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(Second World War - First Soviet Breakthrough into Germany) Генеральный Штаб Красной Армии - (Фюрстенвальде) | (Франкфурт) [General Staff of the Red Army - (Fürstenwalde) | (Frankfurt)]

Stock#: 63108
Map Maker: General Staff of the Red Army
Date: 1943 (manuscript additions in February 1945)
Place: St. Petersburg
Color: (See Description)
Condition: Good
Size: 27.5 x 30 inches
Price: \$ 6,400.00



Description:

Manuscript-Annotated Map Showing Soviet Forces Entering Germany for the First Time!

A fantastic map showing the first Soviet breakthrough into Germany-proper, during the leadup to the Battle of Berlin and the closing stages of the Vistula-Oder Offensive. The map comes from the personal collection of Major General Nver Georgievich Safaryan, who led the 89th Armenian Rifles during the Vistula-Oder Offensive and the Battle of Berlin.

The map centers around Frankfurt (Oder) in eastern Germany on the present-day border with Poland, and stretches from Kustrin in the north to Neuzelle in the south, in the west is Fürstenwalde, almost on the outskirts of Berlin. This swath of territory represents the first foothold of the Soviet Red Army as it pushed into Germany-proper in the quest to capture Berlin. This map is particularly special as it shows in contemporary manuscript the Red Army front as it first crossed the Oder River into Germany.



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The manuscript notes on the map show several fronts, one north of Frankfurt (Oder), pushing just across the Oder River; one just to the south of Frankfurt (Oder), encircling the town; and then a less-well-defined front advancing in several layers west towards Berlin. The Seelow Heights ("Зеелов") are shown on the map - this was the site of the final major battle before Soviet forces reached Berlin.

The most detailed manuscript notes are just to the south of Frankfurt (Oder), where the 89th Armenian Rifles were engaged in capturing the city.

A red pencil shows a track from Frankfurt (Oder) north to Müncheberg and from there north-west to Berlin. The 89th Armenian Rifles participated in the assault on Berlin from the north, along with other aspects of the 3rd Shock Army.

Detailed Condition:

Four map-sheets joined as one. Flattened but with some residual wear from old folds. Some minor abrasion. Some expert restorations on verso. Altogether in Good condition, especially for a battle-used map of the period.