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REMARKS

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1. At 2145 on 3 October 1954, a column of 13 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 armored personnel carriers and 24 trucks proceeded toward Magdeburg. The column came from the direction of Ebendorf northwest of Magdeburg. 25X1

2. At 0745 on 7 October, a train of 23 flatcars with 31 trucks and 2 field kitchens and 20 boxcars with personnel passed through Magdeburg and proceeded southward. [1] 25X1

3. Between 5 and 8 October, the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. After 5 October, approximately 60 trucks with TMP-type steel pontoons and 6 six-wheel amphibious vehicles were seen in the barracks yard. Numerous fresh imprints of vehicles tended to indicate that the units returned a short time before. Motor vehicles entered the installation. 25X1 25X1

4. Between 5 and 8 October, 2 six-wheel amphibious vehicles and 4 trucks were seen at the engineer equipment storage area of the Zuckerbusch Kaserne (5288) in Magdeburg. On 8 October, timber was unloaded from 5 trucks by approximately 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [2]

5. Between 5 and 8 October, the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [3]

6. Between 5 and 9 October, the Flak Kaserne (5282) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 5 October, 3 canvas-covered 85-mm AA guns and 12 trucks were seen in the barracks yard. Between 5 and 9 October, the AA emplacement east of the athletic field was still unoccupied. [4]

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7. Between 5 and 8 October, the Anger Kaserne (5284) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were recently observed there. 25X1
At 1030 on 5 October, 18 T-34 tanks were detrained at the Magdeburg-Brueckfeld railroad station and left for Herrenkrug Kaserne. 5 25X1

8. On 8 October, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) in Magdeburg was fully lighted. 25X1

9. On 5 October, JS-2 tanks were entrained at the Haldensleben railroad station. 6 25X1

10. At noon on 6 October, a train was made available at the Wolmirstedt railroad station. At about 1230, a train which carried heavy guns and trucks passed through the railroad station and proceeded toward Magdeburg. Trucks were seen in front of the Wolmirstedt railroad station. 7 25X1 25X1

11. At 0445 on 7 October, a train, which was headed toward Magdeburg, was seen in Meitzendorf northwest of Magdeburg. The train carried approximately 10 trucks or SP guns, 20 trucks and an undetermined number of soldiers on about 10 boxcars.
At 0500, a train with 15 tanks or SP guns, approximately 15 trucks and 12 boxcars was seen at the Barleben railroad station north of Magdeburg. The engine of the train was headed toward Magdeburg. 8 25X1
At 0800, a train with 8 JS-3 tanks and 6 to 10 trucks was seen at the Burg railroad station. 6 25X1

1. Comment. According to motor vehicle and the direction of travel, the train apparently carried units of the 7th Gds Tank Div which returned to Dessau from the Letzling Heath. Other information indicated that a shipment of tanks went in the same direction on 5 October. 25X1 25X1

2. Comment. According to other information, the bulk of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GSFG returned from the exercises of the Third Shock Army on 3 October. 25X1 25X1

3. Comment. Previous information indicated that the Nachrichten Kaserne was 30 percent occupied on 3 October. According to available information, elements of the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, except for the tank battalion, returned to the installation prior to 5 October. 25X1 25X1

4. Comment. Elements of the 3d Gds AAA Div and, according to the strength figure mentioned, units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div and the U/1 Hv AT Arty Regt of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig, which had been stationed in the installation before the summer training, had not yet returned to the Flak Kaserne on 9 October. 25X1 25X1

5. Comment. According to tank and installation, the detrained tanks belonged to the 19th Gds Mecz Div. Elements of the division stationed in the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne were still absent on 8 October. This was also indicated in a previous report. 25X1 25X1

6. Comment. The tanks which were entrained in Haldensleben belonged to the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army in Magdeburg on 5 October. For information on the return to Burg of units of this regiment, 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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7. [redacted] Comment. According to the motor vehicle [redacted] observed, the train carried units of the 34th Arty Div, the return of which to Potsdam from the exercises of the Third Shock Army was previously reported. [redacted] The vehicles seen in front of the station belonged to the 7th Gds Tank Div. 25X1 25X1

8. [redacted] Comment. This tank shipment of units which returned to their posts from the Letzling Heath may have belonged to either the 19th Gds Mecz Div, the 7th Gds Tank Div or the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army. 25X1

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