



VIKTOR LEVCHENKO

(1906-1937)

Navigator

Levchenko was born in the South of Russia, in the city Bataisk, Rostov region. In 1925 the Komsomol territory committee of the North Caucasus sent him, a cobbler apprentice, to study at Frunze Naval training school in Leningrad where he became a naval navigator. In 1929 he was accepted to Sevastopol School of Naval Aviation as a pilot observer, then progressed to flight navigator and took part in long range flight from the USA to Moscow through Siberia with Levanevsky. Victor was an avid sailor on the Azov Sea and was known to say often: "We leave at sea and shall die at sea". He was a very experienced navigator, loved for his jokes, singing voice and cheerful disposition. He had two daughters – Tatyana and Valentina. His granddaughters live in Gatchina (Leningrad region) now.

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