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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 10 February 1953, 44 motor vehicles and 1 prime mover, [redacted]

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were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station.¹ On 11 February, motor vehicles [redacted]

and 76.2-mm guns were unloaded from a troop train at the Oranienburg railroad station.²

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2. Major Nikiferov (fnu), chief of Trade Agency V, issued an order according to which vouchers should no longer be given to German drivers at the Main Supply Depot in Finow. The units stationed at Bernau will allegedly be transferred to the Templin troop training grounds in late March or early April 1953.³

3. At about 4 p.m. on 11 February, 25 to 30 trucks occupied by troops, and 4 field kitchens, [redacted]

[redacted] left the barracks installation west of Castavensee (lake), in the Fuerstenberg area, toward Wokuhl. Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 12 February, other columns left toward Wokuhl. After their departure, the installation was occupied by about 300 to 400 soldiers. During the night of 16 February, all units returned to the installation.⁴

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4. At 9:30 a.m. on 13 February, 12 trucks, each occupied by 18 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and including 6 trucks towing canvas-covered guns, presumably 76.2-mm AT guns, were seen on Bernauerallee, Oranienburg, proceeding toward Lehnitzbruecke (bridge). [redacted]

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[redacted] the column went toward Velten. At 11:20 a.m. on 16 February, 18 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, at 4:40 p.m., 20 trucks were seen en route in the same direction. [redacted] two technical sergeants with the latter column [redacted] belonged to Unit Ziminov and had previously been stationed in the Oranienburg castle. At 8 a.m. on 16 February, 24 T-34 tanks were seen on Bernauerallee, coming from the direction of the Lehnitzschleuse (lock) and proceeding toward Sachsenhausenerstrasse. [redacted] the tanks went toward Kremmen via Hohenbruch. Between 13 and 20 February, drivers' school Markin daily practiced with driving school trucks [redacted]

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8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., three T-34 tanks were daily seen at driving practice in the tank training area.⁵

5. At 11:30 a.m. on 22 February, a troop train consisting of 10 boxcars occupied by personnel, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 39 trucks, 2 full-track trucks, 2 x 100-mm AT guns and 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns was being unloaded at the Bernau railroad station. The train had come from the direction of Eberswalde.⁶ On 25 February, the Schuetzen Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne, Eberswalde, were occupied to capacity, whereas the cantonment on Breitscheidtstrasse was occupied by only a rear detail. On 23 February, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity. The motor vehicles were on blocks.⁸
6. On 23 February, 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 24 trucks, were loaded on a train, consisting of 10 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 30 flatcars, at the Dallgow railroad station. The train went to Forst Zinna. The unit returned on 26 February. On 24 February, a train, consisting of 6 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 26 flatcars, was loaded with 12 x 120-mm mortars, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, about 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 30 trucks, at the Dallgow railroad station for Jueterbog-Altes Lager.⁷
7. In the afternoon of 27 February, two troop trains were loaded at the Dallgow railroad station. The first train carried 12 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 guns, 35 to 40 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 1 jeep, 1 field kitchen, and about 300 troops. The second train carried 8 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 guns, about 45 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 1 field kitchen, and about 300 soldiers.¹⁰
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2. Comment. the guns belonged to an unidentified AT unit of the Second Gds Mecz Army. The train may have carried units of the 2d Light Arty Brig which, however were not detained in Oranienburg but went to Neustrelitz,
3. Comment. Major Nikuferov probably is Chief of Trade, Agency V of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde.
4. Comment. observed the departure of the bulk of the 33d Gds Mts Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div for winter exercises, which were held by the division between 12 and 15 February in the area north of Neuruppin.
5. Comment. The units observed probably belonged to the 25th Tank Div. It is not impossible that the units participated in exercises of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the area northeast of Rathenow, although the barracks installations in Oranienburg appeared to be occupied to capacity on 19 February.

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[redacted] one Unit Zimilov stationed in the Oranienburg castle. This unit probably is Unit Ziminov mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present report. Lieutenant Colonel Markin (fnu) is [redacted] chief of the drivers' school of the 25th Tank Div. He may be commanding officer or administrative officer of the unidentified motor transport battalion of the division.

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6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the unidentified army AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army had been detained after their return from the exercises of the army in the area northeast of Rathenow.

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7. Field Comment. After the completion of the exercises in the area northeast of Rathenow, the bulk of the headquarters and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army as well as the units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div can again be carried in their part Eberswalde. Only the signal unit stationed in the cantonment on Breitscheidtstrasse, which probably left for the exercises on 12 February, may have still been engaged in the dismantling of lines in the training area. [redacted]

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9. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div [redacted] probably engaged in advanced combat practice firing at the Jueterbog troop training grounds.

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10. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the 2d Light Arty Brig [redacted] may have moved to Jueterbog for advanced combat practice firing.

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