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**Order No. 001445 L.P. Beria "On the organization of reception points and camps of prisoners of war" <sup>1</sup>**  
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**Order of the  
People's Commissar for Internal Affairs of the USSR for 1939.**

Content:

On the organization of reception spots and camps for the prisoners of war

*December<sup>2</sup> 1, 1939*

*Moscow*

In accordance with the instructions of the General Staff of the Red Army on the organization of points for the reception of prisoners of war,

*In order:*

1. Organize the reception points for prisoners of war:
  - a) in the Murmansk region at stations Murmansk and Kandalaksha;
  - b) for the Karelian ASSR at stations Petrozavodsk, Medvezh'ya Gora, Kem and Segezha;
  - c) in the Leningrad region at stations Sestroretsk, Lodeynoye Pole and Vaskelovo.

The organization of the reception points for prisoners of war is entrusted:

to the chief of the NKVD [People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs] for the Murmansk region, Captain of the State Security Comrade Gorika - Murmansk and Kandalaksha;

to the head of the White Sea-Baltic Sea Canal Complex of the NKVD, Senior Major of the State Security Comrade Timofeyeva - Kem and Medvezh'ya Gora;

to the chief of the Segezha Construction Complex of the NKVD, Captain of the State Security Comrade Boyechin - Segezha;

to the People's Commissar for Internal Affairs of the Karelian ASSR, Captain of State Security, Comrade Baskakova - Petrozavodsk;

to the head of the NKVD for the Leningrad Region, the 2nd rank State Security Commissar Comrade Goglidze - Sestroretsk, Lodeynoye Pole and Vaskelovo.

2. For providing practical assistance on the spot will be commanded:

a) to Murmansk and Kandalaksha - Major of the State Security Comrade Dobrynin;

b) to Kem - Sr. Lieutenant of the State Security Comrade Sveshnikov;

c) to Segezha - Sr. Lieutenant of the State Security Comrade Konradov;

d) to Medvezh'ya Gora - Sr. Lieutenant of the State Security Comrade Filatov;

e) to Petrozavodsk - Captain Comrade Bunakov;

f) to Lodeynoye Pole - Jr. Lieutenant of militia Comrade Bashlykov;

g) to Vaskelovo - Comrade Petrenko;

h) to Sestroretsk - Major Comrade Polukhin.

3. To accommodate prisoners of war, prepare the following camps:

Yuzhskiy, Ivanovo region - for 5000 people.

Yukhnovskiy, Smolensk region - for 4000 people.

Putivl'skiy, Sumy region - for 4000 people.

Temnikovskiy camp, Mordovian ASSR - for 6000 people.

Gryazovetskiy camp, Vologda region - 2,500 [people]

Karaganda camp NKVD - for 5000 people.

4. I assign the staff of the newly organized camps to my deputy, the 3rd rank State Security Commissar Comrade Kruglov.

5. To the Chief of the Main Directorate of the Convoy Forces, brigade commander Comrade. Sharapov I authorize organizing security at the reception points, escorting of the transportation of prisoners of war from reception points to the camps following the orders given by the Chief of the NKVD of the USSR concerning prisoners of war and organizing of security for the camps of prisoners of war, and for proper allocation of the necessary number of units for escort troops.

6. The material supply and financing of the newly organized camps and reception points should be guided by the NKVD order No. 0308 of 19 / IX-39 year<sup>3</sup>.

7. Providing of the outfit and armament for the staff of the war prisoner camp

administration is entrusted to the head of Main Administration of Military Supplies (GUVS) NKVD USSR, Brigade Commander Comrade Vurgaft.

8. My Deputy Division Commander Comrade Chernyshev and the head of the NKVD USSR administration for the affairs of war prisoners, Major Comrade Soprunenko will follow the precise and timely execution of this order.

People's Commissar of Internal Affairs of the USSR

Commissar of State Security of the 1st rank L. Beriya

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