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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE



Andrew Graham Bonar was born in 1933 and went to school in Scotland. Following two years' national service, during which he was trained as a Russian interpreter, he attended London University and subsequently Edinburgh University, and some years later, in 1968, joined the British Council and was sent on assignments to several overseas countries including the Soviet Union. Before being posted to Moscow, however, he had already made four visits to the Soviet Union, of which the first three form the subject of this series of six e-books entitled: *Memories of the Soviet Union 1957, 1959/60, 1968*.

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North of the Krestovy Pass



North of the high pass, the Krestovy Pass, the scenery becomes wilder, the mountains more precipitous. The Caucasus in the 19th century meant different things to different people.

North of the Krestovy Pass

To many educated Russians it was exotic, adventurous and romantic, with an element of danger. To others, including foreigners, it was a region to be explored, with high mountains to be climbed. For geographers it was a natural frontier between Europe and Asia...



Songs from Georgia



THE CAUCASUS 1

Super 8mm



Khevsur warriors with their characteristic costumes and weapons



In this picture several men are dressed in chain mail and carry small round shields. These items are almost unique to the Khevsurs, and it is thought by some historians that at the time of the later Crusades (13th century) there may have been some contact between them and

the crusaders. It is recorded that a number of crusaders fought alongside Georgians against the Moslems, and it is possible that some of them thereafter took refuge in Khevsureti.

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