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The dates used throughout are in the Old Style (Julian) calendar, which was twelve days behind the Western (Gregorian) calendar in the nineteenth century and thirteen days behind in the twentieth century.

The transliteration system used is a slightly modified version of the simplified form of the British Standard (BS 2979 – 1958), the main difference being that for diphthongs the forms *ay*, *ey*, *iy* (except in endings), *oy* and *uy* are preferred to *ai*, *ei*, *ii*, *oi* and *ui*.

Some of the more common terms which appear in the text in transliterated form have been anglicised in the formation of their plurals, e.g., kulaks, guberniyas. Other Russian terms have been retained in their original form and italicised; explanations for these terms have been provided in the text and in the Glossary.

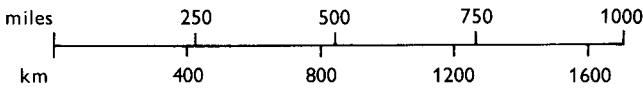
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