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25X1 2. [] part of the class of 1930 was inducted in the spring of 1950, and the other half of the class of 1930 was inducted in the fall of 1950, as there were only two induction dates in the USSR: in spring and in fall. One-half of each class was called in each time. [] only half of the class of 1932 was inducted in the fall of 1951. []

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3. One-half of the class of 1928, which was inducted in the fall of 1948, was demobilized in October 1951. The one-half of the class of 1928 which was inducted in the spring of 1949 was still in service [redacted] the class of 1927 was demobilized in the spring of 1951. [redacted]
- [redacted] Note: Information in paragraph 3, above, pertains only to EM in the 17th Gds Mecz Regt, and affected all EM, regardless of their rank and MOS. [redacted] EM instructors in the drivers' school [redacted] were demobilized even though there were not enough replacements.
4. After induction on 12 May 51, [redacted] sent to a collection point in Izhevsk. On 15 May, [redacted] an unknown number of other recruits, was sent to Chernyakhovsk /5439N-2150E/ via Glazov /5809N-5240E/, Kirov /5833N-4942E/, Shcherbakov /5803N-3850E/, Velikiye Luki /5620N-3032E/, Yelgava /5638N-2343E/, and Sovetsk /5506N-2150E/. The trip took from 15 May to 23 May '51; the men made the trip in civilian clothes. There were 30 men in each car; the car consisted of one compartment with a double tier of benches along the wall, on which the men also slept. The men had no blankets, mattresses, or pillows on the trip. An NCO was in charge of each car; the number of cars which made up the train and the number of troops on the train are unknown to me. There was no kitchen car to the train and the men were given cold food (bread, salami, biscuits, cold tea). Upon arrival in Chernyakhovsk, [redacted] placed in a three-week "quarantine". [redacted] the 121st HvTk and SP Regt was permanently stationed in Chernyakhovsk. During quarantine [redacted] outfitted with a uniform and inoculated against typhus.
5. On 14 Jun 51, [redacted] about 40 other recruits boarded a German type train at Chernyakhovsk and were sent to Frankfurt/Oder /5221N-1433E/, via Zheleznodorozhnyy /5421N-2119E/ and Poland [redacted] arrived in Frankfurt/Oder on 16 June and were held one day in an unidentified replacement depot. [redacted] continued to Templin /5307N-1330E/, Germany, the summer location of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt, 6th Gds Mecz Div, 4th Gds Mecz Army. A kitchen car was included in the make-up of the train and the men were served hot meals.

General

6. [redacted] the 17th Gds Mecz Regt, was understrength; however, [redacted] there was no living space for additional personnel in the 17th Gds Mecz Regt, as the available billets were very crowded. A room of about 10 x five m held [redacted] about 20 men, who slept in double-tiered cots in two rows along the walls of the room. There was about one-half m between cots and one m between the two rows. [redacted]
7. In November 1951, the 17th Gds Mecz Regt received a number of recruits /exact number unknown [redacted] who were of the class of 1932. These recruits had [redacted] no basic training in the USSR and were sent to the Soviet Zone of Germany shortly after their induction in the USSR in the fall of 1951. [redacted] there were about 15 men of the class of 1928 in the 1st Rifle Company, 1st Mtz Rifle Battalion, 17th Gds Mecz Regt [redacted] Most of the NCOs [redacted] were of the class of 1928.

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Leave

25X1 8. EM were seldom granted leave during their term of service. Leave
 25X1 for EM was arbitrary with COs. Usually headquarters personnel,
 25X1 political workers, and outstanding soldiers were the only EM who were
 25X1 ever granted leaves. Officially, EM were supposed to be given leave
 25X1 in cases of emergency (death in family, severe illness, etc); however,
 25X1 it took months to investigate and approve such a leave, and by the
 25X1 time it was approved the CO might cancel the leave because the emergency
 25X1 had passed. EM complained between themselves about not getting leaves
 25X1 but did not make official complaints or demand leave. Officers and
 25X1 Sverkhsrochniki (Regular Army reenlistees) were authorized 45 days
 25X1 leave, plus travel time, each year. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] all officers tried to get leaves in the spring and
 25X1 summer. [redacted]

25X1 9. [redacted] all officers in the 17th Gds Mecz Regt were Regular
 25X1 Army officers. [redacted] no changes in the reserve and mobilization
 25X1 plan [redacted]

25X1 Military Districts

25X1 10. [redacted] Military Districts in the USSR:

25X1 Ural MD [redacted]
 Odessa MD
 Tauric MD

Miscellaneous

25X1 11. Eight Soviet females arrived in the 17th Gds Mecz Regt in the fall
 25X1 of 1951 as replacements for all German female employees of the 17th
 25X1 Gds Mecz Regt. These girls had been called by the Rayvoyenkomat and
 25X1 asked to volunteer for duty in the Soviet Zone of Germany, and
 25X1 all accepted. The girls were between 20 and 24 years of age,
 25X1 wore officers' uniforms with EM shoulder boards, and received the
 25X1 pay of civilian employees (about 700 East Marks and 600 rubles
 25X1 monthly). They lived in separate billets, two to a room. Two girls
 25X1 were typists at the Headquarters of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt and six
 25X1 were waitresses in the officers' messhall. These girls had a double
 25X1 mission - to do their assigned duties and to associate with the
 25X1 officers. They did not associate with the EM. One of the girls
 25X1 committed suicide in May 1952 after a quarrel with an officer. Two
 25X1 other girls became pregnant and were returned to the USSR. All of
 25X1 the other girls had secret abortions. All these details are true
 25X1 and were common knowledge of the EM of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt.

25X1 [redacted] a female lieutenant in Eberswalde [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] was there with a censorship unit.

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