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## Role of Spetskontingent in Restoration of the Stalingrad Military-Industrial Complex Enterprises in 1943–1945 Based on Documents from State Archives of the Russian Federation

### Abstract

The article reviews documentary sources on the participation of spetskontingent (special contingent or special camps) set up for Soviet prisoners of war (soldiers imprisoned by the Germans or those from isolated units) in the restoration of Stalingrad in 1943-1945. It should be noted that the paper is based on integrated approach to description of the documents from the following central and regional archives: the State Archive of Social and Political History, the State Archive of the Russian Federation, the Russian State Military Archive, the State Archive of the Volgograd Region and the Contemporary History Information Centre of the Volgograd Region. The article assesses contents of the archival fonds comprising of documents of the state bodies and papers of organizations and institutions involved the organization of special 'filtration' camps for screening Red Army soldiers: i.e. decrees of the State Defense Committee (GKO); orders of the People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs (NKVD); orders, guidances, directives, instructions, reports, memorandums, statistical information of the Chief Directorate for Prisoners of War and Internees Affairs (GUPVI) of the NKVD; circulars, instructions, summaries, memos of the Main Administration of Corrective Labor Camps and Labor Settlements (GULAG) of the NKVD; reports and memos of the Camps for Handling of Repatriation Department of NKVD for the Stalingrad Region; memos and reports of the Stalingrad Regional Committee (obkom) of the All-Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks), the Stalingrad City Committee (gorkom) of the AUCP(B), and Barrikadnyj District Committee (raikom) of the AUCP(B) in Stalingrad. The author offers a classification of documents and points out unique features of the data. The comprehensive study of archival documents allows to conclude that they not only contain some general information on organization of the special camps in the USSR during the Great Patriotic War, but also provide data on spetskontingent placement in the Stalingrad region and its labors at the military-industrial complex enterprises of

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