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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from Eberswalde

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REMARKS

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[redacted] 1. Prior to 10 October 1953, the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied by an estimated 3,500 troops and a headquarters of about 500 troops. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation [redacted] Prior to 10 October, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 3,700 troops. SU-249 gun No 3 13 and trucks [redacted] were seen entering the installation. The cantonment on Breidscheitstrasse was occupied by about 500 troops prior to 10 October.

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[redacted] 2. Between 2 and 9 October, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 3,500 troops and a headquarters of an estimated 500 troops. Driving practice with tanks and training in firing with rifles, submachine guns and machine guns were observed. Two armored personnel carriers [redacted] armored scout cars [redacted] 8 x 37-mm AA guns, and motor vehicles [redacted] were seen entering the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation.[1]

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[redacted] 4. Between 2 and 9 October, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 4,000 troops. Driving practice with tanks was seen as well as 3 x 85-mm AA guns and 8 x 120-mm mortars entering the installation. The cantonment on Breidscheitstrasse was occupied by about 500 troops.[1] On 4 October, a shipment of 42 motor vehicles and 3 armored scout cars passed through Eberswalde, coming from the direction of Bad Freienwalde and proceeding toward west.

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[redacted] 6. At 4 p.m. on 1 October, a column of 29 trucks carrying pontoons and each with 2 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets [redacted] passed through Finow, coming from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeding toward Finowfurth. At 5:30 p.m., the column was followed by another column of 15 trucks carrying several pontoons, 1 crane truck, and 1 field kitchen occupied by a total of about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on 3 October, a column of 44 empty trucks and 1 crane truck went vice versa. [redacted] the vehicles were identical with the columns observed on 4 October. On 8 October, 5 jeeps [redacted] occupied by field-grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen en route toward Finowfurth, coming from the direction of Eberswalde.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that, after the completion of the fall maneuvers, the installations mentioned were occupied to capacity on 9 and 10 October and the headquarters and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, as well as the known units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, were at the post. According to weapons observed, the 240th Gds Mort Regt of the division can be confirmed in the Artillerie Kaserne until 9 October.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] office of the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde until 11 August 1953, [redacted] tank repair shop in Eberswalde.

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] 33d Gds Sig Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Berneu. [redacted] unidentified unit in Zagorsk, Moscow MD. [redacted] unidentified unit in Baravukha, Belorussian MD.

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4. [redacted] Comment. Probably columns of units of the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which possibly participated in the known exercises north of Berlin. [redacted] columns which, on 1 October, proceeded toward Bernau, coming from the direction of Eberswalde and, on 3 October, were seen returning toward Eberswalde. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] unidentified unit in Mikhnevo, Moscow MD. [redacted] 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Eberswalde which could be confirmed until 3 October. [redacted] 93d Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bad Freienwalde until 13 August 1953.

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