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Detail from "Home Security At Any Crazy Price" This is the second in a series of lively, fun, and challenging study guides illustrated by my artwork about Russian history. In addition to being an artist, I have a Ph.D. in Art History. I use acrylic paint and digital images on canvas and board. Might the Tatars have had other choices than slave-trading and raiding to support themselves? Why were slaves so widely used at that time, including by the Ottoman Empire? Are the Tatars and Ottomans the bad guys in this saga, and the Russians the good? Is reality more complex than that, or is this a clear cut case of good vs. evil? But think of them as mysteries and yourselves as detectives. As you learn more, look for clues that may help you form your own opinions. Russia contains the largest expanse of flat land on earth. Russia therefore had to create a man-made defensive system to protect its immense open frontier. This frontier was perhaps unique in all the world in its vast size, combined with its nomadic Tatar inhabitants who lived largely by raiding and slaving, partly to supply the powerful Ottoman Empire next door to them. European neighbors were Western, like ourselves. Over half our southern limit is formed by water: The single country bordering our south, Mexico, was far less powerful than the Ottoman Empire and its client Tatar khanates. Most towns in southern Russia were originally founded by Moscow as garrisons designed to protect against invasions and raids. Towns could exist only if the central government built a garrison, with troops to protect it and patrol the surrounding wide open plains. These lines were a combination of fortified towns, stockades, earthen ramparts, trenches, guard posts, and mobile patrols. This wall stood nearly 4 meters high and had seventy bartizans [overhanging turrets], four earthen forts, breastworks, and ditch and anti-cavalry fences. Carol Belkin Stevens Kira Stevens has done brilliant research into the lives of these people for her *Soldiers on the Steppe: Daily Lives of the Frontier Garrison Army Garrison* servicemen were responsible both for guarding their forts and for patrolling the long defensive lines snaking out from their towns. Constant vigilance was needed to spot fast-moving, skilled Tatar raiders moving across the steppe. Their tour of the steppe was extensive—watching for signs of Tatar approach. Mounted servicemen patrolled between outlying towers or small fortresses and into the distant districts. Cavalrymen in shifts of six relayed any messages or goods locally; sometimes they provided escort and protection to officially sanctioned groups traveling toward the lower Don. Beyond the frontier they also stood guard over work on distant and exposed fields or carried news of imminent attack to outlying villages. Closer to Valuiki, fifty mounted [troops] patrolled the towers of the fortress. Warnings of imminent Tatar attack led to general alerts, and town walls were manned more densely—often by garrison servitors from other towns. Musketeers and hereditary servicemen escorted criers with news, orders, and calls to arms around the province. For example, the southern-most Iziium line was constructed by 30,000 men over several years. Provisioning Garrisons and Campaign Armies over Vast Distances Carol Belkin Stevens book cover In addition to supporting themselves on their own farm plots, southern servicemen were required to contribute grain for the support of campaign forces and people constructing new defenses farther south. They were responsible for carting this grain themselves to central storage depots, which could be a hundred miles or more away. Servicemen had to build granaries, warehouses, and river boats to move grain southward; they also worked on the docks. Stevens gives an amazing description of the first attempt to move campaign troops across the entire steppe to try to do battle with the Crimean Khanate on its own stronghold: The massive army led by Prince Golitsyn proceeded slowly across the steppe. It was organized with an advance guard of ten regiments, followed by a long rectangle made up of an estimated one hundred regiments and the supply train. In that long rectangle, the main infantry forces surrounded a moving barricade of 14, horse-drawn carts that were arranged in ten rows and flanked on the sides by 6, more carts in seventeen parallel rows. The front and flanks of this oblong—2. In addition, any such venture required the availability of at least some food, water, and wood along the route. By Muscovy could, by exerting extraordinary organizational effort, successfully gather more than enough food for that part of the , man army it chose to supply. Russian campaigns against the

Crimea, however, posed unusual problems in the disbursement of supply to a large army. Elsewhere in Europe, similar disbursement problems would be resolved partly by reliance on local agriculture and partly by a series of provision magazines, at regular and quite short intervals. Neither option was available for the Muscovites proceeding across scantily populated and hostile steppes against Crimea. It would take almost another century before the Crimea was conquered, by Catherine the Great. More on the Tatar Enemies Brian L. Rosenberg , in addition gives more of a sense of the Tatars the Russians battled against. In fact, given the importance of the south to all of Russian history and the shaping of its society even today, these books are important for anyone studying Russia period. Russian society was organized as a military chain of command, with no independently-organized power bases. For five centuries, the entire country was ever-prepared to fight against the raids and invasion which came multiple times virtually every year. You can follow any responses to this entry through the RSS 2. You can skip to the end and leave a response. Pinging is currently not allowed.

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