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participants

in May Day parades held in cities and military districts of the USSR:

1. Moscow

Order of the parade

1. Red Banner, Order of Lenin, and Order of Suvorov, Frunze Military Academy led by the Commanding General, Hero of the Soviet Union Colonel General Obidsov. The Academy colors were borne by Hero of the Soviet Union (thrice) Guards Colonel Pokryshkin, accompanied by Heroes of the Soviet Union (twice) Lt. Col. Lavrinenko and Major Alelukhin.
2. Dzerzhinski Artillery Academy led by the Commanding General, Colonel General Khokhlov.
3. Stalin Academy of Armored Tank and Mechanized Troops under the leadership of the Commanding General, Lieutenant General Vershinin.
4. Composite regiment of the Zhukovski Red Banner Air Academy; colors were borne by Hero of the Soviet Union (thrice) Guards Major Kozhedub, accompanied by Hero of the Soviet Union (twice) Lieutenant Colonel Glinka.
5. Kuibishev Military Academy and Voroshilov Military Academy.
6. First Moto-Rifle, Order of Lenin, Red Banner Division, in the name of Dzerzhinski, which distinguished itself during the Civil War at Rostov, Lvov, Lubno, and other cities.
7. Composite Regiment from the Fleet, led by Rear Admiral Krupski. The 1st Battalion was under Lieutenant Colonel Fokin, and the 2nd Battalion under Captain 1st Rank Masarov.
8. Taman Red Banner, Order of Suvorov Division, in the name of Kalinin. This unit was distinguished as liberator of Lithuania and Stalingrad, and in battles around Smolensk, Kursk, and Kunigsherg. Comment: This is probably the 2nd Taman Guards Rifle Division.)
9. Students from Tula and Kalinin Suvorov Schools, led by Lieutenant General Barinov.

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10. Two battalions of students from Nakhimov Naval School, under Captain 1st Rank Izyachik.
 11. Cavalry Squadrons, in columns, headed by Colonel Litovchenko.
 12. An artillery column, led by Lieutenant General Ryabov. Components were one Guards Unit, led by Major General Kolesov, and a Guards Mortar, Simferopol Red Banner, Order of Suvorov, Order of Kutuzov, Order of Aleksandr Nevski Regiment, which participated in the liberation of Rostov Don Basin, Simferopol, and Sevastopol. The equipment included Katyusha mortars and very powerful artillery. Each gun was so large that three special tractors (Tyagach) were required for transportation - one for the barrel, one for the heavy platform, and one for the breech.
 13. A motorcycle battalion was awarded the title "Dembitski" for daring raids in battle near Dembica, Poland.
 14. A tank battalion, consisting of T-34 and IS tanks, under Hero of the Soviet Union, Guards Major F. Gorenychuk. The unit was equipped with self-propelled guns, both light and heavy.
 15. Air Forces were commanded by Hero of the Soviet Union, Colonel General Sudets. (Previously reported as Chief of Staff to Marshal Vershinin; former commander of the 17th Air Army.) Large planes, under the leadership of navigator Sterligov, were followed by bombers led by Lieutenant General Fedorov. These were succeeded by IL "Stormoviks" under Major General Kolomitsev, fighter groups led by Colonel Sukhachev and Lieutenant Colonel Galchenko, and fast aircraft led by Lieutenant Colonel Akulenko.
- II. Leninrad: The salute was taken by Colonel General Nikolai Ivanovich Gusev, Commanding General of the Leningrad Military District. A description of the parade was signed by Lieutenant Colonel Shvanko, regular correspondent of Red Star and lecturer at the Molotov Red Banner, Order of Lenin, Higher Officers' Armored Forces and Tank School at Leningrad.
- III. Tbilisi: The parade, taken by Commanding General of the Transcaucasian Military District Marshal Tolbukhin, was commanded by Colonel General of Artillery Vasili Ivanovich Kazakov. Comment: Kazakov was Lt. Gen. of Artillery on 18 November 1942, and Colonel General of Artillery on 18 September 1943. His awards include Order of Lenin twice - 8 October 1942 and 6 April 1945, Order of Kutuzov 1st Class - 9 February 1943, Order of Red Banner - 27 August 1943, Order of Suvorov 1st Class twice - 29 July 1944 and 29 May 1945, Order of Suvorov 2nd Class - 4 October 1943, and Gold Star Medal - 6 April 1945. He read a paper at a Scientific Conference of Group of Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany on 1 December 1945.
- IV. Petrozavodsk (Karelia)
- A. Colonel General Prolov, Commanding General of the White Sea Military District, took the salute. The parade was led by a composite battalion of officers from Headquarters, headed by Colonel Rakitin.
 - B. An infantry unit, which participated in the celebration, held the Order of Aleksandr Nevski. This unit was commended several times by the Commander-in-Chief for its fighting record in the Arctic area.
- V. Riga (Latvia): The salute of troops of Riga Garrison was taken by Army General I. Kh. Bagramyan, Commanding General of the Baltic Military District. Participants included Latvian Infantry, a Naval Contingent from the Baltic Fleet, Air Forces, and Artillery tanks.

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