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NIZHEVENOK, BORIS ALEKSEEVICH

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 ALIVE
 DEAD
 UNKNOWN

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Boris Alekseevich Nizhevenok EN

Борис Алексеевич Нижевенок¹ RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Alexander Ignatievich Myasnikov²

CALL SIGN

Zombie EN

Зомби RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	11	26	1974	366108495405

M-NUMBER

M-1102

B-NUMBER

B-81102

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Central African Republic, Sudan, Ukraine, Syria

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

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SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



None found


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OTHER

ok.ru/profile/355604754129³ (archive.is/M7WND)

Boris Nizhevenok (call sign “Zombie”) was commander of the Wagner Group’s Third Assault Detachment.⁶ In the Central African Republic (CAR), he oversaw the training of personnel in the military (the Forces Armées Centrafricaines, or FACA) and other law enforcement agencies.⁷ An experienced special forces operator who primarily served in elite units, Nizhevenok was instrumental in Wagner operations in the CAR, Ukraine, and Sudan.⁸

Nizhevenok was born on November 26, 1974, in Bogucharsky District, Voronezh Oblast, Russia,⁹ in the former Soviet Union. He completed his education at Gymnasium #9 and Cossack High School #73, graduating in 1991.¹⁰ After graduation, Nizhevenok entered a military academy but was expelled in 1992 for disciplinary violations.¹¹ After his expulsion, he deployed to the Ossetian-Ingush conflict as a private. After completing his service in the Ossetian-Ingush conflict, Nizhevenok signed a military contract in 1995.¹²

Since 1995, Nizhevenok served in several elite units, including in special forces units of Russia’s military intelligence agency (GRU), such as the Third Guards Separate “Warsaw-Berlin Red Banner Order of Suvorov Third Degree” Spetsnaz Brigade, and also served in the Third Reconnaissance Company (“A” Special Purpose).¹³ Between 1990 to 2000, he was deployed first in Kosovo and then in Chechnya. Between 2003 and 2004, Nizhevenok served in a special rapid reaction unit (Russian: СОБР) in Voronezh before returning to Chechnya. From 2008 to 2010, he was part of the Reconnaissance Battalion of the Eighth Separate Guards Motorized Rifle Brigade. In 2010, Nizhevenok completed training at a center for intelligence units of the North Caucasus Military District, then continued his service in the Chechen Republic.¹⁴

Nizhevenok’s association with Wagner is believed to have begun around 2014 when he was appointed commander of a Wagner detachment in the Northern Military District zone in Ukraine, although internal documentation records a later join date.¹⁵ Although he described himself as “a simple rural guy,” other soldiers had already declared him a “real Russian warrior” and a “living legend” by the time he joined Wagner.¹⁶ Nizhevenok commanded Wagner troops in the CAR in 2018 and 2021.¹⁷ Internal documents from 2018 also list him as being stationed in Sudan.¹⁸ In August 2023, shortly before Yevgeny Prigozhin’s death, Nizhevenok was seen with Prigozhin in the CAR.¹⁹ From 2022 to 2023, Nizhevenok was stationed in the vicinity of the Ukrainian cities of Bakhmut and Donetsk.²⁰ His career has earned him several accolades, including the title “Hero of Russia,” five Orders of Courage, the Order of Merit to the Fatherland (Fourth Degree), and two Medals of Courage.²¹

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS


SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER 366108495405			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia
DOB	M 11	D 26	Y 1974 ²⁴	PLACE OF BIRTH State Farm “Bogucharsky,” Bogucharsky district, Voronezh region, Russia ²³	
EDUCATION Gymnasium #9 Cossack High School #73 ²²					

MILITARY SERVICE

RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION

None found

UNITS SERVED IN

Third Guards Separate ‘Warsaw-Berlin Red Banner Order of Suvorov Third Degree’ Spetsnaz Brigade,²⁶ military unit 21208²⁷

Reconnaissance battalion 8 separate motorized rifle brigade(g), third reconnaissance company (“A” special purpose), military unit 94611²⁸

AWARDS

Hero of Russia

Five Orders of Courage

Order of Merit to the Fatherland, IV degree with crosses

Two Medals for Courage²⁵

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

Ossetia

Chechnya

Kosovo²⁹

WAGNER HISTORY



DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M	D	Y	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS
	04	01	2015 ³⁷	Storm of the Luhansk Airport, August 31, 2014 Storm of Bakhmut, 2022-2023 ³⁰
DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS				
2014	Ukraine			
Feb. 2021 ³²	CAR ³⁶ Syria ³⁸			
2022-2023	Ukraine			
INJURIES				Severe injury ³¹
RANK				Deputy Commander of the Third Assault Detachment, 2017 ³³ Commander, Third Assault Detachment, Central African Republic ³⁴ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversaw group that trained military personnel of the FACA unit as well as other law enforcement agencies of the Central African Republic³⁵

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**

None found

TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES

None found

TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

None found

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs

None found

POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS**POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS

None found

ACTIVIST GROUPS

None found

OTHER

None found



NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

“A real Russian warrior. Living legend.”³⁹



“Zombie - squad leader! - he ran alone to chase the Ukrops,⁴¹ about 12 people. The Ukrops ran towards the fence... well, they tried to ‘sneak away’ from the territory from where they were being fired upon. He ran after them alone.”⁴²



“First, the ‘four’ and Brodyaga approached the left end, to the foot, where the spirits had settled. There, the guys rowed furiously. We received an order to start occupying the ridge; there was another small ridge right in front of the main ridge. I received orders to go first. First, Zombie went there with a reconnaissance platoon. They reached the foot, did not meet any resistance, and decided to gain a foothold on this small ridge. I came there with my platoon. There was no communication with the authorities. Zombie tried to contact them - but to no avail. The difference in height was 250 meters.”⁴⁰



NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

“My victory is when all this ends. Thanks to our people who believe in our victory!”⁴⁵



“Now I’m fighting on two ‘phones’: on one I receive calls, on the second I put points, plot coordinates, and aim artillery... In addition, we analyze, think... The enemy special forces battalion fought in my direction for two days - ‘merged’ and went to reorganize.”⁴³



“Having served in the Russian Armed Forces for 15 years, I can say with certainty: everyone joined PMCs to benefit the Motherland. Not for a long ruble, not for apartments and a social package. We don’t have these privileges. We left the army from the tyranny of our superiors, the sycophancy and fraud that flourished in the army.”⁴⁴





**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

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**EUROPEAN
UNION**

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UNITED KINGDOM

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CANADA

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SWITZERLAND

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AUSTRALIA Not Applicable as of November 2023

NEW ZEALAND Not Applicable as of November 2023

UKRAINE Not Applicable as of November 2023

JAPAN Not Applicable as of November 2023

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS


NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Miroslava Titarenko (Kiselitsya) ⁴⁷	Unknown association; she is the author of the only public post on Nizhevenok's VKontakte wall; she posted on Nizhevenok's VKontakte wall on 10/18/2011 with a harmful link saying, "surname of Nizhevenok." ⁴⁶
Irina Nikolaevna Nizhevenok (Raskova)	Unknown association; "Acted as guardian of 2 children - Sulim Mikhail and Sulim Maria (the real mother was deprived of parental rights. ⁴⁸ One of these children - Sulim Mikhail - authored essays about Wagner at school under her supervision." ⁴⁹
Oleg Nizhevenok	Unknown association. ⁵⁰
Diana Nizhevenok	Unknown association. ⁵²
Anton Yelizarov	Commander of the Seventh Assault Detachment of Wagner, was a platoon commander of the Third Assault Company in 2017; engaged in the training of FACA unit in CAR. ⁵¹
Andrei Bogatov	Commander of the Fourth Assault Detachment of Wagner. ⁵³
Vladimir Kitaev	Wagner commander, engaged in the training of FACA unit in CAR. ⁵⁴
Yevgeny Frolov	Commander of the Third Assault Company of Wagner in 2017. ⁵⁵
Yevgeny Prigozhin	Founding member of Wagner.

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES


NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
None found	N/A

KNOWN LOCATIONS



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
May 2014	Ukraine	Odessa region	Link	“The commander of the PMC ‘Wagner’ with the call sign ‘Zombie’ said that when he saw the events in Odessa on May 2, 2014, he took a leave of absence and went to the south-east of Ukraine, where he was appointed commander of a detachment of the PMC ‘Wagner’ in the Russian Northern Military District zone in Ukraine.” ⁵⁶
2018	CAR	N/A	C4ADS ⁵⁷	Nizhevenok listed as #490 for personnel in CAR 1/6/2018. “Boris’s primary service took place in the Central African Republic (CAR), where he was the commander of a motorized group that made forced marches on motorcycles through the jungle over a distance of up to 800 km. He fought mainly with Muslim groups, which ‘Zombie’ himself calls ordinary bandits.” ⁵⁸
July 11, 2018	Sudan	CAR	C4ADS ⁶¹	Mentions Nizhevenok as a commander of the third assault detachment.
August 1, 2018	Sudan	N/A	C4ADS ⁵⁹	States that Nizhevenok has been in “Solnechnoye,” their code for Sudan.
August 5, 2018	CAR	N/A	C4ADS ⁶⁰	Mentions Nizhevenok as a commander of the third assault detachment.
April 11, 2019	Syria	N/A	C4ADS ⁶²	Nizhevenok reports to the brigade commander that one of his employees was found with a bottle of vodka at the Khmeimim airport.
August 16, 2019	CAR	Multiple bases	C4ADS ⁶³	Mentions Group Zombie (N=131)
October 29, 2019	CAR	Multiple bases	C4ADS ⁶⁴	Mentions Group Zombie (N=165)
December 7, 2019	Sudan	Khartoum	C4ADS ⁶⁵	Mentions one person from the Nizhevenok group in Khartoum, Sudan.
December 29, 2019	Syria	N/A	C4ADS ⁶⁶	The file excerpt mentions Nizhevenok.



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
February 2021	CAR	Boda, Babengo	C4ADS ⁶⁷	The first document mentions that Nizhevenok received \$100 travel allowances. Second document lists third Zombie assault detachment in Boda (N=3/70) and Babengo (N=63/70) with two “7.62 mm modernized Kalashnikov machine” guns.
April 14, 2021	CAR	Berberati base	C4ADS ⁶⁸	Mentions the Third Assault Detachment’s deployment in the CAR bases. Nizhevenok, with a group of 38 people, is listed under Berberati base.
April 16, 2021	CAR	Berberati base	C4ADS ⁶⁹	Mentions the Third Assault Detachment’s deployment in the CAR bases. Nizhevenok, with a group of 29 people, is listed under Berberati base.
2022–2023	Ukraine	Bakhmut and Donetsk regions	Link	<p>“Voiced the details of the battles to storm the city of Bakhmut in the Donetsk region.”⁷⁰</p> <p>“‘Zombie’ added in his interview that his detachment is now going around Bakhmut, closing the road to Chasov Yar. The unit under his command has already captured more than 250 people over the past two weeks, and his detachment has tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, artillery systems and its own aircraft.”⁷¹</p> <p>“I am posting previously unpublished footage of the combat work of the Wagner PMC unit under the command of Zombie.”⁷² “Commanders of the Orchestra assault troops who together with their fighters took Bakhmut. -Ratibor, commander of the 1st detachment, Hero of Russia, veteran of the company and participant in all possible campaigns. -Zombie, squad leader, Hero of Russia, and, along with Ratibor, a veteran and participant in all campaigns. -Mekhan, commander of the 5th detachment, replaced the seriously wounded Salem, Hero of Russia. -Salem, commander of the 5th detachment, Hero of Russia. He was seriously wounded, as a result of which he lost his arm. Each of them has enormous experience of fighting in the North Caucasus, Syria, Libya, Central African Republic, and now 427 days of fighting in the Northern Military District. And the number of orders for four exceeded twenty.”⁷³</p>

KNOWN LOCATIONS, CONTINUED



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
Unknown	Russia	Ossetia	Link	“Participation in military operations: Ossetian-Ingush conflict.”
Unknown	Syria	N/A	Link	“Russian military operation in Syria.” ⁷⁴ “Burned the Bradley infantry fighting vehicle in the Syrian Republic.” ⁷⁵
Unknown	CAR	Berengo	C4ADS ⁷⁶	Nizhevenok participated in the graduation ceremony at the training center Berengo.
Unknown	CAR	N/A	C4ADS ⁷⁷	The document reports on the devices held by Nizhevenok and others in CAR.



Young Nizhevenok. The landscape suggests this photo might have been taken in the North Caucasus

[Source](#)



Nizhevenok visited the personal temple and memorial complex of the Wagner Group in the village of Goryachiy Klyuch, which is not far from the Molkino base.

C4ADS Document 207

[Source](#)

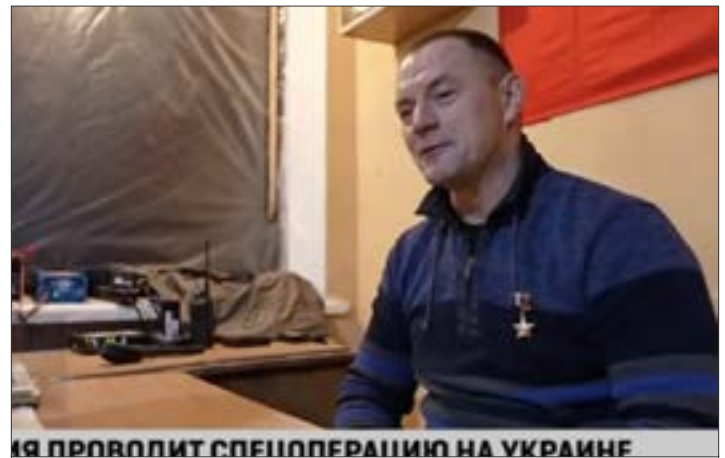


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Nizhevenok sleeping on a plane

[Source](#)



During the interview with Russian TV presenter Vladimir Solovyov

[Source](#)

ENDNOTES

- 1 Also see alternative spelling “Нижевѐнок”
- 2 C4ADS Document 101
- 3 Has not logged in since 2011
- 4 C4ADS Document 152
- 5 C4ADS Document 211
- 6 C4ADS Document 112
- 7 C4ADS Document 105
- 8 <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>; <https://archive.ph/LGfwe>; C4ADS Document 119; C4ADS Document 152; <https://archive.ph/8M2zd>
- 9 C4ADS Document 102
- 10 C4ADS Document 152; <https://archive.ph/YNDNg>
- 11 C4ADS Document 153
- 12 C4ADS Document 153
- 13 C4ADS Document 153; <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>; C4ADS Document 154; C4ADS Document 152
- 14 <https://archive.ph/O6XCF>
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- 16 <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>; <https://archive.ph/gPB3p>
- 17 C4ADS Document 119
- 18 C4ADS Document 152
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- 21 <https://archive.ph/n8e8g>
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- 25 <https://archive.ph/n8e8g>
- 26 C4ADS Document 154
- 27 <https://archive.ph/whwtZ>
- 28 C4ADS Document 152
- 29 <https://archive.ph/O6XCF>
- 30 <https://archive.ph/k6xVz>
- 31 C4ADS Document 122; additionally, Nizhevenok had malaria in Africa and experienced craniotomy in field conditions, according to <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>
- 32 C4ADS Document 112
- 33 C4ADS Document 116
- 34 C4ADS Document 112
- 35 C4ADS Document 105
- 36 C4ADS Document 121
- 37 C4ADS Document 116. However, a Russian source mentions that Nizhevenok took a leave of absence from his regular military service and joined Wagner in southeast Ukraine on May 2, 2014 <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>; this source also mentions that Nizhevenok joined Wagner in 2014 <https://archive.ph/k6xVz>.
- 38 <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>
- 39 <https://archive.ph/gPB3p>
- 40 <https://archive.ph/OjuJ8>
- 41 A derogatory term used by Russians to denote Ukrainian soldiers
- 42 <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>
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- 45 <https://archive.ph/sDqmB>
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- 47 <https://archive.ph/HKNBC>
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- 49 <https://archive.ph/oykwf>; <https://archive.ph/CeLtN>; <https://archive.ph/O6XCF>; <https://archive.ph/nkMfJ>
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