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Soldier Captured by Chinese Nationalists.

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EVALUATION As stated.

1. The soldier, Mihail Mihailovitch Strikunoff, age 21, was captured at Liaoyang (123-12, 41-16) shortly after the Nationalists took the town from the 8th Route Army. No reason is given for his being held prisoner. At the time of interview, he had been held for 60 days. He claims no knowledge of aid to the Communists, and said that he had never paid much attention to them. (Evaluation: B-2)

(The evaluation of paragraphs 2 -- 4 is F-0)

2. He admits the removal of machinery from Manchuria, saying that it was an official order from higher up, probably from Stalin. He said that private looting was not supposed to be allowed, but nobody paid much attention to this restriction. When asked the reason for his personal looting, he said that most of the Russians have been fighting for a long time, and when they had a chance to own things, they just took them.

3. He claims no knowledge of Soviet underground plans in Manchuria.

4. He expressed some dissatisfaction with the Soviet government on the basis that the other countries he had visited had a better standard of living than his homeland, and that the soldiers of other countries lived better than Russian soldiers.

(The evaluation of paragraphs 5 and 6 is Documentary)

5. Strikunoff carried a Red Army Soldier's Booklet, of which the following is a translation:

1 & 2 STRIKUNOFF, Mihail Mihailovitch

3. Rank: Sergeant

4. 242 Reserve Inf. Reg.

5. 1st Inf. Bn. 2nd Inf. Co.

6. Company Commander ROZOV

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I. General Information

1. Military Specialty No. 43
2. Education: 6 years
3. Nationality: Russian
4. Year Born: 1925
5. Date called up: 1 April 1943
6. Military Commissariat District: Ostashevsky Kamenimsky District
7. Civilian Specialist: Metal Worker
8. Place of birth, permanent address: Kamenimsky District, Ostashevsky area.
9. Mother's name: Feodosiya Osipovna
9. Blood classification.

II. Military Service Record

- 633 Inf. Reg. 6 Bn. Squad leader; Sgt. 14 December 1943.
49th Co. Anti-tank Division; senior radio telegraphist, 6 March 1944
242, 16 April 1945
Sworn in 23 February 1943
592 Inf. Segodsky Rgt., 203 Div., 2nd Special Bn. Signal Co. 5 May 1945
807th Detach. Sig. Bn., 358 Inf. Leningrad, Red Flag Order of Suvorov
Division.

III. Where Participated

First White Russian Front -- Prague 14 September 1944. Slightly wounded near Prague. Lake Baikal front, August 1945.

IV. Clothing Issue

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V. Weapons Issue

Carbine 4130, given May 1945

VI. Extra Clothing Issue

6. The soldier also carried a membership card of All Union Communist Party. Below is a translation of this card.

ALL UNION COMMUNIST PARTY (Bolshevick)

Proletarians of all countries united

CANDIDATES CARD #7625594

Last Name: STRIKUNOFF

First and Middle Name: Mikhail Mikhailovitch

Year of Birth: 1925

Time of becoming a candidate: August 1944

Name of organization issuing this card: Political Dept of the 185th
Pankratoff Inf. Div.

Candidate's signature:

Political Dept Chief's signature: Belyaoff

Time this card was issued: 16 September 1944

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