

Appendix

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Decision of State Committee for Defense No.9898,

23, August 1945

Moscow, Kremlin

"About acceptance, allocation and labor using of 500,000 POWs of Japanese Army."

The State Committee for Defense decrees:

1. To oblige the comrades Beriya and Krivenko NKVD USSR to accept and send the Japanese Prisoners of War to lageri (Camp).
2. To oblige Military Counciler of Front line – the First Far Eastern Front (the Comrades Marenkov and Shtykov), the Second Far Eastern Front (the Comrades Purkaev and Leonov) and the Zabaikal Front (the Comrades Malinovckii and Tevchenkov) to adopt following mesures, with the representative of the First Far East Front, GUPVI NKVD USSR, the comrade Pavlovym, the Second Far Eastern Front, the comrade Ratushnyim and Zabaikal Front the comrades Krivenko and Voronovym:
 - a) To select till 500,000 POWs of the Japanses Army who physically fit for labor in the Far East and Siberia;
 - b) Before sending to the USSR, to organize construction battalions by 1,000 person in every from the POWs, with the Junior Officers or non commission officers (especially military engineer) at the leader of the battalions or company. And choose two medical employees among the POWs to the each battalion. In addition, supply the transportation tools, such like automobiles and wagons, to each battalion for the labour, and using the trophy property provide the military substances for Summer and Winter, clothing, bed accessories, linen, cooking tools for marching and personal commodities (mess tin, cup, and spoon, etc);
 - c) To allocate the two month's foods for all POWs per echelons, for this effect increase the quantity of necessary cargo train;
 - d) Take into account and keep the all trophy property as the necessities for equipment to prisoners camp, including summer and winter clothing, shoes, bed accesaries, underwears, any

daily necessary and equipment daily life for the Japanese Army; all of mentioned should be controlled under NKVD and it is not permitted for Front Army to use;

e) To direct echelon along railway and water way under the control of NKVD USSR for forming construction battalion by POWs, and escorting them by guard force to the destination.

To entrust chief of Rear Red Army, the comrade Khrulev, to observe the security and provision, clothing and daily necessities, of Japanese POWs transferred to USSR by railway or water route.

3. The Central Administration of NKVD USSR for affairs of POWs and Internment direct the 500,000 Japanese POWs to engage in following labour:

- a) in constructing Baikal-Amur main rail way (at the route Izbestkovaya – Urgal, BAM – Tynda, Urgal – Komsomolisk – SovGavani and Taishet – Ust' Kut)150,000 people.
- b) in Primorskii Krai.....75,000 people.

DETAIL:

Narkomugol (the People's Commissariat of Coal Industry) in Suchan and Artemugl	75,000 people
NKPS (the People's Commissariat of Ways of Communication) for labor at Primorskii rail way	25,000 people
NKTsM (the People's Commissariat of non-ferrous metallurgy) for labor at Sikhote – Alni leaden industrial complex Sipanchaolovo	5,000 people
NKO – KEO (the People's Commissariat of Defence – Housing Operation Department) on building barracks	10,000 people
Narkomles (the People's Commissariat of Forest Industry) on logging	18,000 people
Narkomstroi (the People's Commissariat of Construction) on constructing Port of Nakhotka and Vladivostok	12,000 people

c) in Khabarovsk Krai..... 65,000 people

DETAIL:

Narkomugol on mining at Raichikha-- Kivdinski	20,000 people
NKTsM at Khngansk tin mine administration	3,000 people
NKO – KEO on building barracks	5,000 people
Narkomnefti (the People's Commissariat of Petroleum) – Sakhakinnefti and Oil Refinery	5,000 people
Narkomles on logging	13,000 people
Narkommorflot (The People's Commissariat of Marine Fleet) and Narkomrechflot (The People's Commissariat of River Fleet)	2,000 people

NKPS – Amur Road	2,000 people
Narkomstroi on construting Nikolaevs Port and Amurstali No.199 Factory at Komsomolisk	15,000 people
(d) in Chita Oblast	40,000 people
<u>DETAIL:</u>	
Narkomugol – for mining at Bukachacha and Chernovski Coal Mine	10,000 people
NKTsM – for molybdenum, tungsten and tin enterprise	13,000 people
Narkomles – on logging	4,000 people
NKO – KEO on building barracks	10,000 people
NKPS – Zabaikal Rail Way	3,000 poeple
(e) in Irkutsk oblast	50,000 people
<u>DETAIL:</u>	
Narkomugol at Cheremkhov pit	15,000 people
NKO – KEO on building barracks	11,000 people
Narkomles – on logging	7,000 people
NKPS in Baikal Siberia Rail Way	5,000 people
NKEP (The People's Commisariat of Electronic Power) for the No.389 factory	2,000 poeple
Narkomstroi and NKTm (the People's Commisariat of Heavy Industry) for Kuibyshev Factory, No.39 Factory and Hydrogen Factory	10,000 people
(f) Buryatia—Mongolia ASSR.....	16,000 people
<u>DETAIL:</u>	
NKTsM – for Dzhdzinskii molybdenum, tungsten and tin enterprise	4,000 people
NKPS – Factory for locomotive repiar at Ulan-Ude	5,000 people
Narkomles – at logging	10,000 people
(g) Krasnoyarsk Krai	20,000 people
<u>DETAIL:</u>	
Narkomugol – for Khakasugol (Khakasia Coalmine)	3,000 people
NKTsM – for Eniseizoloto (Enisei Goldmine)	3,000 people
Narkomstroi and NKTsM – on construction and maitanance NKTsM Bolisheviki Factory “Krasnoi Profintern”	5,000 people
The People's Commisariat of Army – Factory No.4	2,000 people

Narkomles – at logging	7,000 people
(h) Altai Krai	14,000 people
<u>DETAIL:</u>	
Narkomstroi – on constructing Tractor Factory at Rubtsovsk and Factories No.17 and No. 77 at Bahnaul	6,000 people
NKTM – for Barnaulskii and Biiskovo Boiler Factory	4,000 people
NKPS – Barnaulskii VRZ (Factory for Carriage Repair)	1,000 people
NKTsM – Administration for Zolotushinskii Pit	3,000 people
(i) Kazakh SSR.....	50,000 people
<u>DETAIL:</u>	
<u>Karaganda Oblast</u>	
Narkomstroi on constructing Kazakh metallurgical factory, Engineering Plant of Narukomugl and Akchantausskii Tungsten Industrial Complex	10,000 people
NKUP – for Karagandaugol’ (Karaganda Coalmine)	10,000 people
NKTsM – at Zhezkazgan	3,000 people
<u>East-Kazakhstan Oblast</u>	
Narkomstroi and NKTsM for labour at leaden mine administration in Rider, Ust’-Kamelgovsk and Ziryonovskii	15,000 people
<u>South-Kazakhstan Oblast</u>	
NKTsM – for “ Achisaipolimetall”	3,000 people
<u>Dzhambul Oblst</u>	
NKPS – at Karaganda Rail Way	9,000 people
(j) Uzbek SSR	20,000 people
<u>DETAIL:</u>	
Narkomstroi – at construction of Begovat metallurgical Plant and another enterprise in Kokand and Tashkent for Narkomchermeta and Narkomsvetmeta	15,000 people
Narkomugol for Angren Coalmine	3,500 people
Narkomnefti for Kalininnefti	1,500 peoples

4. To oblige the People's Commissariates: on Construction (Comrade Ginzburg), Coal Industry (Comrade Vakhrushev), Oil Industry (Comrade Baibakov), Glabnsables¹ (Comrade Lopukhov), Narkomles (Comrade Saltikov), the Marine (Comrade Shirshov), the River Fleets (Comrade Shashkov), Non-ferrous Metallurgical Industry (Comrade Lomako), Secretary of Central Committee of Communist Party (Bolisheviki) of Kazakhstan (Comrade Borkov), Secretary Central Committee of Communist Party (Bolisheviki) of Uzbekistan (Comrade Yusunov) and Secretories of Krai (region) and Oblast (state) committee in VKP (Bolishebiki) : Primorskii Krai (Comrade Pegov), Khabarovsk Krai (Comrade Nazarov), Krasnoyarsk Krai (Kuznetsov) – to ensure the labour according to Sec. 3.

The 50 % of accomodations for the POWs who will arrive must be completed until 15 September and all of rest should be completed until 1 October.

Leave the People's Committee to maintanance the accomodation, heating and lighting of Camp for POWs.

5. To permit NKVD USSR to increase the guards for the Japanese POWs to 35,000 by mobilizing from NKVD.

6. To oblige NKO (Comrade Bulganin):

a) to pick up 4,500 officers of troops, 1,000 Medical Staff, 1,000 Army Officer of Quartermaster and 6,000 Red Army Soldiers.

b) to allot moter petronum 1,000 ton per a month to the camp of POWs.

7. To oblige NKVD (Comrade Mikoyan) to allot 1,200 trucks for the Camps and 900 trucks for escort troops (including 10% "Dodze" – 3/4) to NKVD USSR at Far East.

8. To oblige TsUPVOSO (the Central Administration for Military Information) of Red Army (Comrade Dmitriev), NKPS (Comrade Kovleva), NKRF (Comrade Shashkov) to ensure the transportation of 500,000 Japanese POWs Echelon by railway and water way along the plan of Front and NKVD from August to September this year.

9. To charge Comrades Khrulev (NKO) and Chernyshov (NKVD) working out and introduce the norms food supply for the Japanese POWs in respect to the allowance of the Japanese Army.

10. To oblige NKO – Comrade Khrulev

(a) to hand over the 3,000 large tents and 150,000 sets of repaired winter goods including half coat and felt boots to GUPVI NKVD USSR for the Japanese POWs charging in construction

¹ Main Administration of national economy in supplying lumber and wood

Baikal-Amur Rail Way;

(б) to hand over the trophy such like clothing and daily necessities of the Japanese NKVD USSR for the Japanese POWs.

11. to oblige NKO (Comrade Budennui) Обязать НКО to handing over 4,000 horses from trophies and resources of Far East Army to NKVD USSR for the Japanese POW.
12. to oblige Narkomzdrav (the People's Commissariat of Public Health) USSR (Comrade Mintertva) and GDSU NKO (Comrade Smirnova) and ГВСУ НКО (т. Смирнова) to organize and allocate the minimum quantity beds for the medical treatment of Japanese POWs.
13. to oblige NKO (Comrade Vorob'ev) to hand over 800 ton berbed wire to NKVD USSR for the Camps of the Japanese POWs in Far East.
14. Commission Comrade Beriya to observe carrying out these decrees.

CHAIR, STATE COMMITTEE FOR DEFENCE

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