

**"WE MADE A MISTAKE" -
HITLER. RUSSIA'S
SURPRISING DEFENSE
AGAINST GERMANY**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649079643

"We made a mistake" - Hitler. Russia's surprising defense against Germany by Lucien Zacharoff

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

LUCIEN ZACHAROFF

**"WE MADE A MISTAKE" -
HITLER. RUSSIA'S
SURPRISING DEFENSE
AGAINST GERMANY**

**“We Made
A Mistake” — *HITLER***

**RUSSIA'S SURPRISING DEFENSE
AGAINST GERMANY**

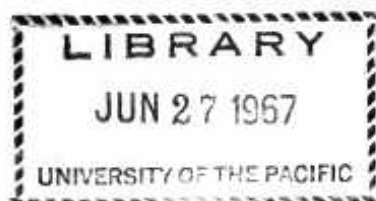
By LUCIEN ZACHAROFF

GROSSET & DUNLAP
PUBLISHERS NEW YORK

By arrangement with D. Appleton-Century Co., Inc.

COPYRIGHT, 1941, BY
D. APPLETON-CENTURY COMPANY, INC.

All rights reserved. This book, or parts thereof, must not be reproduced in any form without permission of the publisher.



318590

PRINTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Contents

CHAPTER	PAGE
I. "ACCORDING TO PLAN"	1
II. THE LEGENDARY LUFTWAFFE	11
III. THE RED AIR FORCE	19
IV. HERE COME THE PANZERS	29
V. RUSSIA'S MECHANIZED FORCES	38
VI. CAVALRY IN MODERN WAR?	46
VII. PARACHUTE TROOPS	53
VIII. ENCIRCLEMENT WAS NEVER LIKE THIS	59
IX. "OSOAVIAKHIM"	73
X. THE WORLD'S MOST LITERATE ARMY	83
XI. WHAT, NO FIFTH COLUMN?	94
XII. POISON GAS AND MICROBE MOBILIZATION	101
XIII. INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL	116
XIV. THE UKRAINE	123
XV. THE RED NAVY	135
XVI. IF JAPAN STRIKES	144
XVII. STALIN AS A MILITARY LEADER	152
XVIII. THREE SOVIET MARSHALS	171
XIX. WINTER WARFARE	191
XX. THE SEEDS OF HITLER'S DEFEAT	197

"WE MADE A MISTAKE"—HITLER

CHAPTER I

"According to Plan"

SEVEN years ago, Lieutenant Colonel Justrow, an outstanding brain-truster of the Nazi army, wrote: "Decisive success against a defense prepared for all eventualities is possible, *if at all*, only by a lightning surprise attack."

The italics are mine.

At 4 A.M. on June 22, 1941, the "lightning surprise attack" was launched against Russia. German artillery opened up full blast. German mechanized units were hurled at the frontiers. Luftwaffe bombers rained death on the Ukraine, Crimea, Lithuania.

At 5.30 A.M., Count Von der Schulenberg, German Ambassador to Moscow, called on the Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Molotoff, to "inform" him that Russia's turn had come.

It was the standardized formula of Blitzkrieg. The impact of the first attack was tremendous. It had been worked out to the most minute detail, rehearsed with loving care like the overture to a Wagner opera. The first blow was to send the Red Army staggering back, punch-drunk. The Russians were to be thrown off bal-