in South Russia, 1919 – 1920* New Academia Publishing, 2004.
First published in 1977.

Kenez's book describes the Armed Forces of South Russia, their aims, and their political, economic, and military failures. It devotes less space to the Bolsheviks. It fails to distinguish among the Ukrainian partisan movements and, in my view, completely misrepresents the Makhnovist movement.

Other Resources

Volodymyr Kubyovych, Danylo Struk, et al., *Encyclopedia of Ukraine* at <http://www.encyclopediaofukraine.com/> (in English) First published in 1984 – 1993.