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All Cyrillic names and terms will be transliterated according to the following table.

Russian	English	Remarks
а	a	
б	b	
в	v	
г	g	As in 'get'
д	d	
е or ё	ye/e	The Russian 'e' is pronounced 'ye'(as in 'yes'), and wherever a Russian 'e' follows a vowel, it has been transliterated as 'ye'. If 'e' follows a consonant, that consonant is soft in Russian.
ё	yo	yo as in 'yonder'
ж	zh	As the 's' in 'pleasure'
з	z	
и or і	i	
й	y	The English letter 'y' has been used for both 'й' and 'ы'. However, as 'ы' never follows a vowel and 'й' never follows a consonant, no confusion can arise.
к	k	
л	l	
м	m	
н	n	
о	o	
п	p	
р	r	
с	s	
т	t	

у	u	As 'oo' in 'boot'
ф or θ	f	
х	kh	
ц	ts	
ч	ch	
ш	sh	
щ	shch	
ы	y	The English letter 'y' has been used for both 'й' and 'ы'. However, as 'ы' never follows a vowel and 'й' never follows a consonant, no confusion can arise.
э	e	
ю	yu	
я	ya	
ь	y	Soft consonants – wherever soft consonant is followed by a vowel, the vowel is preceded by 'y' in the English rendering.

**Source:** W.E.D. Allen and Paul Muratoff, *Caucasian Battlefields – A History of the Wars on the Turco-Caucasian Border, 1828-1921* (Nashville, 1999 – reprinted from the Cambridge, 1953 edition)