

D-Day Ost Uniform Regulation 2022

For this year we are focusing on Ost btl 439, Russich Btl 635 and Georgian Btl 795. Information is included for many other osttruppen units that were present in the Normandy campaign for research purposes.

Uniform

Heer M40, M42, or M43 **Wool** tunic

M40/M43 **wool** trouser

Dutch conversion tunics common amongst Turkish units

Grey German undershirt or Russian civilian or RKKA undershirt

*HBT uniforms are seen worn as an over layer to wool uniforms or worn as a stand-alone work uniform, a wool uniform will be required for battles and formations. *

*Participants will still be required to adhere to German grooming standards. No beards or goatees will be permitted. *

Insignia

Russian “not in good standing” unit (April 12 1944 regulations)- Grey generic litzen with bevo breast eagle. Red piped shoulder boards or ROA pogony. ROA shield on left arm. Rank displayed on shoulder boards. *Russ. Btl. 635, Ost Btl 561, Ost Btl 642*

Ost 649 does not appear to have been issued any special insignia

Russian “In good standing” Unit (April 12th 1944 regs)- Grey Generic Litzen with Bevo breast Eagle. Infantry waffenfarben and German Rank insignia, ROA shield on left arm. *Ost btl 439*

ROA collar tabs and the red 1942 collar tabs are seen rarely in Normandy as they were phased out with the April 1944 regulations but are seen with members of Ost 561

Cossack- Cossack tabs with German breast eagle, ROA podogny or German red piped shoulder boards, and ROA shield on left arm. Unit specific sleeve insignia is also seen amongst companies of Cossack 360

Cossack 360 was not present for the initial landings arriving to the Normandy area in July

Georgian- German generic litzen (most common) Georgian collar tabs mixed in, bevo Breast eagle, red piped German shoulder boards or Georgian pink piped podgony, Georgian shield on right sleeve. Rank displayed on shoulder boards and collar as applicable. *Georgian Btl. 795 or 797*

Ukrainian- German generic litzen, breast eagle, and red piped shoulder boards. Rank displayed over shoulder boards and on collar over litzen as applicable. No UVV shield worn but occasionally ROA shields were given instead *Ost btl 441*

Ukrainian personnel of Ost Btl 439 wore white infantry shoulder boards and ROA shield

Turkistan- mixed Turk tabs and Generic German litzten, German breast eagle, with equally mixed German shoulder boards and ethnic shoulder boards, Biz Allah or 3rd pattern ethnic shield on right sleeve. *Ost 781, 787*

Asiatic and Tartar- German generic litzten, bevo breast eagle, shoulder boards same color as rest of attached unit. Rank also displayed similar to rest of unit. *Ost 439, Ost 627 used the Turkistan shield*

Boots

Soviet **Leather** jackboots, German jackboots or low boots with gamschen

Headwear

M34, M42 side cap, or M43 cap with German insignia.

M35, M40, M42 helmet

Kubanka are seen sparsely amongst members of Russian Btl 635 and most commonly with Cossack 360

RKKA Ushankas are occasionally seen among Turkic and Tartar btls.

Equipment:

German leather belt with Heer buckle

2 k98 pouches

German Breadbag

German Canteen

German Gas mask can (most common) *Russian Gas mask bags are seen with Georg 797*

German or Czech Mauser bayonet

Russian, German, French or Italian mess tin

Splinter zeltbahn

Ethnic kennsbuch or bilingual soldbuchs (optional)

No Y straps, but it advised to get a set of tunic belt hooks. Y straps are reserved for MG gunners only

Weapons:

Ost 439, Ost 441, Ost 627, Georgian 797, Ost 781: Russian weapons- Allied AARs stated that weapons found from these units were in poor barely serviceable condition, and German commanders commented that both Ost 439 and Ost 441 fought surprisingly well for the poor equipment they were issued. *ppsh41s are seen in many Russian and Cossack formations regardless of other weapons issued

Ost 561, 635, 642, 649, 795: German weapons with Russian MGs. Most period photos of these units show older model and second line model German mausers. But MG teams often armed with MG08s, Maxims, Dp28s, Mg13s, and Mg34s

Weapons NOT Allowed:

PPS43 & M44 Mosin Nagant, these weapons were just making their way into the Soviet army by June 1944 and were not wide spread enough to have made it into captured German stocks. And will not be allowed for this impression. Anachronistic weapons and Spanish or Swedish mausers will also not be allowed.



Unknown Russian Unit: April 44, Northern France





Cossack 360 Yefrietor armed with Gew 98 Early 1944



Georgian btl 795 during inspection early 1944



Georgian btl 795 during inspection early 1944



Ost 649 soldier writing a pamphlet to convince his unit to surrender June 1944, source Stars and Stripes



Ost 561 surrendering in Cherbourg with a wide variety of Russian foreign insignia



Ost 795 and a member of Ost 561 (ROA collar tabs) sit on Utah Beach after capture



Members of Russ btl 635 in a POW camp near Carentan



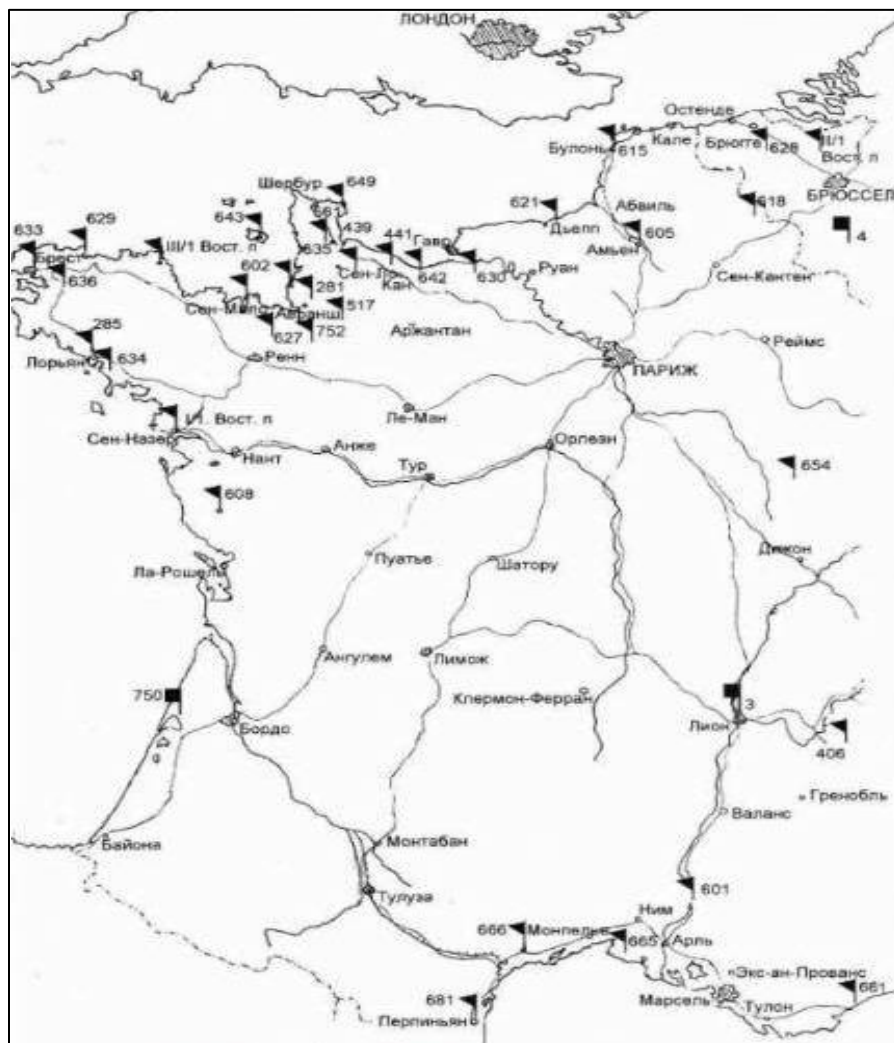
Russian personnel of Ost 439 surrendering near Point Du hoc



Asiatic soldiers (probably from Ost 439) taken POW in Carentan



Près de Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, ces Géorgiens du 795^e bataillon d'Osttruppen viennent de se rendre aux Américains



Dispersion of Ost units in France in early/mid 1944



Georgian POW near Cherbourg



Ost POWs in Normandy



Georgian POWs in Cherbourg

Чин	Выходы из Средней Азии и с Кавказа	Русские, украинцы	Казачи
Рядовой			
Рядовой 1-го класса			
Капрал			
Сержант			
Старший сержант			
Старшина			
Младший лейтенант			
Лейтенант			
Капитан			
Майор			
Подполковник			
Полковник			
Генерал-майор			
Генерал-лейтенант			
Генерал			

43 regulations showing Cossack tab, Georgian/Turkic collar tabs, & ROA collar tabs & rank. While phased out in April 44 the ranks stayed the same & "Not in good standing" units still depict rank on shoulder boards in the same manner.



A member of Ost 627 surrenders near Saint Lo

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