

# The Soviet Military Experience: A History of the Soviet Army, 1917-1991, 2000, 9780415217194, Roger R. Reese, Psychology Press, 2000, 207 pages

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