

-257 Rifle Division [1943-45]

Formed on 3 July 1943 at Krasnodar (North Caucasus District) from 9 and 60 Rifle Bdes plus 62 Naval Rifle Bde.

* **HONOR:** Red Banner (inherited from 60 Rifle Bde)

* **ASSIGNED:**

- 56 Army, 7-8/43; 51 Army, 8/43-2/45; 4 Shock Army, 2-5/45
- X Corps, 7/43-8/44; I Guard Corps, 8/44-2/45; XCII [92] Corps, 2-5/45

* **UNITS:** 943, 948, 953 RR; 793 AR

* **COMMANDERS:** Unknown, 7/43; A.M. Pykhtin, 8-9/43; M.I. Prokopchuk, 9-10/43 (longer?); A.G. Makov, by 7/44 (sooner?) and to at least 11/44 (into 1945?)

* **CAREER:**

1943: Was formed opposite the Kuban bridgehead in July, but in Aug moved to south Ukraine (along coast of Sea of Azov); in the Don Basin Offensive [*], 13 Aug-22 Sept; Lower Dnieper Battle [*] (26 Sept-20 Dec) and Battle of Melitopol [*], (26 Sept-5 Nov); in south Ukraine for winter 1943-44 (Nikopol and Krivoi Rog).

1944: Dnieper-Carpathian Operation [*], 24 Dec 1943-17 April 1944; in breakthrough at Perekop Isthmus, April; re-conquest of Crimea [*], 8 April-12 May - thrust from Perekop to Sevastopol; moved to Belorussia in late May and June; entered the line at Polotsk in July to reinforce the Belarus Offensive [*] of 23 June-29 Aug in the Don Basin Offensive [*], 13 Aug-22 Sept; Lower Dnieper Battle [*] (26 Sept-20 Dec) and Battle of Melitopol [*], (26 Sept-5 Nov); in south Ukraine for winter 1943-44 (Nikopol and Krivoi Rog).

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1945: IV Courland Battle was in Jan; then remained in Courland (by Libau and Windau).

-258 (Uzbek) Rifle Division [1941-42]

Formed on 10 July in Central Asia; on 5 Jan 1942 became 12 Guard Rifle Div.

* **ASSIGNED:** Central Asia District as of 10 July; Orel District, 7-8/41; 50 Army, 8/41-1/42

* **UNITS:** 954, 991, 999 RR; 841 AR. (954 RR left in 8/41; presumably it was replaced, but identity of replacement is unknown - maybe in fall 1941 a new 405 RR was reformed in the Div?)

* **COMMANDERS:** Unknown through 10/41; K.P. Trubnikov, briefly in 11/41; M.A. Siyazov, 11/41-1/42 (and stayed with 12 Gd Div).

* **CAREER:** Came to Europe (by Orel) in late July, and on 15 Aug entered line under 50 Army, where it stayed; Battle of Smolensk [*], 15 Aug-10 Sept; Defense of Moscow [*], 30 Sept-5 Dec (fought near Roslavl in Oct and escaped the Bryansk