

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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HR70-14

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DATE DIR. 4 MARCH 1958		PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE	
COUNTRY USSR	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR	APPROVED FOR RELEASE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION HR-70-14 4-18-2012	
SUBJECT TO/E OF A NEW SOVIET DIVISION--THE HEAVY TANK DIVISION			
DATE OF INFORMATION PRIOR TO MARCH 1958			
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE): 3			
SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) A RELIABLE SOURCE			

1. CURRENT TO/E OF THE SOVIET ARMY INCLUDES A HEAVY TANK DIVISION. THIS DIVISION IS NORMALLY FOUND IN A TANK ARMY, WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE TO FOUR TANK DIVISIONS AND ONE TO TWO HEAVY TANK DIVISIONS. HEAVY TANK DIVISIONS ARE EMPLOYED IN THE SECOND ECHELON OF TANK ARMIES OR IN THE FIRST ECHELON IN THE MAIN EFFORT. THE ASSEMBLY AREA FROM WHICH THE DIVISION BEGINS ITS OFFENSIVE IS FORTY KILOMETERS FROM THE MAIN LINE OF RESISTANCE.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES FOR THE STRENGTH AND [MAJOR] WEAPONS OF A HEAVY TANK DIVISION:

PERSONNEL	6,200
HEAVY TANKS	210
MEDIUM TANKS	5
AMPHIBIOUS TANKS	6
SELF-PROPELLED GUNS	94
TOTAL GUNS	10

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57-MM AA GUNS 27

37-MM AA GUNS 12

[] COMMENT: THE 57-MM AA GUNS MAY ACTUALLY BE THE ZSU-57-2 DUAL, SELF-PROPELLED MOUNT; THE 37-MM AA GUN IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN A SELF-PROPELLED VERSION, AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION THAT A DUAL VERSION OF THIS WEAPON MIGHT BE DEVELOPED FROM THE NAVAL EQUIVALENT.]

3. SOURCE GAINED THE IMPRESSION FROM INFORMANT THAT THIS IS THE PEACETIME ORGANIZATION OF THIS DIVISION. INFORMANT STATED THAT THERE IS NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN WARTIME AND PEACETIME TO/E IN SUCH PLACES AS THE BORDER AREAS AND THE GSFG, AS UNITS IN THOSE AREAS WOULD USUALLY BE AT FULL STRENGTH. THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF THIS DIVISION INTO SOVIET TO/E COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

[] COMMENT: REORGANIZATION IN THE GSFG PROVIDES SOME EVIDENCE THAT THIS UNIT MAY HAVE COME INTO EXISTENCE BY MAY 1957.]

[] COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED OF ARMY.

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SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) A RELIABLE SOURCE

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A REPORT WITH THE ABOVE HEADING WAS DISSEMINATED ON 4 MARCH 1958. IN PARAGRAPH 2, PAGE 1, THE NUMBER GIVEN FOR "TOTAL GUNS" SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ "318".

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