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Arrangement

Arranged in two series and four additions: Series I: German-Soviet Military Cooperation, 1918-1934. Series II. Soviet Tanks in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939.

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