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4. The 1st Mtz Rifle Bn had many men of the 1932 class. About 35 per cent of the battalion was from Central Asia, spoke the Tatar dialect, and consisted of the following nationalities: Tadzhiks, Uzbeks, Turkmen, Tatars, Bashkirs, Kirghizes, Chuvashes, and Azerbaidzhanians. These men were very ignorant and it took about six months for them to learn the most basic commands and the Russian nomenclature for carbine and sub-machine gun parts.

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6. The daily (Monday through Friday) training schedule in winter quarters is given below. The same schedule was followed on Saturday until 0930; from 0930 to 1300 hours was called "Park Day" and the EM stood inspection in open park areas. Officers inspected the EM, vehicles, guns, etc. At 1300 hours the men bathed and clean laundry was issued. There was no training on Sundays.

0600	Reveille
0605-0625	Physical training
0625-0645	Personal toilet and barracks cleaning
0645-0700	Inspection
0700-0850	Training (usually political lectures). There was a 10 minute break at 0750
0900-0930	Breakfast
0930-1530	Training - training consisted of squad and platoon level close order drill, extended order drill, sighting and aiming exercises, nomenclature and field stripping of carbines and submachine guns, and digging of trenches. (A 10 minute break was given every hour.)
1530-1600	Cleaning of weapons
1600-1630	Dinner
1630-1800	Rest period
1800-2000	Group political discussions
2000-2100	Free time for cleaning uniforms, letter writing, etc
2100-2130	Supper
2130-2230	Group political discussions
2230-2300	Roll call, evening inspection, close order drill
2300	Taps

The training schedule given above was the same for the NCO school and the chauffeurs' school except that the time between 0930 and 1530 was devoted to technical matters at the chauffeurs' school [See paragraph 16 for details of training at the chauffeurs' school] and at both the chauffeurs' school and the NCO school, students did their homework between 1630 and 1800 hours and 2000 and 2100 hours. Political lectures and group discussions were conducted by the company political officer. All other training was conducted by NCOs.

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7. [redacted] an inspection commission, from either Army or GOFG Hq, inspected the 17th Gds Mecz Regt during summer training at Templin in the Fall of 1951. The inspection commission [redacted] consisted of one general officer and a number of field grade officers. [redacted] a commission [redacted] conducted an inspection of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt at the Eberswalde area between 10 and 15 Apr 52. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] ) The commission checked on political proficiency, close order drill, familiarity with weapons, physical condition of troops and the technical condition of the vehicles, tanks, guns and small arms. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] the commission was satisfied and [redacted] it found the 17th Gds Mecz Regt to be in an excellent condition. 25X1
8. In February 1952 all regimental commanders of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and their staffs, together with the entire 2d Mtz Rifle Bn of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt moved by vehicle from Eberswalde to Zehdenik, /5258N-1333E/, a distance of approximately 80 km. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] several tanks and several SP guns participated in this exercise. EM who had gone, [redacted] camouflaged the vehicles and guns, dug trenches, and waited there until the exercise was over. The exercise lasted three days. 25X1
9. In March 1952 the 17th Gds Mecz Regt had an alert. The alert was at 0500, and within one hour all EM were ready to move. Each man carried with him his combat pack with two extra sets of underwear, toilet articles, overcoat, spare uniform, ammunition pouches, mess gear, flask, gas mask and a carbine with two additional magazines. The drivers got the vehicles out within one half hour, and those vehicles that did not start were towed. Within two hours after the sounding of the alert, the 17th Gds Mecz Regt was on the move to the alert area. The 17th Gds Mecz Regt did not have sufficient vehicles to transport all of its personnel and equipment, and a few vehicles were borrowed from the 82d and the 240th Regts. The move to the alert area, which was about four km away, was orderly and free of accidents. After remaining 1½ hours in the alert area, the regiment returned to its compound.
10. Once weekly the company commander or the company political officer conducted leadership courses for company officers and NCOs. [redacted] 25X1
11. [redacted] the political lectures. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] were on the history of the Communist Party, the lives of Lenin and Stalin, [redacted] the 1941-1945 war, and the glory of the Soviet Army and Soviet regime. 25X1
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13. According to a GOFG schedule, all Soviet troops were supposed to participate in one week of night training each month. Night training was actually carried out, however, once during winter training and once during summer training period and lasted a week each time. [redacted] night training [redacted] The day started at 1600 hours. The men ate breakfast at 1900 hours, dinner at 0200 hours, supper at 0800 hours and went to bed at 0900 hours. The men were supposed to dig trenches, set up their weapons and conduct marches, close order and extended drills-between 1900 and 0200 hours. All EM scattered around the area, however, and did nothing. The NCOs in charge looked for a comfortable place to sleep and did not attempt to carry out any of the training. 25X1
14. [redacted] 25X1
15. Soviet soldiers were prohibited from "living off the country"; they received sufficient food through regular channels during combat and in training.

NCO School

16. The NCO School of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt (each regiment of the 6th Gds Mecz Div conducted an NCO School) had approximately 50 students. Men selected for the NCO school had to have a good physical appearance and had to have at least four years of schooling. The course was of eight months' duration. Emphasis was on tactics, nomenclature of, and familiarization with, all weapons, and political indoctrination. After graduating the students remained in the regiment as NCOs.

Chauffeurs' School

17. [redacted] a chauffeurs' school operated by the 6th Gds Mecz Div for all its sub-units from 15 Jul 51 until December 1951. The school conducted an eight-month course for mechanics and a five-month course for drivers. Approximately 200 students, all EM of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, attended this school. They were divided into six platoons; four platoons of 30-35 men each attended the drivers' course, and two platoons of about 35 men each attended the mechanics' course. The platoon leaders were also the instructors. Classes for student drivers were conducted between 0930 and 1530 hours daily on the engine, lubrication, electrical system, chassis, and all other parts of jeeps and trucks. The rest of the day was scheduled as given above. /See paragraph 16.7 Each student driver received about 30 hours of actual driving instruction during the course. A test was given at the end of the course; 10-15 men of the 130 men who attended the drivers' course did not pass the test and were returned to their original units. The school had one jeep, three Studebakers, three ton trucks, and nine ZIS-5 (the three ton trucks were used for instructional purposes). 25X1

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/For the location of the chauffeurs' school see items 17b, 19, and 23b, Enclosure A.7 [redacted]

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Tank Training School

18. The 6th Gds Mecz Div also conducted a tank training school for EM. The majority of the students were recruits who had completed three months of basic training and were then sent to the school and trained as tank drivers, gunners, loaders and radio men. The course was of eight months' duration. Students trained on T/34

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tanks and on SP guns.

The tank school  
was located / See items 17b, 20, 21 and 23a, Enclosure A7, adjacent  
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