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57th Guards Rifle Division and EM of the 935th Separate AAA Battalion

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- (a) The class of 1930 probably registered first in September 1949 at the Voenkomat and was inducted in July 1950. [redacted] 50X1
- (b) The class of 1931 first registered in September 1950 and received either "110" hours training or some other para-military training by the local Voenkomat in October 1950. The class was called for induction for a second time in December 1950 and was actually inducted in two installations in 1951; one half in February 1951, the other half in July 1951. This is the only class now arriving in Germany. Fifteen replacements from the class of 1931 arrived in the 39th Guards Rifle Division in the fall of 1951. 50X1
- No women were drafted in any of the given classes. [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] only exceptionally skilled men of the armaments industry were deferred and that crippled and one-eyed men were rejected. 50X1
2. [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] all men, except those deferred or rejected, are taken for military service by the Voenkomat. 50X1
3. Since the end of World War II, all men have been drafted at the age of 20. If some were drafted at the age of 19, it was because the 19th birthday was closer to the induction date than the 20th birthday.
4. [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] The 280 officers were all demobilized officers, recalled to active duty by the Moscow Military District and sent to the Soviet Zone by train (special cars attached to a regular train) under supervision of one of the officers in the group. The trip took two days via Moscow-Minsk-Brest-Poznan-Frankfurt/Oder. In Brest the officer in charge of the group showed the orders for the entire group to the border police; all 280 officers were checked for identification, but no examinations of persons or luggage were made. All were asked if they still possessed Soviet currency and were told to spend it or mail it home. Aside from this four or five hour stop in Brest, there were no other lengthy stops. At the Polish border in Poznan a Polish officer walked through the cars and looked at the occupants but did not speak to them or ask for identification. 50X1
5. In Frankfurt/Oder [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] A Lieutenant Colonel of GDFG selected 15 officers [redacted] from the group of 280 which had arrived [redacted] to proceed to Weimar (5059N-1119E); from Weimar [redacted] sent to the 932nd Separate AAA Battalion in Naumberg (5109N-1149E). 50X1
- [redacted] 50X1

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6. [Redacted]

reserve AAA officers were sent to the Far East.

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7. Classes were demobilized as follows:

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NCOs, class of 1926: spring 1950

Privates, class of 1927: fall 1950

NCOs, class of 1927: June 1951

NCOs and Privates, class of 1928: Sep to Nov 51

The class of 1929 is still in service in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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8. In October 1951, an order was issued by the Ministry of Defense in Moscow,

[Redacted] to the effect that each AAA Battalion (of rifle divisions only) was to activate an AAA MG Company with a T/O of 60 officers and EM, and a T/E of 16 12.7mm MGs. This increase was planned but had not been put into effect by [Redacted] December 1951.

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9. The actual strength of all units of the 39th and 57th Guards Rifle Divisions was up to full wartime T/O.

[Redacted]

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10. In both the 932d Separate AAA Battalion and the 935th Separate AAA Battalion the majority of NCOs were of the class of 1929 and the majority of privates were of the 1930 and 1931 classes.

[Redacted] The 932d Separate AAA Battalion had 26 regular army officers and two reserve officers. The 935th Separate AAA Battalion had 25 regular army officers and three reserve officers.

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11. Officers get 45 days leave plus 15 days travel time annually; this time must be taken all at once and is not accumulative; i.e., it is lost if not used. EM can get leave only in emergencies. Action for the leave must be initiated by the respective Voenkomat in the USSR, is sent to GOPG for approval, and is then forwarded through channels to the unit CO of the EM concerned.

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12. [Redacted]

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280 of the recalled reserve officers went to the Soviet Zone of Germany, and the other 40 were sent to the Far East.

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GDFG officers at Depot #1 in Frankfurt/Oder assigned the 280 officers to various Soviet Zone units. The average time in service of the recalled reserve officers was from six to nine years.

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Reserve officers get no training while on reserve status.

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Youths enter factory work schools at the age of 14-16 and thus have graduated by the time they are of military age. all factory work school graduates are inducted except for important key personnel in various armament factories and research centers.

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70% of all factory employees are women.

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14.

female officers, EM, and civilians in the Soviet forces in Naumburg worked as translators, interpreters, censors, and as MGB personnel. female physicians and nurses in the Naumburg, Ohrdruf and Weimar hospitals. In the therapeutic clinic of the 8th Army Hospital in Weimar, there were two female physicians and 10 female nurses for the 30 officer patients. In August 1951 there was an influx of Soviet women, aged 16 to 25, into the Soviet Zone of Germany. 200 of these women were assigned to each division. There were about 200 in Eisenach, 200 in Naumburg, and 200 in Ohrdruf. These women were employed as typists in headquarters and orderly rooms, and as charwomen and waitresses. They wore regular army uniforms with the shoulderboards of the branch to which they were assigned but were considered as civilians and lived separately.

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Soviet women due to arrive in the Soviet Zone of Germany were to get regular military training in close order drill, physical training, political indoctrination, discipline, etc., but no weapons training.

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they had no previous military training, either in the USSR or in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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female personnel had been brought into the Soviet Zone of Germany to replace all German employees, thus to eliminate fraternization and contact with Germans in an effort to tighten security generally. The 935th Separate AAA Battalion had one Soviet woman who was a waitress, but

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three more were scheduled to replace the three German waitresses of the unit.

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15.

demobilization orders for the NCOs of the class of 1927 in the spring of 1951. The orders stated that the NCOs of the class of 1927 would be returned to their respective military districts for separation from the service. There may be several more military districts

Military Districts of the USSR

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White Sea (Belomorskiy)	headquarters in Murmansk	
Leningrad	"	" Leningrad
Baltic (Pribaltiiskiy)	"	" Riga
White Russian (Belorusskiy)	"	" Minsk
Carpathian (Prikarpatkiy)	"	" Kishenev
Odessa	"	" Odessa
Kiev	"	" Kiev
Don	"	" Rostov
Gorki	"	" Gorki
Voronezh	"	" Voronezh
Moscow	"	" Moscow
Turkestan	"	" Tashkent
Transcaucasian (Zakavkaskiy)	headquarters unknown	
Transbaikal (Zabaikalskiy)	"	"
South Ural	"	"
North Ural	"	"
Maritime (Primorskiy)	"	"
Volga (Privolzhskiy)	"	"
Siberian (Sibirskiy)	"	"
Far East (Dalnevostochniy)	"	"

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the Gorki and Voronezh military districts were activated in 1950

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