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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 since 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.

23 August 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 7/8

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1. PERSONNEL SITUATION

(1) 200 healthy young people, as far as possible males, must be pressed into service by 15 September 1943 from Rostov/Don Oblast' for the metallurgical plant in Chelyabinsk. The Oblast' Executive Committee in Rostov/Don has been directed to carry through these service drafts regardless of whether the people concerned belong to other enterprises and authorities. Management employees of enterprises of the People's Commissariats of the Tank, Aviation, and Coal Industries may not be drafted.

(2) 2000 persons are to be pressed into service in the Voroshilovgrad and Rostov/Don Oblasti in August and September for construction work at the Coke-Chemical Plant in Gulbakha (Molotov Oblast').

(3) As of 14 August 8, 550 persons were pressed into service and put to work for the pits of Rostov-Coal.

(4) In Rostov/Don Oblast', 4000 persons are to be admitted to construction schools (?) in September.

(5) The Oblast' Employment Bureau in Voroshilovgrad reports as of 18 August the following numbers of students in the following trade and factory schools:

Trade School No. 1 in Voroshilovgrad (?) 300 persons
Factory School No. 1 in Voroshilovgrad (?) 200 persons
Factory School No. 2 in Krasnodar - 120 persons

A great lack of clothing and medical supplies is to be noted in these schools.

(6) In a short time 300 doctors are to arrive in Starobel'sk from Chelyabinsk, Tashkent, and Chkalov. 300 young doctors are likewise expected in Kupyansk.

(7) Stalingrad-NKRF is concerned, with the competent military okrug authorities, about the draft exemption of apprentices of the class of 1926. Stalingrad-NKRF fears that this class will be inducted into military service at the next draft.

(8) Gorkij and Zvenigovo have the following personnel in August:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Wages</u>
<u>Gorkij-NKRF</u>		
engineer-technical personnel	90	79,000 ru.
employees	40	16,000
conscripted personnel	25	3,600
apprentices	70	11,600
other personnel	68	24,600

Zvenigovo-NKRF

engineer-technical personnel	89	76,000
employees	50	20,000
conscripted personnel	30	5,000
apprentices	50	8,000
other personnel	65	18,000

(9) The personnel of Astrakhan-NKRF for 1943 is as follows:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Wages</u>
ship's personnel	3,474	20,433,000 ru.
dock personnel	348	3,205,000
communications personnel	125	500,000
other personnel	822	3,249,000
management personnel	105	897,000

(10) The Chief Directorate of the NKRF, Moscow, instructs Semipalatinsk-NKRF to place the unemployed labor force in production at once for ship spare parts and for repair work on grounds and buildings for the approaching ship-repair period.

(11) The shipyard in Surazhevka must punish in a disciplinary manner workers who do not fulfill the fixed work norms (see disciplinary regulation of Military-Economic Report 5/51)

2. FOOD SITUATION

(12) From messages to Blagoveshchensk, Yakutsk, and Omsk it appears that many NKRF offices have not finished the hay harvest by the beginning of the grain harvest.

(13) Ural'sk-NKRF is instructed, with reference to an official decree, to begin the threshing work.

(14) Kujbyshev-NKRF reported that the threshing of one hectare of cultivated area produced a yield of one double centner. Moscow requires an explanation of the cause of this small yield.

(15) Grain Procurement at Stavropol' receives instructions to sequester 5,000 tons of wheat and 10,000 tons of barley.

(16) It appears from a message to Semipalatinsk-NKRF that the steamship agencies have no supplies of salt at their disposal. In view of the canning of the vegetable harvest in process, above-plan transport of salt from Pavlodar is to be guaranteed under all conditions.

The following requisitions, authorizations and deliveries were noted:

REQUISITIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(17)	Khar'kov City and Oblast'	4,100 tons	Flour	----	Supplementary requisition
		372	Groats	----	For Aug. and Sept.
(18)	Sovkhozoes of the Khar'kov Sugar Trust	2	Vegetable oil	----	For accomplishment of harvest work
(19)	Khar'kov City and Oblast'	100	Fat	----	Supplementary requisition for Aug. and Sept.
		280	Meat and meat products	----	
		155	Sugar	----	
		3500	Salt	----	

AUTHORIZATIONS

(20)	Majkop, Distillery	1000 tons	Grain	----	----
(21)	Astrakhan, "Volga-Tanker"	1	Oats	Stalingrad, Grain Procurement	In August
(22)	Irkutsk, Mill	60	Oats	Kansk, Krasnoyarsk Oblast', Grain Procurement	In August
(23)	Astrakhan, "Volga-Tanker"	35	Rice	Eastern Foreign Trade	----
(24)	Kara-Mursa (?)	90	Butter	----	In September
	Food Supply of the North Caucasus Front	170	Milk Products	----	In September
		2.5	Cheese	----	In September

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(25)	Astrakhan, "Volga-Tanker"	41 tons	Canned meats	Eksporthleb (Grain Export)	----
(26)	Kujbyshev, Water Trans- port Base	20	Salt	----	----
(27)	NKRF Offices	930	Salt	Pavlodar	Above-plan deliv- eries to be shipped in Aug. by the Low- er Irtysh Steam- ship Agency
(28)	Semipalatinsk, Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	270	Salt	Pavlodar	"
(29)	Krasnodar Oblast'	15,000	Salt	Nizhnij Baskunchak, Salt Base	----
(30)	North Caucasus Front	30	Tobacco	Armavir, Tobacco Factory	In August

DELIVERIES

(31)	Rostov, Macaroni Combine	115 tons	Flour	---	For the manufac- ture of macaroni
(32)	Zherdevka, Tambov Oblast', Oil Mill	34.5	Sunflowers	----	----
(33)	Voronezh, Oil Trust	133.4	Sunflowers	Millerovo	Further shipments follow.

3. OIL SUPPLY

(34) Moscow notified the Oil Sales in Krasnodar that the August limit for the Oblast'

Agriculture Department is cut by 1000 tons of petroleum and 100 tons of gasoline.

(35) Rostov/Don required for August and September for the Armaments Industry from

the Chief Directorate for Oil Supply in Moscow:

Motor oil	50 tons
Cylinder oil	165 tons
Light turbine oil	25 tons
Spindle oil	75 tons
Viscosin	25 tons
Transformer oil	75 tons

AUTHORIZATIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(36)	Gor'kij, "Molotov" Plant	500 tons	Mazut	----	----
(37)	Krasnoyarsk- NKRF	1000	Motor oil	Khabarovsk, Oil Supply	----
(38)	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Agricul- ture Department	180	Motor oil	Makhachkala	Supplementary for Aug. and Sept.
(39)	Sal'sk Motor Vehicle and Tractor Repair Plant	6	Diesel oil	Rostov/Don Oblast' Oil Supply	In August
(40)	Zernograd, Mechan- ical Plant	2	Diesel oil	"	In August
(41)	Ezhedukhovsk, Vegetable Sovkhoz	5	Petroleum	Krasnodar, Oil Supply	In August
(42)	Krasnodar, Oblast' Health Organization	3.2 tons	Petroleum	----	For September
(43)	Omsk-NKRF	0.2	Petroleum	----	In August
(44)	Sal'sk, Motor Vehicle and Tractor Repair Plant	1	Petroleum	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Oil Supply	In August
(45)	Stalingrad, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	1.5	Petroleum	Stalingrad, Oil Sales	In August
(46)	Astrakhan, "Volga-Tanker"	1	Gasoline	Astrakhan, Oil Sales	In August
(47)	Ezhedukhovsk, Vegetable Sovkhoz	1	Gasoline	Krasnodar, Vege- table Sovkhoz	In August
(48)	Krasnodar, Oblast' Health Organiza- tion	3.1	Gasoline	----	For Sept.
(49)	Omsk-NKRF	0.2	Gasoline	----	In August
(50)	Omsk-NKRF	1	Gasoline	----	Additional in August
(51)	Rostov/Don, Mechanical Plant of the Repair Trust for Sovkhoz Machinery	1	Gasoline	----	In August
(52)	Sal'sk, Motor Vehicle and Tractor Repair Plant	1	Gasoline	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Oil Supply	In August
(53)	Stalingrad, Lower Volga Steam- ship Agency	1.5	Gasoline	Stalingrad, Oil Sales	In August
(54)	Omsk-NKRF	0.2	Ligroin	----	In August
(55)	Omsk-NKRF	0.4	Ligroin	----	Additional in Aug.
(56)	Krasnodar, Oblast' Health Organization	0.1	Ligroin	----	For September

4. PRODUCTION

(57) By 1 September Kujbyshev-NKRF and Ural'sk-NKRF are to present plans for modernization of the river fleet in 1944. The proposals are to include better utilization of fuel and motors as well as increased traction.

(58) The following ship construction was noted:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Construction Yard</u>	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
9	Motor Ships	-----	Zamusk (?)	Fish Trust	Under Construction
5	Tugs	-----	Kostroma	-----	To be completed by 1 September.
1	Tugs	540 tons	Semsk (not located)	-----	Completed
1	Tugs	600 tons	Voskresensk	-----	Construction begun
10	Flatboats	-----	Limenda	Kalach-NKRF	Received the boats and requires 10 more.

(59) Bobrovka-NKRF reported that no work was carried out in the third ten-day period of July on the motor ships of the Fish Trust, from lack of labor and material.

(60) The shipyard in Cherdyn has not fulfilled the ship construction plan in the first ten-day period of August, and as a result the fulfillment of the monthly plan is in doubt.

(61) Krasnoyarsk-NKRF is behind in the preliminary work and in the preparation of installations for the coming ship repairs.

(62) The production program of ship spare parts has not been fulfilled by an NKRF-Plant in Chistopol'.

(63) According to a message of 15 August, Dock No. 1036 in Vladimirovka is no longer fit for use. Until its repair, the dock of the "Lenin" Plant will be used.

(64) The following expenditures for the third and fourth quarters were authorized to various NKRF offices for construction or repair-work.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
44,000 rubles	Aral Sea	for construction in the 3rd quarter
43,000	Aral Sea	for repairs in the 3rd quarter
4,640,000	Astrakhan	for construction and repairs in the 3rd quarter
130,000	Kirov	for repairs in the 3rd quarter
1,020,000	Kujbyshev	"
597,000	Kujbyshev	for repairs in the 4th quarter

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
106,000 rubles	Molotov	for repairs in the 3rd quarter
383,000	Molotov	for repairs in the 4th quarter
220,000	Chardzhou	for construction in the 3rd quarter
180,000	Ufa	for repairs in the 3rd quarter
348,000	Ufa	for repairs in the 4th quarter.

(65) Newly noted plants:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Oxygen Factory	Tashkent	
Cement Factory	Spassk	(On Lake Khanka, Far East)

5. TRANSPORT SITUATION

(66) SemsK-NKRF reports the following fulfillment of the July turnover plan:

<u>Freight</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Coal	13,100 tons	5,517 tons
Matches	20	-----
Cloth	20	-----
Harvesting machinery	-----	16
Ship's equipment	-----	16
Other freight	-----	5

(67) Moscow-NKRF sharply rebuked the office in Gorkij because ships are continuously being left loaded beyond the planned time. As an example it is noted that a number of tugs remained loaded with gravel at the docks of the motor vehicle plant in Gorkij from 5 to 16 August.

(68) The NKRF office in Semipalatinsk is already 12% behind in the transportation of salt in the first 16 days of August. The transport plans for grain, wood, and loam are not being fulfilled either.

(69) Chardzhou-NKRF has 1000 tons of oil to be transported to cotton factories in the period from 16 to 20 August. 1800 tons of cottonseed oil are to be taken on the return trip to Chardzhou.

(70) In the third quarter the following offices have to turn over the following freight:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Freight</u>
Kirov-NKRF	40,000 tons
Gorkij - NKRF	620,000
Ufa-NKRF	60,000
Molotov-NKRF	300,000
Stalingrad	300,000
Kujbyshev-NKRF	350,000
Ural'sk-NKRF	10,000

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