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A. MOBILIZATION AND BASIC TRAINING

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1. Registration

a. With Village Council

[redacted] initially called before the "Sel'Sovet" (Village Council) at BYSTRYY ISTOK (5222N-8424E) to register with the year class of 1934. [redacted] permanent address and occupation were recorded and [redacted] issued a draft registration card.

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b. Physical Examination at Voenkomat

[redacted] all men at that time eligible for the draft in the BYSTRYY ISTOK rayon (approximately 160 men) reported [redacted] for a physical examination. [redacted] the examination consisted of (1) an eye check [redacted] six meters from the chart and was required to read it, (2) a hearing check by a doctor who stood about seven meters and whispered several numbers [redacted] required to repeat, (3) a chest measurement and recording of height and weight, (4) bone structure and foot examinations, (5) testing of reflexes and (6) a blood test. The blood needed for this test was drawn from the finger [redacted]. A chest X-Ray was also taken.

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c. Processing of Men with Prison Records

After the medical examination, all the men were questioned as to whether or not they had a prison record or if either of their parents were ever in prison. About 20 men of the 160 fell into this group and a Major [redacted] from the Militia, took them aside and spoke with them.

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d. Induction and Initial Military Processing

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[redacted] summoned by the Voenkomat for the second time and [redacted] given another physical examination. It was the same [redacted] examination.

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Of the 160 men who had initially reported to the Voenkomat [redacted] only 50 reported for the second time [redacted] After the physical examination on the nineteenth, only 26 men were told to report for induction.

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This group [redacted] transported by truck to an assembly point at BIYSK (5235N-8514E) [redacted] There, the group again received the same type of medical examination, and two men were rejected. [redacted]

[redacted] all the physical examinations [redacted] at BYSTRYY ISTOK were given by male civilian doctors. The examination at BIYSK however, was administered by male army doctors from an unidentified military hospital at BIYSK.7.

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2. Deferments or Rejection for Military Service

[redacted] it was common knowledge that a young man otherwise eligible for conscription whose father was over 60 years old or who had a widowed mother over 55 could be deferred if he were an only son. [redacted] in Austria, one EM fell into this category while on active duty and was immediately sent back to the USSR for demobilization. [redacted] any male persons employed in a factory that produced equipment for the military were draft exempt. [redacted] prior to 1952 miners were draft exempt.

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3. Strength of [redacted] Basic Training Company

[redacted] basic training company consisted of approximately 170 trainees at the end of basic training. 1. All of them were subsequently assigned to Austria, and they [redacted] travelled in one rail movement (see section A,4 below). [redacted] the age classes within this group broke down as follows:

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1931 - 1	1934 - 120 (approximately)
1932 - 25 (approximately)	1935 - 1
1933 - 25 (approximately)	

4. Assignment and Travel to Austria

[redacted] about 1500 [redacted] recruits were shipped by rail to BRUCK (4801N-1646E) Austria, arriving there at the Replacement Center (Peresilnyy Punkt) [redacted] passing through NOVOSIBIRSK, OMSK (5500N-7324E), SVERDLOVSK, MOSCOW, BRYANSK, GOMEL, KIEV, LVOV and CHOP (4826N-2215E).

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[redacted] there were approximately 70 men per boxcar during the trip. Sleeping facilities in each boxcar constituted three rows of wooden planks at either end of the boxcar. NCO's sent from unknown units in Austria to act as escorts were in charge of each boxcar.

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[redacted] during the trip the men received one hot meal a day. At almost all of the aforementioned cities [redacted] the train was stopped and a hot meal served. At each of these city stations was a large messhall which [redacted] could accommodate about 3,000 men. [redacted] there were messhalls along their route of travel every 400 to 500 km.

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B. [redacted] 735TH SEP RADIO-COMM BN

1. Strength and Quality of Unit Personnel

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[redacted] the composition of [redacted] battalion by classes and number was as follows:

1931 - 20 (approximately)	1934 - 55 (approximately)
1932 - 50 "	1935 - 1
1933 - 50 "	

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[redacted] almost all the NCO's [redacted] had received some specialized school training on decimeter radio equipment in the USSR prior to being assigned to the battalion.

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[redacted] or approximately 18 NCO's within the unit, about 12 of these were from the class of 1933. 6.

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2. Cases of Returns to the USSR Prior to Demobilization

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a. Physical Illness

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[redacted] there were about four EM that were returned to the USSR for demobilization prior to the completion of their normal tour of duty. [redacted] one of the men was sent back because of rheumatism. Another man, just after his arrival in the unit [redacted] was sent to the hospital for an unknown reason. He spent three months there and from there was returned to the USSR. No one in the unit was sent back because of physical injuries.

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b. Political Unreliability

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[redacted] most of the EM in the unit were hand-picked from other units in Austria on the basis of their past performances in the service. [redacted] the basis for selection was that they were outstanding in the eyes of the CO's of their former units.

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c. Courts-Martial

In the one year [redacted] there was only one court-martial. The EM court-martialed [redacted] was a drunkard, always argued with the officers and fought with the first sergeant. He was sentenced to two years service in an unidentified Soviet Army Penal Bn (Shtrafnoy Batal'on; [redacted] One of the EM in the unit received a letter from this man a few months after he was sent to the USSR. [redacted] he had only served

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d. Transfers

[redacted] the only transfers [redacted] were of a temporary nature to a Driver's School in EISENSTEIN, Austria. [redacted] six EM of the unit [redacted]

The remaining five EM were accepted, and were sent back to their own unit upon completion of the course for assignment as drivers. [redacted] these men were practically illiterate. [redacted]

3. Leave Policies

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[redacted] about 90 (almost 50%) of the EM [redacted] went to the USSR on leave [redacted] The majority of these men were granted 10 day leaves because of meritorious service. Most of the men that were assigned to this unit came from other units in Austria and had been granted leaves by their former CO's but did not have the opportunity to take them prior to their transfer. Thus, these leave grants were carried over to the new unit and were honored by the CO. 3.

4. Demobilization Procedures

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[redacted] during the demobilization period in the fall of 1954, the 1931 and 1932 year classes were returned to the USSR. [redacted] the first man to leave for the USSR came from SAKHALIN Island, [redacted] The heaviest traffic during the demobilization period was in mid-October. [redacted]

5. Replacements

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[redacted] no replacements arrived for the few returnees to the USSR [redacted] prior to the demobilization period. [redacted] if there was need of a replacements in one of the station crews, a man from the training platoon was transferred to the station unit. The training platoon itself received no replacements [redacted] and consequently was considerably smaller [redacted]

C. FORCED EXTENSIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE

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[redacted] it was common knowledge among the troops that their battalion CO had the power to extend the men of his unit for three months. But no one [redacted] who was due for return to the USSR was held back [redacted]

In the spring of 1954 [redacted] all "Radio Lokatsiony Voiska" and "Voiska Pvo" (Radar Troops) were extended for one year. [redacted]

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D. RESERVE MATTERS

1. Reserve Units and Training

[redacted] demobilized personnel participated in some kind of military training.

[redacted] all men were eligible for recall to active duty up to the age of 55, in case of war.

2. Recall of Reserve Officers to Active Duty

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E. PARA-MILITARY TRAINING OF CIVILIANS

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1. Pre-Military Training

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[redacted] eligible draftees began some pre-induction military training, which was conducted by the Voenkomat. [redacted] they were summoned to appear for training only six or seven times. The first time [redacted] had a 25 km run; on other occasions they had physical training, swimming instruction, and small caliber weapon firing.

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2. Training of Persons Rejected for Military Service

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[redacted] men who had never had regular military service, because of occupational deferments, being physically unfit, etc, were obligated to participate in some sort of military training. [redacted] it was common knowledge that these men were obligated to train for three months each summer. They were sent to some military post as a group and assigned to some unit for training purposes. [redacted] two such companies were organized at the 2d Military Post at BARNAUL (5320N-8348E) RSFSR [redacted]

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3. Military Education in Civilian Schools

[redacted] Up to the 6th year of school [redacted] there was no military training given.

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[redacted] some military training was given to students in the 8th year of school. Both boys and girls allegedly had to take this training. [redacted] this training encompassed assembly and disassembly of a carbine and a rifle, as well as close-order drill.

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F. UTILIZATION OF WOMEN IN THE SOVIET ARMY

[redacted] in Austria [redacted] female personnel for the first time with army units. [redacted] they were members of the army, but [redacted] did not know to what units they were assigned. However, [redacted] about eight working in the officers mess hall caserne, where they were waitresses and cleanup women.

[redacted] about four of these Soviet Army women returned to the USSR, but the others remained. Those that did remain in Austria no longer wore army uniforms or were required to stay in the caserne. [redacted] some of these women [redacted] had volunteered to stay behind in Austria and work as civilians, [redacted] other females also arrived from the USSR and were employed in the caserne, taking the jobs left by the aforementioned Soviet Army women who had returned to the USSR. [redacted] also [redacted] Soviet female civilians employed in the offices of the Auto-Registration Headquarters 5.

[redacted] there were many Soviet Army women officers who were utilized in CGF Hq in BADEN.

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[redacted] prior to 1952 the Bystryy Istok Rayon, where he lived, had a quota of volunteer women to fill for the Soviet Army. He stated, for example, that in the sugar factory where he worked, someone from the Voenkomat came to the factory and interviewed women for the army, seeking to fill a quota of 10 women. He said that this service for women with the army was voluntary. He did not know what they were paid and thought that their length of service was three years. After [redacted] never heard of quotas for females for the Soviet Army.

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G. MILITARY DISTRICTS

[redacted] only the following: East Siberian Military District and MOSCOW Military District.

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