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1. The 89th Taman Rifle Division, which is composed of Armenians, fought its way from the foothills of the Caucasus, from Malgobek and Mozdok, through Taman, Kerch, Sevastopol, Poland, Berlin, and to the Elbe.
2. It was cited by Stalin nine times for distinguished battle service under Maj. Gen. Safaryan. It was awarded the title "Taman" for its participation in the liberation of the Taman Peninsula; the Order of the Red Star for liberating Sevastopol; and the Order of Kutuzov for the capture of Berlin.
3. In March and April 1945, the division was in battle on the Oder River two kilometers south of Frankfurt on the 1st White Russian Front. During the night of 22-23 April 1945, units of the division occupied Frankfurt. On 24 April 1945, it advanced in the direction of Berlin.
4. On 30 April 1945, the division entered Humboldthain Park in Berlin. The division was included among the troops commanded by Gen. Kusnetsov, and on 2 May 1945 it advanced in the direction of the Elbe River to join the 1st American Army.
5. Troops commanded by the following Armenian generals participated in battles for Berlin: A. Babadzhanyan, I. Gasyparyan, S. Karapetyan, and others.

Field Comments: a. Maj. Gen. Inver Gevorkovich Safaryan:
 9 October 1943: CO 89th Taman Rifle Div., which was last identified as such on 17 November 1944.
 25 October 1943: Order of Suvorov 2nd Class
 20 December 1943: Major General
 16 May 1944: Order of Kutuzov 2nd Class
 29 May 1945: Order of Kutuzov 2nd Class

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b. Maj. Gen. Isak Gasparovich Gasparyan:
 22 February 1944: Major General
 21 July 1944: Order of Suvorov 2nd Class
 29 May 1945: Order of Lenin

c. Maj. Gen. Serfei Isaevich Karapetyan:
 1942: Major General
 11 October 1942: CO 46 Guards Rifle Division
 9 February 1943: Order of Kutuzov 2nd Class
 29 May 1945: Order of Suvorov 2nd Class

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