

**\* ASSIGNED:**

- North Caucasus District, 7-8/42; 45 Army, 8-10/42; Northern Group of Caucasus Front, 10-11/42; 58 Army, 11-12/42; 44 Army 12/42-7/43; Stavka reserves, 7-8/43; 5 Shock Army, 8-11/43; 28 Army, 11/43-3/44; 5 Shock Army, 3-5/44; 46 Army, 5/44-1/45; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ukraine Front, 1-2/45; 27 Army, 2-5/45
- IX Corps, 8-12/43; not in a corps, 12/43-1/44; X Guard Corps, 1-5/44; XXXVII [37] Corps, 5/44-4/45; not in a corps, 4-5/45

**\* UNITS:** 476, 478, 481 RR; 985 AR

**\* COMMANDERS:** A.N. Zazhigalov, 8/42-5/43; P.A. Krivulin, 5-7/43; D.V. Kazak, 7/43 only; I.I. Shvygin, 7/43-5/44 (killed in action at Chebruchy, 13 May); no-one, 5-8/44; J.Z. Burik, 8/44-4/45; J.N. Vronsky, 4-5/45

**\* CAREER:**

**1942:** Stayed in reserve behind Caucasus front through December.

**1943:** First saw action in the offensive from the Caucasus [\*], 1 Jan-4 Feb - advanced to Rostov; captured the town of Azov in Feb, and from March operated in south Ukraine (by Taganrog); Don Basin Offensive [\*], 13 Aug-22 Sept (fought at Yenakinevo); Melitopol [\*], 26 Sept-5 Nov.

**1944:** Dnieper-Carpathian operation [\*], 24 Dec 1943 to 17 April 1944 - at Cherson in Feb and in the Odessa area in spring; in an action in May the Div was smashed in the Chebruchy bridgehead over the Dniester (478<sup>th</sup> and 481<sup>st</sup> RR were wiped out); subsequently the Div was sent to the rear to rebuild. In mid-Aug it returned to the Dniester sector for the invasion of Romania - Jassy-Kishinev [\*], 20-29 Aug (by Galati); briefly entered Bulgaria in Sept, then moved through a corner of Serbia (past Belgrade) in the Belgrade operation [\*], 28 Sept-20 Oct; thrust through Temesvar into Hungary, Sept-Oct; on Tisza River in advance to Debreczen [\*], 6-28 Oct; Budapest operation [\*], 29 Oct 1944 through 13 Feb of the year 1945.

**1945:** Budapest operation lasted until Feb; then was still in Hungary - on Sarviz Canal in March; Lake Balaton [\*], 6-13 March; invaded Austria in April-May - Vienna Operation [\*], 16 March to 15 April; was still in Austria when the war ended.

**-321 Rifle Division [1941]**

Formed on 24 Sept 1941 at Eupatoria (Crimea), ex 2<sup>nd</sup> Crimea Militia Div; destroyed in Oct 1941

**\* UNITS:** 484, 488, 493 RR; 986 AR

**\* ASSIGNED:** 51 Army, 9-10/41

**\* COMMANDER:** I.M. Aliyev (from 2<sup>nd</sup> Crimea Div)

**\* CAREER:** Was re-designated # 321 on the same day when the Germans attacked its defensive position guarding the entrance to Crimea; was smashed in action at Amyansk; although this first German thrust was halted by other units, the Div was wrecked, and so its remnants were dissolved on 13 Oct.

**-321 Rifle Division ("Chita Div") [1942-43]**