

- XX [line] Corps, 10-11/43; XXII Corps, 11/43-4/44; XXX Corps, 4-7/44; CVII [107] Corps, 7/44-5/45
- \* **UNITS:** 320, 325, 330 Gd RR; 299 Gd AR
- \* **COMMANDERS:** S.M. Bushev (from 176 RD), 10/43-4/44; T.U. Grinchenko, 4/44-5/45
- \* **CAREER:**
- 1943:** In fall was promoted in the Kuban area after it was evacuated by the Germans. It fought at Kerch-Eltingen (east Crimea) [\*], 31 Oct-20 Nov; then briefly in reserve, but then reinforced the end of the Defensive Fighting on Kiev front [\*] (through 22 Dec)
- 1944:** Zhitomir-Berdichev, 24 Dec 1943 to 14 Jan 1944; Battle of Dnieper-Carpathians [\*], 24 Dec 1943-17 April 1944; in reserve in June; Battle of Lemberg-Sandomierz [\*], 13 July-29 Aug; East Carpathian Campaign [\*], 8 Sept-28 Oct - fought in Slovakia (in Sept was by Uzhgorod)
- 1945:** North Carpathian Campaign [\*], 12 Jan-18 Feb; was on the Polish-Czech border in March; Battle of Moravska Ostrava [\*] in Moravia, 10 March-5 May (advanced past Brünn); crossed from Moravia into Bohemia at the end - Prague operation [\*], 6-11 May

#### **-Red Banner Guard Rifle Division**

This was a temporary title of 42 Gd Rifle Div (*q.v.*) while it was forming.

#### **NKVD Divisions**

This is an obscure subject since data is lacking for the large number of formations that stayed safely in the interior throughout the war.

##### **-1 NKVD Division** ("Dzerzhinsky Division") [1941-42]

Formed on 22 Aug 1941 at Vaskolovo (Leningrad District); personnel were from the OSNAZ (internal police) of Leningrad; on 18 Aug 1942 became 46 Rifle Div

- \* **ASSIGNED:** Leningrad Front, 8-9/41; Neva Group, 9-11/41; 8 Army, 11/41-3/42; Neva Group, 3-8/42 [NOTE: In OB for 1 Aug 1942 is already shown as 46 RD]
- \* **UNITS:** This is rather obscure; per Sharp the Div had 3, 7, 33, 102 NKVD Regts, but # 7 and 33 appear elsewhere; more likely the Div had 1, 2, 3 and 102 NKVD Regts. However, per Glantz the Regts were # 1, 2, 3 and 7 - but 7<sup>th</sup> Regt soon left! The artillery was one Bn.
- \* **COMMANDERS:** S.I. Donskov, 8-12/41; unknown thereafter
- \* **CAREER:**
- 1941:** Entered the line at the end of August on the Mga River south of Leningrad for the fighting on the approaches to Leningrad [\*], 23 Aug-30 Sept; engaged on the defensive through mid-Nov with heavy losses; in reserve at end of year.
- 1942:** For Feb-Aug guarded the Neva River line; since it was a proven combat unit, in Aug 1942 became a Red Army division.