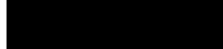


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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED]. The Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

1 September 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 1/9

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

In dividual Messages

1. Personnel Situation

(1) According to a government decree of 25 August special courses of instruction are being set up at the NKRF schools for management personnel of the River Fleet. The purpose of these courses of instruction is to raise the professional standards of ship captains, and their deputies as well as helmsmen. The beginning of these courses has been set for 1 December 1943. The following will attend these courses:

- 25 ship captains and 25 ship technicians from Astrakhan NKRF
- 10 ship captains and 25 ship technicians from Stalingrad NKRF

(2) Contrary to existin g regulations (see Military-Economic Report 9/8), girls from a NKRF plant in Kujbyshev are being conscripted by the military authorities for employment at some other place. In accordance with an order of 25 August from the NKRF, 12 to 15 year old youths are to be trained immediately as cabin boys aboard ships of the River Fleet. The following contingents of cabin boys were noted for in dividual NKRF enterprises for 1943:

<u>Office</u>	<u>No. of Cabin Boys</u>
Novosibirsk-NKRF	25
Uralsk-NKRF	10
Gorkij-NKRF	330
Molotov-NKRF	205
Chardzhou-NKRF	89

(3) A greater number of apprentices were authorized for the following NKRF offices:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Industrial Enterprise</u>		<u>Transport Undertakings</u>	
	(No. of Apprentices)	(Wages of Apprentices)	(No. of Apprentices)	(Wages)
Astrakhan-NKRF	200	51,000 ru.	45	25,000 ru.
Kirov-NKRF	30	15,300	25	13,000
Kujbyshev-NKRF	60	26,000	80	41,000
Molotov-NKRF	165	84,500	70	35,000
Stalingrad	200	102,000	80	41,000
Uralsk	35	17,000	10	5,000

Wages for NKRF personnel - look under "Production".

2. Metal Supply

(4) The copper rolling mill in Tiflis produced no copper products from 2 to 5 August because of a lack of mazut. Products on hand total 64 tons.

In the second ten-day period of August 18 tons of copper products were produced.

Number of workers: 37

Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(5)	Gorkij -NKRF	14 tons	Steel	----	For ship repair in 3rd quarter
(6)	Kujbyshev-NKRF	51	Cast iron	Novota gilsk	For September
(7)	Dokshukino, Acetone Plant	3	Rolled iron	----	----
(8)	Groznyj, Acetone Plant	2	Rolled iron	----	----
(9)	Gorkij -NKRF	20	Iron scraps	Magnitogorsk	For ship repair in 3rd quarter
(10)	Gorkij-NKRF	37	Sheet iron	Magnitogorsk	"
(11)	Gorkij -NKRF	5	Imported sheet	Astrakhan	----
(12)	Khabarovsk-NKRF	30	Seamless pipe	Vladivostok	----
(13)	Stalingrad, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	4	Flue pipe	Astrakhan	----
(14)	Astrakhan - "Volga-12 Tanker"		Wire	Saratov	----
(15)	Enisej Steamship Agency	2	Steel cable	Khabarovsk NKRF	----
(16)	Lena Steamship Agency	2	Steel cable	"	----
(17)	East Siberian Steamship Agency	1	Steel cable	"	----

Deliveries

(18)	Ryazan	1,003	Iron scrap	Voroshilovgrad Locomotive Plant	On 21 August
(19)	Chief Directorate for Ferrous Metal Trade	93	Iron scrap	----	----
(20)	Alma Ata	36	Cast iron	Voroshilovgrad Locomotive Plant	On 21 August
(21)	Plant 171	450	Iron bars	"	On 21 August

(22)	Krasnoyarsk	433 tons	Iron bars	Voroshilovgrad Locomotive Plant	On 21 August
(23)	Directorate of Military Recon- struction in Voroshilovgrad	100	Sheet iron	"	"
(24)	Shakhty, "Rostov- Coal"	12.65	Steel cable	----	----

3. Oil Supply

(25) Avtol will be shipped by sea from Baku to Makhachkala and from there will be transported to places of destination by railroad. On 7 August there were 584 tank cars with Avtol in Makhachkala. On 9 August 1,174 tons of Avtol were loaded in Baku.

(26) In the oblasti of the water transport bases of Astrakhan, Kujbyshev, Saratov and Stalingrad, tractor oil instead of illuminating oil will be delivered for the illumination of the shore installations and the lighting of the waterways. Because of the poor lighting ability of the oil, the visibility, especially of the red light-buoys, is unsatisfactory.

(27) The lighting of the waterways in Kujbyshev is in question since the local Chief Directorate of Oil Sales has refused to deliver illuminating oil to the Directorate of Waterways.

(28) Krasnoyarsk has not handed in an account settlement of oil consumption. The allotment of funds will be cut off for this reason.

(29) The enamel plant in Voroshilovgrad requires for September:

5 tons	Diesel oil
1	Petroleum
1	Gasoline
2	Avtol

(30) The following authorizations were noted:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(31)	Kamust'e, Plant "Kujbyshev"	100 tons	Motor fuel	----	----
(32)	Kujbyshev, Middle Volga Steamship Agency	3000	Mazut	Kujbyshev Oil Supply	----
(33)	Gorkij -NKRF	300	Oil	Kamust'e	----

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(34)	Novaya Ladoga Leningrad Fish Trust	50 tons	Oil	Tikhvin Oil Base	In September
(35)	Rostov/Don ? Azov-Black Sea Fish Industry	77	Oil	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	In September
(36)	NK for Sovkhozes	2	Oil	Makhachkala Oil Supply	In September
(37)	Rostov/Don ? Azov-Black Sea Fish Industry	8	Diesel oil	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	In September
(38)	Molotov, NKRF Supply	3	Petroleum	Kamust'e	----
(39)	Novaya Ladoga, Leningrad Fish Trust	2	Petroleum	Tikhvin, Oil Base	In September
(40)	Omsk, Water Transport Base	3	Petroleum	Chief Directorate of Oil Supply	From State Reserves
(41)	Rostov/Don, Azov-Black Sea Fish Industry	7.7	Petroleum	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	In September
(42)	Shumilnisk, Sovkhoz	10	Petroleum	Kalach Oil Base	In September
(43)	NK for Sovkhozes	2	Petroleum	Makhachkala	In September
(44)	NK for Building and Industrial Technique	2	Petroleum	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	In September
(45)	Oblast' Trade Department	4	Petroleum	Rostov/Don, Oil Supply	In September
(46)	Novaya Ladoga Leningrad Fish Industry	1	Gasoline	Tikhvin, Oil Base	In September
(47)	Rostov/Don ? Azov-Black Sea Fish Industry	4.1	Gasoline	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	In September
(48)	Shumilnisk, Sovkhoz	5	Gasoline	Kalach Oil Base	In September
(49)	NK for Sovkhozes	3	Gasoline	Makhachkala Oil Supply	In September
(50)	NK for Building and Industrial Technique	2.4	Gasoline	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	In September
(51)	Shumilnisk Sovkhoz	2	Ligroin	Kalach Oil Base	In September
(52)	NK for Sovkhozes	2	Ligroin	Makhachkala Oil Supply	In September
<u>Lubricants</u>					
(53)	Kemerovo, Oblast' Coopera- tive	12 tons	Grease- mazut	Krasnodar Oil Supply	To Topki Station, Tomsk Railroad
(54)	Blagoveshchensk NKRF	2	Solidol	Khabarovsk Oil Supply	Additional in 3rd quarter
(55)	Gorkij, Inland Waterways Supply	3	Gun grease	----	In September
(56)	Molotov, Inland Waterways Supply	2	Gun grease	----	In September



(57) The Uralsk-NKRF had the following turnover of inflammable materials as of

20 August:

	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
Mazut	11 tons	13.6 tons
Petroleum	2.2	4.0
Gasoline	1.5	0.1
Wood	350 cubic meters	170 cubic meters

Wood Supply

Requirements

(58) The Oblast' Waterways Directorate of the Kama Steamship Agency in Molotov

reported for the fall and winter of 1943 a requirement of 24,000 cubic meters of timber.

Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(59)	Ilijsk-NKRF	700 cu. met.	Wood	Omsk	----
(60)	Rostov	500	Wood	----	----
(61)	Rostov, Military Reconstruction Directorate of the Don/Kuban	3,000	Wood	----	----
(62)	Chardzhou-NKRF	2,000	Floated timber	Kujbyshev	----
(63)	NKRF-Plant Ulyanov Lenin	500	Driftwood	----	----
(64)	Irkutsk-NKRF	25,000	Firewood	----	For 1943
(65)	Novosibirsk-NKRF	10,000	Firewood	Barnaul, Chief Directorate of Wood Supply	----
(66)	Omsk (?) NKRF Plant 210	300	Firewood	----	For August
(67)	Irkutsk-NKRF	1,200	Building timber	----	For 1943
(68)	Astrakhan-NKRF	9,000	Wood for ship construction	Molotov, Chief Directorate of Wood Supply	----
(69)	Kamust'e Ship Repair Plant "Kujbyshev"	2,092	"	Molotov, Kama-Timber Camp	----
(70)	Omsk NKRF	10,700 cu. met.	"	----	----
(71)	Irkutsk-NKRF	3,200	Logs	----	For 1943
(72)	Saratov, Ship Repair Plant	4	Veneer	Kazan, Chief Directorate of Wood Supply	Additionally
(73)	Chkalovsk-NKRF	5	Veneer	Gorkij', Chief Directorate of Wood Supply	Additionally

5. Production

(75) The budget for the Ufa-NKRF provides for the following in the third quarter:

for shipbuilding	400,000 rubles
for general overhaul	485,000
for current repairs	250,000
for other repairs	240,000
for work of secondary importance	<u>325,000</u>
	1,700,000 rubles

Funds

for 448 workers	505,000 rubles
for 66 engineering-technical personnel	145,000
for 44 unspecified people	53,700
for 30 conscripted personnel	<u>15,000</u>
	718,700 rubles

(76) The dockyard in Kostroma in the first two ten-day periods of August only fulfilled 80% of the shipbuilding program in comparison with the first two ten-day periods of July.

(77) The dockyard in Surazhevka in the first ten-day period of August fulfilled only 46% of the shipbuilding plan. In the first two ten-day periods of August only 53% of the plan was fulfilled. Thereby, in contrast to July, they have fallen still farther behind.

(78) The Stalingrad-NKRF announces the state of ship construction from 1 July:

	<u>No. of the ship</u>	<u>Percentage finished</u>
Dockyard "Zhelyabov"	608	50%
	609	44%
	610	50%
	611	35%
	612	25%
Dockyard Gorodets	613	8%
	224	13%
	236	4%

(79) At the dockyard in Cherdyn the program for small tug construction will not be fulfilled.

(80) The Kujbyshev-NKRF is behind in the production of ships' parts and the NKRF workshops in Pavlodar are behind in the preparations for the winter repair periods. The production of ships' parts is likewise very insufficient.

(81) The NK for Textiles in Tiflis requires the following building materials for the enlargement and reorganization of the cotton weaving mill and for the construction of a weaver loom-shuttle and bobbin factory for the fourth quarter:

Logs	100 cubic meters
Cut wood	200
Cement	100 tons
Ruberoid	300 rolls
Roofing felt	50
Imitation parch- ment	50
Bitumen	25 tons
Tile	12
Nails	1
Iron girders	10
Rolled iron	19
Pipe	5
Seamless pipe	2
Asbestos-cement pipe	10

(82) The glass factory in Ogni in the Dagestan Oblast' is to deliver:

2000 square meters glass to the Rostov Supply and Sales Office in August,  
6000 square meters glass to Rostov-Coal in September,  
4000 square meters glass to Voroshilovgrad-Coal in September,  
2000 square meters glass to Georgia Mines in September.

#### 6. Transport Situation

(83) The NKRF office in Kujbyshev is far behind in fulfilling the August- transport

plan. In order to guarantee fulfillment of the transport plan, the following additional shipments

must be carried out in the third ten-day period of August:

Grain	12,000 tons
Slate	15,000
Wood for ships	23,000
Logs	25,000

(84) The same difficult situation has arisen at the NKRF in Stalingrad. In order

to guarantee fulfillment of the transport plan, it must carry out relatively large shipments

in the third ten-day period of August as follows:

Grain	4,000 tons
Salt	75,000
Metal	15,000
Coal	5,000
Fish	15,000
Other cargo	22,000

(85) Because of the neglectful state of the ships, Uralsk-NKRF can not fulfill the

August transportation plan.

(86) The Aralsk NKRF has to transport 12,000 tons of cargo in order to fulfill the transport plan.

(87) Shipments do not move swiftly enough in Vladimirovka. The following example is cited:

On 23 August tonnage space for 15,815 tons was procured. Instead of the scheduled 7,000 tons, only 5,660 tons were loaded in the next 24 hours. Tugs were in Vladimirovka in sufficient number at the time. Nevertheless, the tug boats remained loaded from day to day, and lay about beyond the prescribed waiting period.

(88) On 12 August in Semipalatinsk, instead of 1022 tons of sunflower seeds and 806 tons of oil seeds, a total of only 199 tons were loaded because of the lack of tonnage space.

(89) Ilijsk-NKRF has to transport 13,000 tons of cargo (equal to 3.6 million ton/kilometers) by the end of August.

(90) Kujbyshev NKRF must undertake the transportation of 30,000 cubic meters of firewood to Saratov-NKRF, by the end of the navigation period.

#### 7. Miscellaneous

(91) The following message was received on 27 August:

"From Ulyanovsk to Krasnodar to Archbishop Vladimir Ivanov

Hold a Thanksgiving service on the occasion of the capture of Kharkov.

Report fulfillment.

(Signature)  
Patriarch (Supreme Church leader)

Alexander"