

**September 15, 1962**

**Order from the Chief of the General Staff, Marshal  
of the Soviet Union M. Zakharov, to the  
Commander-Chief of the Ground Forces and the  
Commanding General of the Airborne Forces**

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**Summary:**

An order detailing the preparation of antiaircraft mounts and their combat crews.

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TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE GROUND FORCES  
TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE AIRBORNE FORCES

Copy: TO THE CHIEF OF THE MAIN OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF

The Minister of Defense [Rodion Malinovsky] HAS ORDERED:

For the performance of a special assignment to prepare twin 23-mm (ZU-23) mounts with combat crews in the service of the Airborne Forces, and send them taking into consideration of their arrival:

1. To Liepaya [Liepāja]: six mounts from the 76th Guards Airborne Division by 18 September.
2. To Baltiysk: eighteen mounts from the 76th Guards Airborne Division, of which: four mounts by 17 September and fourteen mounts by 24 September and ten mounts from the 44th Guards Training Division by 8 October.
3. To Nikolayev [Mykolaiv]: twenty-four mounts from the 104th Guards Airborne Division, of which: twelve by 17 September and twelve by 26 September, six mounts from the 106th Guards Airborne Division by 9 October.
4. With each twin (ZU-23) mount send two units of fire (2400 rounds for each mount).

All mounts will be returned to their units with combat crews when the assignment is performed.

CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF  
MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION

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M. ZAKHAROV

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