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Conditions of Service

1. The normal period of service for regular officers in the Soviet Air Force is 20 years, though many prefer to remain longer since rehabilitation for retired officers is extremely difficult.
2. Promotion for officers is quicker than in the other armed services. Also an Air Force officer's pay automatically increases with length of service, even though he remains in the same position at the same rank for a number of years.
3. Membership in the Communist Party theoretically does not increase an officer's chance of advancement but in practice it does; there is a more benevolent attitude towards a Party officer by political authorities. As a rule, the higher the rank the greater the incidence of Party membership. A non-Party general is a rarity. Seniority invariably involves an invitation to join the Party and acceptance is virtually obligatory.
4. Reserve officers remain liable to call-up as long as they are medically fit. They carry military booklets and are invited to attend gatherings regularly according to their branch of service. In the case of air crews this occurs once a year; in the case of technical personnel, once in two years.
5. A captain, senior squadron engineer, receives a basic pay of 2000 rubles per month.

Pay and Allowances

6. When leaving for Germany, an officer may deposit his financial assets with the Air Force finance department in Moscow. This sum is then paid out in marks by his unit in Germany.
7. There is no system of family allowances and no leave allowance for Soviet Air Force officers. Officers serving in Germany may have marks deducted monthly from their salary and placed on their account in the unit. This sum is then paid out in rubles when an officer arrives in Brest on his way home. Only married officers may draw part of these funds in marks before leaving Germany.

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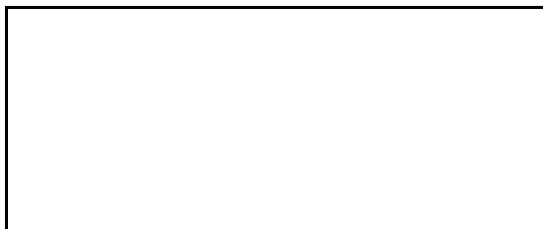
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8. According to a recent order from Malenkov, discharged service officers will receive one year's salary at the rank held on discharge.

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