

**Russian 16th Air Army**  
**Battle for Berlin**  
**16 April 1945**

Commanding Officer: Colonel General (of Aviation) S. I. Rudenko

Total of 28 air divisions, plus 7 separate air regiments  
3,188 aircraft, of which 3,033 were combat aircraft, including:

Fighters: 1,548  
Ground Attack: 687  
Bombers 684 (533 day and 151 night bombers)  
Reconnaissance: 114 (includes artillery spotting aircraft)

1st Guards Fighter Air Corps: Lt. General E.M. Beletskii

3rd Guards Fighter Air Division: Lt. Col. E.M. Gorbatyuk  
(equipped with La-5 and La-7 fighters)

32nd Guards Fighter Regiment

63rd Guards Fighter Regiment (La-7 fighters)

4th Guards Fighter Air Division: Major General V.A. Kitaev  
(equipped with Yak-3u)

64th Guards Fighter Regiment

65th Guards Fighter Regiment

66th Guards Fighter Regiment

3rd Fighter Air Corps: Lt. General E. Ya. Savitskii

265th Fighter Air Division: Colonel A.A. Karyagin

291st Fighter Regiment (Yak-3)

402nd Fighter Regiment (Yak-3)

812th Fighter Regiment (Yak-9)

278th Fighter Air Division: Colonel K.D. Orlov

15th Fighter Regiment

43rd Fighter Regiment

274th Fighter Regiment

3rd Bomber Air Corps: Major General A.Z. Karavatskii

183rd Bomber Air Division: Colonel M.A. Sitkin

319th Bomber Regiment

454th Bomber Regiment

540th Bomber Regiment

241st Bomber Air Division: Colonel A.G. Fedorov

24th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2 bombers)

128th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2 bombers)

779th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2 bombers)

301st Bomber Air Division: Colonel F.M. Fedorenko

34th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2 bombers)

54th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2 bombers)

96th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2 bombers)

6th Bomber Air Corps: Major General I.P. Skok

113th Bomber Air Division: Colonel M.S. Finogenov  
(Tu-2 Bombers)

326th Bomber Air Division: Colonel V.S. Lebedev  
(Tu-2 Bombers)

334th Bomber Air Division: Colonel F.D. Belyi  
132nd Heavy Bomber Regiment (Tu-2 Bombers)

6th Ground Attack Air Corps: Major General B.K.Tokarev  
197th Ground Attack Air Division: Colonel T.E.Kovalev  
618th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
765th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
805th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
198th Ground Attack Air Division: Colonel V.I.Belousov  
41st Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
567th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
945th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)

6th Fighter Air Corps: Major General I.M. Dzusov  
234th Fighter Air Division: Major General E.Z.Tanashvili  
133rd Fighter Regiment (Yak-3s)  
157th Fighter Regiment  
233rd Fighter Regiment (Yak-3s)  
248th Fighter Regiment (Yak-9s)  
273rd Fighter Air Regiment: Colonel K.D.Isaev  
30th Guards Fighter Regiment  
67th Guards Fighter Regiment  
157th Guards Fighter Regiment  
163rd Guards Fighter Regiment

9th Ground Attack Air Corps: Major General I.V.Krupskii  
3rd Guard Ground Attack Air Division: Colonel A.A>Smirnov  
33rd Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
70th Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
71st Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
300th Ground Attack Air Division: Colonel V.A.Timofeev  
106th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
382nd Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
724th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
904th Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)

13th Fighter Air Corps: Major General B.A.Sidiev  
193rd Fighter Air Division: Colonel S.I.Mironov  
347th Fighter Regiment (Yak-9s)  
515th Fighter Regiment (Yak-9s)  
518th Fighter Regiment (Yak-9s)  
283rd Fighter Air Division: Colonel S.N.Chirva  
56th Guards Fighter Regiment (Yak-9s)  
431st Fighter Regiment (Yak-9s)  
116th Guards Fighter Regiment (Yak-3s)

Independent Air Divisions:

1st Guards Fighter Air Division: Colonel V.V.Sukhoryabov  
19th Guards Fighter Regiment  
53rd Guards Fighter Regiment  
54th Guards Fighter Regiment  
55th Guards Fighter Regiment

2nd Guards Ground Attack Air Division: Major General G.I.Komarov  
58th Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment  
59th Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment  
78th Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment  
79th Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment

9th Guards Night Bomber Air Division:  
23rd Guards Night Bomber Air Regiment (Po-2s)  
44th Guards Night Bomber Air Regiment (Po-2s)  
45th Guards Night Bomber Air Regiment (Po-2s)

11th Guards Ground Air Attack Division:

173rd Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
174th Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)  
175th Guards Ground Attack Air Regiment (Il-2s)

188th Bomber Air Division: Colonel A.I.Pushkin

367th Bomber Regiment  
368th Bomber Regiment  
373rd Bomber Regiment

221st Bomber Air Division:

8th Guards Bomber Regiment (Pe-2s)  
57th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2s)  
745th Bomber Regiment (Pe-2s)

240th fighter Air Division: Major General G.V.Zimin

133rd Guard Fighter Regiment  
42nd Fighter Regiment  
744th Fighter Regiment

242nd Night Bombar Air Division:

661st Night Bomber Air Regiment (Po-2s)  
717th Night Bomber Air Regiment (Po-2s)  
997th Night Bomber Air Regiment (Po-2s)

282nd Fighter Air Division: Colonel Yu.M.Berkaly (Yak-3s & Yak-9s)

127th Fighter Regiment  
517th Fighter Regiment  
774th Fighter Regiment

286th Fighter Air Division: Colonel V.I.Stalin

165th Fighter Regiment (La-7s)  
721st Fighter Regiment (La-7s)  
739th Fighter Regiment (La-7s)

Independent Regiments:

176th Guard Fighter Air Regiment (La-7s)  
16th Separate Long Range Reconnaissance Air Regiment  
72nd Separate Reconnaissance Air Regiment  
93rd Separate (artillery) Corretion Reconnaissance Air Regiment  
98th Separate (artillery) Corretion Reconnaissance Air Regiment  
62nd Guards Transport Air Regiment GVF (Civilian Air Fleet)  
(equipped with Li-2s)

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