



Ukraine At War

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Kivsharivka - A sunflower field that was never harvested because of the war.



Irpin



An apartment building in Izyum split in the middle.



Borodianka



Borodianka



Irpín (note that the wine glasses seemed to have survived intact)



Bucha



Izyum (note the unnaturally curved wall in the middle)



Izyum



Bucha



Kam'yanka



Dnipro



Izyum



Hostomel



Hostomel



Velyka Oleksandrivka - What is left of the roof of a large building on a farm that was occupied by Russian forces and then liberated by Ukrainian forces.



Velyka Oleksandrivka - Just a few of the many destroyed farm vehicles.



Velyka Oleksandrivka - Two pigs in a well.



Velyka Oleksandrivka - Some fields were demined after Ukrainian forces liberated the farm and through loans of new equipment by NGO's the farmer was able to start planting again. Other fields of the farm had not been demined and can not be used safely until they are.



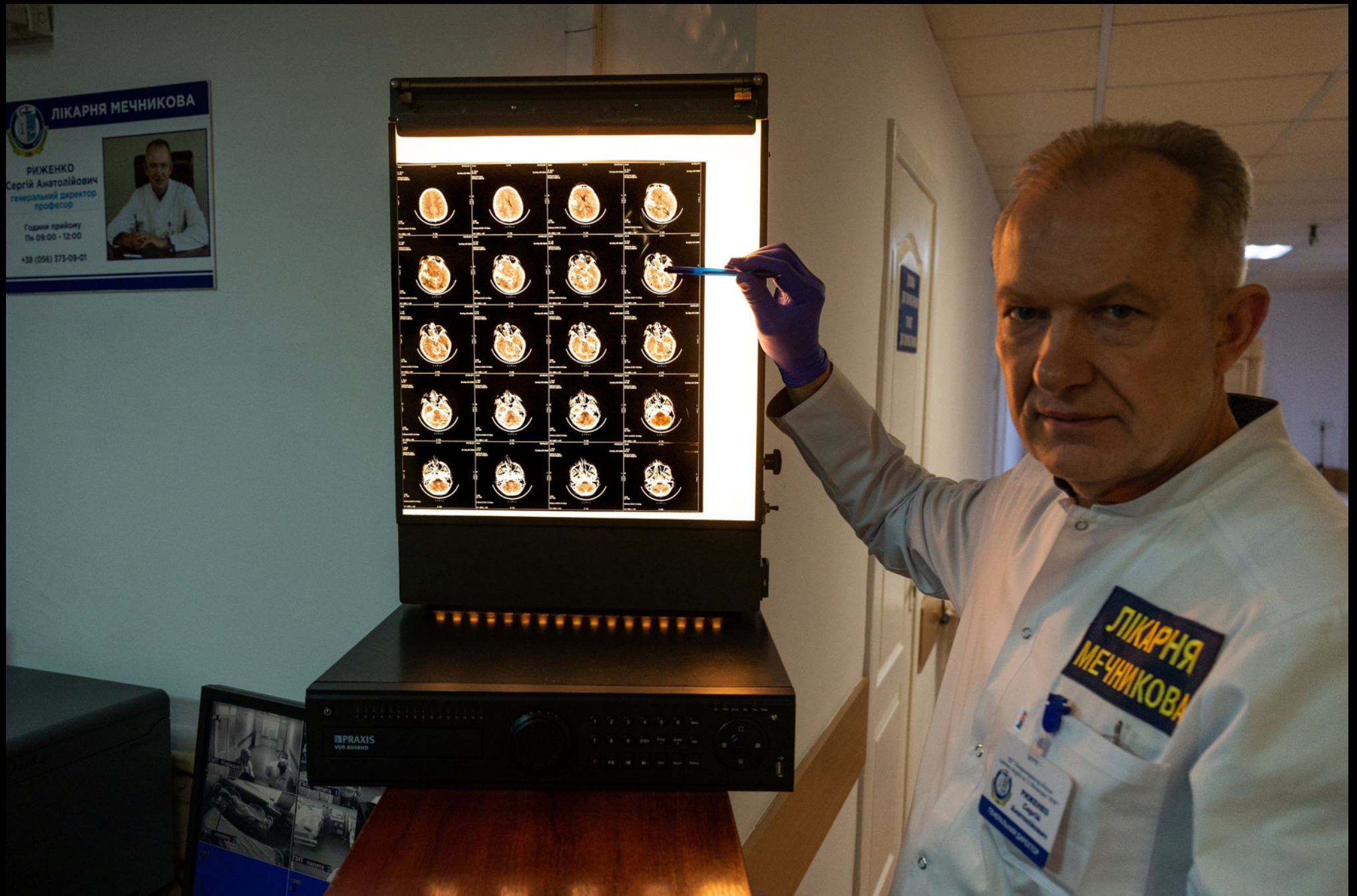
Irpin - Victims of the 2022 massacre in nearby Bucha war are buried here.



Irpin - Some markers do not have an exact date of death.



Kupiansk - This woman stepped on a landmine, most likely a small butterfly type landmine. She credits her sneaker with saving her foot.



Dnipro - A doctor pointing to a CT scan of a soldier's brain showing shrapnel in it.



Dnipro - In a ward of soldiers with amputated limbs, this soldier lost his right leg.



Dnipro - As well as his left leg.



Kam'yanka - Many electrical lines need to be repaired because of attacks by Russian forces.



Kam'yanka.



Lviv - One of many World Central Kitchens making food for distribution to those who need it.



Lviv



Kyiv - One of many vehicles donated from across the world to Ukraine. They are painted some shade of green before they are put into use by the military.



Kyiv - Volunteers and some professionals work at this body shop to prepare these vehicles for use by the military.



Kyiv - Vehicles are also repaired when necessary.



Kyiv - Painting a vehicle.



Borodianka - Two boys collecting money for the military.



Kyiv - Patriotic posters like this were posted around Kyiv with their images changed periodically.



Lviv - Volunteers use these strips of cloth to make camouflage nets for the military.



Lviv - Making a camouflage net in a spare room in a library.



Lviv - Making huge Ukrainian flags in a spare room in a library.



Near Lviv (undisclosed location) - Unloading donated good into a warehouse for distribution throughout Ukraine.



Lviv - In a (different) warehouse making first aid kits from donated supplies.



Irpin - Destroyed Russian tank.



Kyiv - Destroyed Russian tanks and other military vehicles on display in front of St. Michael's.



Nalyvaikivka - Destroyed Russian tank by the side of the road being examined by Ukrainian civilians.



Kyiv - A memorial wall near St. Michael's for soldiers killed in the war.



Kyiv - Civilians practicing a "stack" while training in anticipation of entering the military. The weapons are their own as the law was changed when the war started to allow civilians to own weapons such as these.



Kyiv - Learning to shoot through a car's window.



Kyiv - Learning how to approach and attack a building.



Kyiv - Learning how to approach and safely use a vehicle as a shield.



Kyiv - Target Practice.



Komar - Two soldiers coming back from checking targets after a round of target practice.



Kupiansk - A temporary cemetery used when the war prevented use of the regular cemetery.



Kupiansk - A warning sign indicating that there are landmines in the cemetery.



Velyka Novosilka - Delivery by special police in an uparmored civilian van of food prepared by World Central Kitchen for this frontline village.



Rozdolne - Delivery of food to a frontline village.



Velyka Novosilka - The basement / bomb shelter of a firehouse where people sleep.



Rozdolne - A makeshift kitchen in the basement of a school.



Kherson Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - A collection of unexploded ordinance for eventual destruction by a demining unit.



Kherson Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - The fuse from a 152mm howitzer shell after it has been removed from a live shell.



Kherson Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - Unexploded ordinance (152mm howitzer shells in this image) being placed into a pit for eventual destruction.



Kherson Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - Explosives (yellow bricks and a detonator) being placed with the unexploded ordinance in the pit.



Kherson Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - Boom! The unexploded ordinance that was placed in a pit being destroyed.



Donbas area - A bracelet being worn by a soldier with the phrase "God is with us" written on it.



Mykhailivka - One of many signs warning of landmines.



Dolyna - A sign warning for landmines at a monastery destroyed during the war.



Dolyna - Destroyed monastery.



Dolyna - Empty ammunition cases left by Ukrainian forces at a destroyed monastery. (40mm UBGL - 40mm Under Barrel Grenade Launcher)



Donetsk Oblast - A doll with a toy military rifle sitting on the tail section of a (real) rocket.



Kherson - The door to a prison cell used by Russians when they occupied Kherson.



Sulyhivka - Abandoned bunker used by Russian forces when they occupied the area.



Sulyhivka



Kupiansk - One of many military recruitment billboards seen in Ukraine.



Kupiansk



Kivsharivka - A captured Russian T-72 tank hidden in a forest along with other tanks.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - "Yuri" the commander of a team responsible for a self-propelled 152mm howitzer.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - The inside of a self-propelled 152mm howitzer.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - The howitzer was very well camouflaged near the edge of a forest.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - Waiting to fire the well camouflaged howitzer.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - An empty 152mm howitzer shell after it had been fired.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - A soldier playing with kittens outside a small unmarked building serving as the headquarters for unit responsible for a 82mm mortar.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - In a sub-basement the commander of the unit explains what they are doing. The building is near(!) the front (Bakhmut) as the range of this type of mortar may only be no more than two miles (which means that Russian forces are within that range).



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - The mortar is actually located in a different place and to get there we are transported in an armored personnel carrier (YPR-765). Shown here are the driver (left), commander (right) and gunner (top).



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - The gunner stands on a chair in order to be high enough to see his surroundings over the top of the turret.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - The commander, driver and passengers get to look out via very small and thick slit windows.



Donetsk Oblast (exact location not disclosed) - The actual 82mm mortar (the round tube facing skyward).



Donetsk Oblast (about 6 km from the front, exact location not disclosed) - In an unmarked and uparmored civilian van a soldier monitors the flight of a reconnaissance drone.



Donetsk Oblast (about 6 km from the front, exact location not disclosed) - The Ukrainian made Valkyrja drone is carried out to a field in order to launch it.



Donetsk Oblast (about 6 km from the front, exact location not disclosed) - The Ukrainian made Valkyrja drone is launched by a slingshot.



Donetsk Oblast (about 6 km from the front, exact location not disclosed) - Our escort to visit the drone unit.



Kharkiv Oblast - One of many mustard seed fields that can be seen in travels around Ukraine.



Kyiv - Tulips in Maidan Square.

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