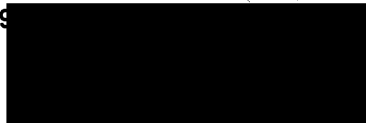


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PREFACE

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-nine 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.

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15 July 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 3/7

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1) Personnel Situation

(1) Very soon some 15,000 workers are to be newly recruited for ship repair work in the Middle and Lower Volga Steamship Agencies.

(2) Conscription of labor is not proceeding satisfactorily. The following personnel could not be made available for the following offices:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Workers for Ship Construction Projects</u>	<u>Ship's Personnel</u>	<u>Transport Workers</u>
Molotov, NKRF	413	238	371
Kujbyshev, NKRF	82	61	34
Gor'kij, NKRF	24	232	67

(3) An extract of a message from the Chief Directorate of the NKRF in Moscow to the office in Gor'kij reads:

"There is only one explanation for the fact that you have not received enough personnel. You don't have enough obstinacy nor sufficient connections with the local organizations. I leave it to you to place yourself in communication with the oblast' organizations and I make you personally responsible for carrying out the conscriptions by the end of July."

(4) Encroachments of the local army authorities are being reported again and again by certain NKRF offices. In Yakutsk employees of the Lena Steamship Agency were enlisted for military service despite valid regulations; in Kirensk 50% of the workers of an NKRF plant and of the local landing-places were again unlawfully conscripted for labor on the kolkhozes.

(5) In Ural'sk employees of the River Fleet of classes 1891 to ? (number garbled) were called up to the front for labor service.

(6) As of 25 June the following personnel were being trained in Kujbyshev, NKRF:

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128 ship's carpenters
156 painters
218 fitters
77 helmsmen
207 sailors
2 pilots
74 technical personnel
197 stokers
88 other workers

2) Metal Supply

(7) The NKRF offices have received instructions to carry out a general inventory of the supplies of scrap iron as of 1 July. This measure is probably to be traced back to the faulty delivery of scrap. Thus according to plan Gor'kij, NKRF, was to deliver 860 tons of scrap iron in the first half-year, but delivered only 166 tons. According to plan, Kirov was to deliver 60 tons of scrap, but has delivered only 45 tons so far. Ufa too has not fulfilled the scrap delivery plan. On the other hand, as of 10 July Kujbyshev collected 374 tons of scrap iron, delivered 525 tons, and had a remainder of 102 tons at its disposal. Moreover, 10.8 tons of non-ferrous scrap were collected and delivered.

(8) The rolling mill of the NK for the Heavy Machine Industry in Irkutsk has shut down, because it is not being supplied with ingots. It requires 4,000 tons of ingots immediately with a maximum weight of 280 kilograms each.

Authorizations

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(9) Krasnoyarsk, Ship- Repair Plant	17 tons	Steel	Samus'e	--
(10) Stalingrad, NKRF	1 ton	Lead	Saratov	--
(11) Gor'kij, River Fleet Harbor	3 tons	Lead	Kujbyshev	--
(12) Krasnoyarsk, Ship- Repair Plant	3 tons	Pickled Tin	Samus'e	--
(13) Ilijsk, NKRF	20 "	Section Iron	Magnitogorsk	--
	20 "	Section Iron	Molotov	--
(14) Gor'kij, Plant "Теплоход"	150 meters	Gas Pipe	Rybinsk	--

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(15)	Omsk, NKRF	1 ton	Pipe	Sverdlovsk, CD for Metal Sales	in July
(16)	Blagoveshchensk, NKRF	1.5 "	Cold-Rolled Pipe	Plant 703 in Pervoural'sk	"
(17)	Balkhash, NKRF	3 "	Steel Cable	Chardzhou	--
(18)	Amur Steamship Agency	18 tons	Steel Cable	Khabarovsk, NKRF	from own supply
(19)	Sheksna Steamship Agency	15 "	"	"	"
(20)	North Pechora Steamship Agency	15 "	"	"	"
(21)	Omsk, NKRF	34 "	"	--	--
(22)	Semipalatinsk	13.5 "	"	--	--
(23)	Chistopol', NKRF	15 "	Connecting Parts	Kujbyshev	for ship's cranes

(24) Kujbyshev, NKRF, needs an allocation of 10 tons of ferro-silicon in the 3rd quarter. The copper combine in Kafan has received 100 tons of imported sheet iron from "Iransovtrans".

3) Timber Supply

(25) From a message to Astrakhan, NKRF, it appears that the demand for building timber for reconstruction work in 1943 can be fully satisfied.

(26) The following items could be noted on the yearly timber allocations: Ust'-Usa of the Pechora Steamship Agency will receive for 1943:

1500	cubic meters of shipbuilding wood
1400	" " " building wood
7000	" " " firewood

(27) According to plan, Gor'kij, NKRF, was to receive 19500 cubic meters of beams and planks in the 2nd quarter. The wood has not yet been delivered. In the 1st quarter Gor'kij, NKRF, had procured 73,300 cubic meters of timber. Ural'sk, NKRF, had procured 188 cubic meters of timber in the period 1-20 June and had transported 139 cubic meters of timber.

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The following messages concern faultily executed procurements of timber:

(28) As of 20 June Yakutsk has only 20% fulfilled the timber procurement plan in the 2nd quarter; Kirensk, NKRF, only 47%. The timber felling plan was only 42% fulfilled by Kirensk.

(29) Kujbyshev, NKRF, has no more firewood for burning on ships of the River Fleet. Hence 26 tons of oats and 6 tons of gasoline are required for procurement of wood from the forest.

(30) In June Kirov, NKRF, did not carry out the transportation of 2000 tons of sawn timber.

(31) A northern, polar timber directorate is named in a message to Krasnoyarsk.

(32) The authorizations of different kinds of timber noted exhibit considerable quantities of shipbuilding material, which indicate a lively shipbuilding activity.

Authorizations

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(33) Ulyanovsk, NKRF	150 cu. meters	Firewood	--	--
(34) Ural'sk, NKRF	7000 "	"	--	--
(35) Gor'kij, Water Transport Base	2000 "	"	Alma-Ata	--
(36) Molotov, Water Transport Base	6000 "	"	--	--
(37) Krasnoyarsk, Water Transport Base	1500 "	"	Kirov	--
	8000 "	"	Molotov Oblast'	--
	5000 "	"	Bashkir	--
(38) Moscow	9000 "	"	Krasnoyarsk, Chief Directorate of Timber Supply	--
	500000(?)	"	Raznezh'e, NKRF	--
(39) Kujbyshev, NKRF	1500 "	Timber Building Timber		
	10500 "	Shipbuilding Timber	Kama Timber Industry	to be de- livered
	700 "	"	Middle Volga Timber Industry	during the 1943 naviga- tion season.
(40) Omsk, Water Trans- port Base	1000 "	"	Omsk, Chief Direc- torate of Timber Supply	--

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(41) Gor'kij, NKRF Plant "Karl Marx"	1500 cubic meters		Shipbuilding Timber	Yaroslavl', Chief Direc- torate of Timber Supply	--
(42) Gor'kij, NKRF Plant "25 October"	300	"	"	"	--
(43) Yaroslavl', NKRF Workshops	300	"	"	"	--
(44) Krasnoyarsk, Water Transport Base	1000	"	"	Krasnoyarsk, Chief Directorate of Timber Supply	--
(45) Ural'sk, NKRF	1000	"	"	Astrakhan	--
(46) Astrakhan, NKRF	8000	"	Logs	Belyj-Yar Kama Steamship Agency	-- --
(47) Shipyards Gorodets	2500	"	Plywood	Gor'kij, NKRF	--
(48) Kujbyshev, Ship Repair Yard	750	"	Sawn Timber	--	for packing
(49) Kujbyshev, NKRF	1000	"	Building Timber	Middle Volga Timber Industry	--

(50) Astrakhan, NKRF, will receive from Belyj-Yar (120 kilometers northwest of Kujbyshev on the Volga) 6500 cubic meters of logs, of which it will deliver 3500 cubic meters to "Volgatanker" for reconstruction work and 300 cubic meters to the workshops of the Lower Volga Steamship Agency in Vladimirovka.

(51) Novosibirsk, NKRF, has 14,400 cubic meters of ready to-float timber at its disposal.

4) Production

(52) In the course of reconstruction work Stalingrad has received instructions to carry out electrotechnical and drainage work in the inland harbor. There is still a lack of steel cable and hand winches, so that repair work on towboats is being hindered and the labor force at hand is not being fully used.

(53) At the time of the normal water level, the Water-Transport Base in Kujbyshev is to make certain of the necessary depths of water at hazardous places, in order to guarantee smooth movement of shipping traffic.

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(54) The following particulars could be confirmed about shipbuilding activity: The NKRF shipyard in Borovaya is to finish the construction of two coal barges in the 3rd quarter. In September the yard is to complete the sixth above-plan 1700-ton ship. Finally it is to be converted to the construction of 2500-ton ships.

(55) Ural'sk, NKRF, has provided 65,000 rubles in July for new ship construction. The shipyard in Raznezh'e must repair three towboats with a total tonnage of 2400 tons by the 1st of August. Kujbyshev, NKRF, has provided 356,000 rubles for renovation work for 1944.

(56) The NKRF plants in Kujbyshev are receiving instructions to begin the fabrication of spare parts for special ships. The work plan for the shipyard in Rybach'e for the third quarter reads as follows:

new construction	100,000 rubles
general overhaul	100,000 "
current repairs	35,000 "
other work	35,000 "

(57) Saratov, NKRF, reports 34% fulfillment of new construction work on a towboat as of 1 July.

(58) Ilijsk, NKRF, is also behind in the current year with preparations for the coming ship repairs. In Yakutsk, NKRF, there are still ships under repair which were damaged by the break-up of the ice in the spring and cannot yet be put into service.

(59) In Kujbyshev and Ulyanovsk NKRF the plan of audit inspection of the River Fleet by the Control Board has been only 20% fulfilled.

(60) For transport of fish from Astrakhan, Kujbyshev needs 5 towboats, which, however, can be furnished only if Kujbyshev makes the requisite labor available for tug repair. Omsk, NKRF, reports that the goods turnover plan was 111.2% fulfilled and the manufacturing plan of the incoming goods was 108% fulfilled. Ship layover time could be reduced by 30% in relation to the previous year.

(61) The plant "Staryj Burlak" in Molotov recently had to carry out armament orders for the State Defense Committee. The lack of labor is still so great that the order cannot be carried out according to instructions and other orders cannot be accepted.

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(62) It is to be established whether there is a possibility of building towboats in Igarka.

(63) 31 flatboats have arrived in Kalach, NKRF.

(64) A foundry in Lutugino in Voroshilovgrad Oblast' is being evacuated.

Authorizations noted:

(65) The Construction Materials Sales in Tiflis is to deliver 28 carloads of cement for the Drainage Directorate in North- and Trans-Caucasus; the cement plant in Sulin is to deliver 7 carloads of cement to the metal plant in Lesogorsk in Tula Rajon.

(66) The plant "Krasnyj Oktyabr" in Stalingrad is to receive 1000 tons of cement immediately from Vol'sk.

(67) Newly noted plants:

Plant 191 in Tashkent (production of electric light bulbs)

Plant 835, location unknown

Plant 34, probably in Sverdlovsk Oblast'

Plant "Ognetushitel'" in Chelyabinsk

Plant 19 in Molotov (airplane-motor repairs)

Ball-bearing plant in Saratov

Airplane repair plant in Baku

5) Transport Situation

(67) In Millerovo there have been greater delays lately in transporting fuel which was destined for the front.

The following transport plans for individual steamship agencies could be noted:

(68) In July Chardzhou, NKRF, has to ship in all 48,200 tons, including:

2300	tons of grain
300	" " fish
1150	" " timber
1000	" " chemical products
8900	" " fibrin
3000	" " raw materials
6900	" " seeds
5000	" " imported goods
5150	" " other freight
5800	" " oil
8700	" " special goods
48200	"

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The unloading-plan for the same month is set at 46,200 tons.

(69) In July Aral'sk, NKRF, has to ship in all 22,000 tons, including:

2000	tons	of	grain
1200	"	"	fish
1000	"	"	chemical products
8200	"	"	fibrin
2100	"	"	seeds
3000	"	"	imported goods
4000	"	"	special freight
<u>500</u>	"	"	other goods
22000			

(70) In July Krasnoyarsk, NKRF, is to carry 5000 passengers between Norilstroj and Krasnoyarsk.

(71) In order to keep up with the traffic between Saratov and Astrakhan, the NKRF for this line had to put 9 more steamers in service.

(72) Saratov, NKRF, and Ulan-Ude, NKRF, report good results in carrying out the June transport plan: Saratov has fulfilled the June plan by 176%, and Ulan-Ude fulfilled the June transport plan by 104.8% in 27 days.

(73) Conditions at the Kama Steamship Agency do not permit the accomplishment of the transport plans. The towboats are in an extremely dirty condition; the motors of the tugs are not repaired satisfactorily and work erratically.

6) Civil Air Fleet

(74) On 1 July the Chief Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet in Moscow sent the following instructions by radiogram to various offices:

"Totals concerning air traffic are to be considered 'secret'. Offices must send these reports to Moscow either over land-lines or encoded by radio."

(75) The Civil Air Fleet in Edrovo instructed its subordinate units to carry out exercises for defense against gas; also to set up "gas-defense plans."

(76) As already reported, the dissolving or disbanding of the Party offices in the NKRF and in the NK for Agriculture has taken place; recently disbanding of the Party in the offices of the Civil Air Fleet has been carried out.

Identifications of Units of the Civil Air Fleet

(77) Newly identified were:

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Group Tishchenko, named for the first time, location Baku (?), awaiting confirmation.

Armenian independent division

(78) Confirmed were:

1st Flight Transport Division, location Vnukovo

7th Flight Regiment

13th Flight Regiment (the 13th Flight Regiment has changed location; new location unknown)

62nd Guards Flight Regiment

12th Flight Group

Group Zolotov, has probably changed location, new location possibly Starobel'sk

Flight Group Enisej, location Krasnoyarsk

(79) New airplane repair shops were identified:

ARM 28, location unknown

ARM 33, " "

Airplane repair shops in Kujbyshev (repairing the Junkers 52)

(80) Confirmed were:

Airplane Repair Base ARB 400, with new location Vnukovo (earlier Novosibirsk)

ARB 404 in Sverdlovsk

ARB 406 in Aktyubinsk

(81) Further identifications:

Azarov is Chief of Staff of the Civil Air Fleet.

The Trutaev Regiment's supply dump, which has been up to now in Andizhan (260 kilometers east-south-east of Tashkent), is to be removed to Morshansk.

A glider school in Gagry (130 kilometers southeast of Tuapse), identified for the first time.

At Tashkent, parachutes are being given practical tests.

(82) New airlines:

Airline Krasnoyarsk

Airline from Chelyabinsk to Sal'sk, Stavropol', and Krasnodar

Airline Baku - Alma-Ata for special sanitary purposes

Airline Kujbyshev - Kursk

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(83) Unknown units in Ashkhabad are requesting a greater allotment of fuel for June, because they must carry out a greater transport of sulphur. In connection with this, the unit's supply of airplanes is being enlarged.

(84) Offices of the Civil Air Fleet are in Outer Mongolia, in Kizil-Kum.

(85) The message in Military-Economic Report 5/6 about the use of American machines in the units of the Civil Air Fleet is confirmed anew.