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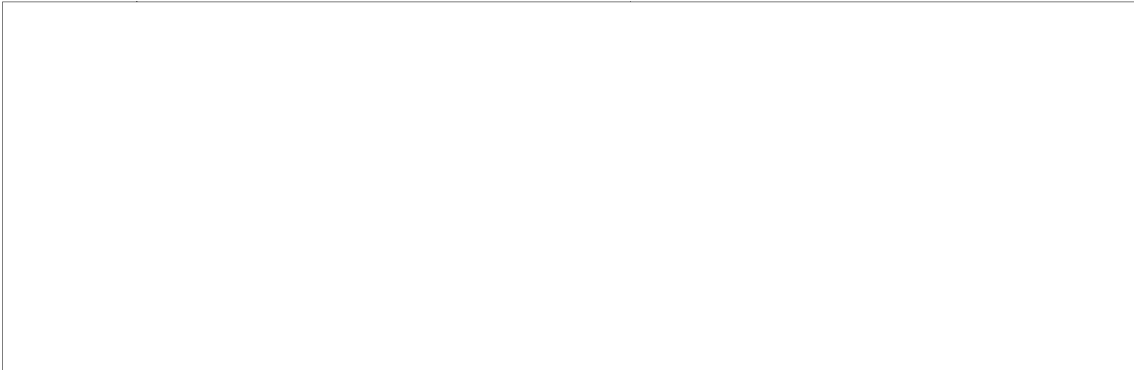
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A. Mobilization and Demobilization

1. [] following information concerning the mobilization of the 1932 class and demobilization of the 1930 class.

a.

[] all birth records were destroyed during the German occupation of [] village in the Ukrainian SSR. When the Soviets reoccupied the Ukraine, and tried to effect a new registration, almost all parents declared their sons to be one to three years younger, in order to keep them working and out of the army as long as possible.

b.

[] 15 eight-hour days of pre-military training in January 1951 [] This training was called "Preparation" ("Podgotovka") and was not known [] as "110 hours" training. It consisted of close order drill, familiarization with the M-1944 army carbine (firing three rounds). This training was given by demobilized Soviet Army officers in civilian clothes who worked for the voyenkomat.

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c. In the interval between [redacted] registration and the day of [redacted] actual induction, [redacted] called about 10 times (about once a month) to the registration board in Kagarlyk, each time on a Sunday. On these appearances roll call was taken and the men had some close order drill.

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d. [redacted] neither during the induction nor at any other time did [redacted] receive an intelligence test or any technical, political or other mental screening. During his two years in the army, he received only one unidentified inoculation, in 1952, while with the 34th Gds Tk Trng Bn in Bernau (N 52-40, E 13-35).

e.

f.

[redacted] Possible reasons for rejection were loss of a finger or limb, poor eyesight or TB. [redacted] not know the conditions for deferment, [redacted] coal miners were not drafted.

g.

h.

In November 1952, the class of 1933 arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The class of 1934 arrived at the 68th Gds Regt in November 1953.

i.

j. Departing from Ventspils by train on 29 October 1951, [redacted] via the Lithuanian SSR, then via East Prussia, and Poland to Frankfurt/Oder [redacted]

[redacted] The train moved only at night. During daytime the train was shunted off on side tracks. From Frankfurt/Oder [redacted] by train to Bad Freienwalde.

k. Fifty EM were placed in a box car. The box car had three tiers of boards, on which the men slept. There were no mattresses or blankets. The cars were heated by small stoves. Men were fed in the morning and at night at stations by a mobile kitchen attached to the train. There were no toilets in the EM cars, compelling EM to perform their normal toilet functions during the day when the train was on side tracks.

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1. There was a replacement depot in Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] 50X1
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- m. [redacted]
- n. [redacted] not know the difference between wartime and peacetime strength. [redacted] these figures as actual strength: 50X1
- 68th Gds Med Tk Regt - 700-750 officers and EM
 - A tank battalion of 68th - 125-135 officers and EM
 - A tank company of the 68th - 55-60 officers and EM
 - A tank platoon of the 68th - About 18 officers and EM
- o. [redacted] about 35% of the privates were of the 1931 class, 35% of the 1932 class, and about 30% of the 1933 class. About 80% of the NCO's were of the 1931 class, and about 20% were of the 1932 class.
- p. The last class returned to the USSR for demobilization was that of 1930.
- q. The 1930 class departed from the Soviet Zone of Germany between about 15 September and 15 November 1953. From his regiment, men departed in groups of 12-15 at a time.
- r. All of the 1930 class who were drafted in 1950 were returned to the USSR for demobilization. Those of the 1930 class who were drafted in 1951 were not demobilized in 1953. [redacted] 50X1
- s. [redacted] only volunteers (sverkhsrochniki) of a class being demobilized remained in service. In 1953 there were no volunteers in the 68th Gds Med Tk Regt.
- t. [redacted] all demobilized soldiers were automatically entered in reserve lists by the voyenkomats and remained in the reserve until physically disqualified. 50X1
- u. Reserve personnel received some refresher training. [redacted] this refresher training was one or two months every two or three years. 50X1
- v. Reservists were recalled by the voyenkomat, and [redacted] were not incorporated for training in regular army units, but in special reserve units. [redacted] no further details. 50X1
2. [redacted] 50X1
3. The following were returned to the USSR prior to completion of their term of service, during November 1952 to December 1953:
- a. [redacted] one EM who suffered from swollen feet was sent back. 50X1

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b. [redacted] one EM was returned whose eye was knocked out by a shell splinter during target practice in Bad Freienwalde in the Summer of 1953.

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c. No deaths occurred [redacted] during [redacted] November 1952 to December 1953.

d. No men were returned [redacted] for political unreliability.

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e. One EM [redacted] was returned to the USSR for being AWOL and drunk.

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f. [redacted] no transfers of EM in his regiment.

g. No men were returned for compassionate or other reasons.

4. Officers and EM would be returned to the USSR prior to completion of their tour due to loss of a finger, toe, limb, eyesight or due to TB.

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5. [redacted]

6. Habitual drunkards, and repeated AWOLs were returned to USSR.

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7. EM who were sent to school were sent to schools within their division. For instance, the 6th Gds Mecz Div had a Tk Trng Bn. a RL Trng Bn. a Sig Trng Bn and a Driver's School.

8. The only compassionate reason for which troops were returned to the USSR and demobilized were deaths in the family which would leave a soldier as sole supporter of aged parents.

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9. [redacted]

10. Troops returning to the USSR - regardless of whether for demobilization, hospitalization, or other reasons - were escorted up to Brest by an officer. [redacted]

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11. [redacted] no replacements arrived for attrition cases before the regular replacement shipments arrived in November in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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12. [redacted]
13. [redacted]
14. [redacted]

B. Recall of Reserve Officers to Active Duty

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[redacted] no information at all on this subject.

C. Labor Service

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1. [redacted]

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- 2. [redacted] all male graduates of factory work schools who were physically fit were actually inducted. [redacted] coal miners might be an exception [redacted] no data or definite facts. [redacted] miners were not drafted.

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- 3. [redacted]
- 4. [redacted]

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D. Mobilization of Women in the Soviet Army

- 1. [redacted]
- 2. [redacted] five women were "soldierettes" (soldatki), enlisted women of the Soviet Army.
- 3. All regiments of the 6th Gds Mecz Div had these "soldierettes"
- 4. [redacted]
- 5. The women received training in political orientation, first aid, and had some target practice with carbines. [redacted] in war they would be utilized as nurses.
- 6. [redacted] monthly the women received 350-400 east marks and a credit of 350-400 rubles, to be paid to them upon return to the USSR.
- 7. [redacted] they were all volunteers.
- 8. The women enlisted for a three year period.

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E. Military Districts

[redacted] military districts listed below:

- Kiev
- Belorussian
- Ural
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- Trans Carpathian

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[redacted] no further details on military districts in the USSR.

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