

SECURITY INFORMATION
REPORT

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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from the Weisswasser Training Area

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 25 March 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED information

1. On 2 March 1953, 3 T-34 tanks stood east of Camp Nochten at the Weisswasser troop training grounds. On 3 March, 30 soldiers practiced aiming with rifles in the eastern section of Camp Nochten, while about 60 other soldiers organized in groups apparently received instruction in the training area. Between 4 and 5 p.m. on 5 March, 4 trucks and 6 T-34 tanks and a tank chassis were detrained at the Weisswasser railroad station. The vehicles drove toward Camp Nochten.¹

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2. On the morning of 4 March, a convoy of 20 trucks and another convoy of 20 to 30 sidecar motorcycles drove toward Cottbus along the Spremberg-Cottbus road.²

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3. [REDACTED] the sawmill was closed and that all workers had been discharged. It was said that the residents living in the vicinity of the mill would be resettled in Mecklenburg, as the area was to be vacated for the Soviet Army.

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4. At about 4:30 p.m. on 5 March, a troop train which came from the direction of Spremberg was detrained at the Weisswasser railroad station. T-34 tanks [REDACTED] tanks [REDACTED] 1 tank chassis and truck [REDACTED] with about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were unloaded and subsequently marched toward Camp Nochten. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 5 March, 2 officers and about 20 soldiers drilled at group level on the tank firing range, while about 20 other soldiers engaged in entrenching work along the southern border of the firing range. At about 10 a.m. on 9 March, firing with live ammunition, apparently by tanks, was heard for about 10 minutes. Prior to 9 March, Camp Nochten quartered only a guard detail of 100 to 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] drove to the Weisswasser railroad station, occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and coming from Camp Nochten. [REDACTED] the bulk of Soviet units would arrive at the troop training grounds in mid-March.³

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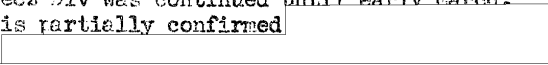
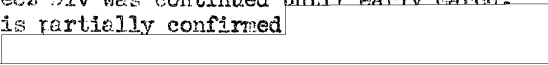

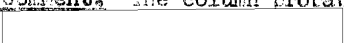

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1.  Comment. The present report indicates that tank firing practice of the 9th Mecz Div was continued until early March. The train on 5 March is partially confirmed  of the present report  25X1
2.  Comment. The column probably returned from the Baruth training area.  25X1
3.  Comment. Last year, the majority of the 9th Mecz Div was moved to the troop training grounds in mid-April. No information has been received that the units will move to the troop training grounds for summer training prior to mid-April.

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