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TOPIC General Military Information

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS [redacted]

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1. On 7 April 1953, columns of up to 4 trucks occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying billeting equipment were seen moving along the Pritzwalk-Wittstock road [redacted]

2. On 13 April, about 80 soldiers practiced the construction of stages while about 60 other soldiers practiced with case mines in field positions [redacted]

3. Between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 14 April, 3 trains with materiel from the Flak Kaserne were loaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The shipments consisted of each 6 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars and 28 flatcars. Two trains carried a total of 15 x 57-mm AT guns, 52 trucks [redacted]

The trucks were loaded with ammunition and billeting equipment. The trains were bound for Altengrabow. About 2 p.m., 40 trucks, 10 x 76.2-mm AT guns, and 6 x 100-mm AT guns stood in the Flak Kaserne, ready for departure.

4. On 14 April, detraining operations began at Hillersleben and Neuhaldenleben. On 14 April, 1 shipment was unloaded and, on 15 April, three shipments with 33 T-43 tanks, 15 JS-3 tanks and 70 motor vehicles [redacted]

The troops marched toward the camp in the woods at Neuplanken. On 16 and 17 April, more trains arrived from the direction of Magdeburg and Oebisfelde. An estimated 100 T-43 tanks, 10 light AA guns, 200 motor vehicles, 20 light armored scout cars, 50 motorcycles and 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived on the trains [redacted]

1. Comment. [redacted] It is assumed that units of the 18th Mecz Div made preparations for the occupation of the Wittstock troop training grounds.

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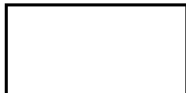
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3. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Units of the 20th Army AT Brig (US) transferred to Altengrabow for summer training.

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4. [Redacted] Comment. The arrival and detrainment of about 133 T-34/85 tanks, 15 JS tanks, 10 light AA guns, 20 armored scout cars, 270 motor vehicles and 50 motorcycles [Redacted] were made by units of the 7th Gds Tank Div whose departure from the posts of Zerbst and Rosslau [Redacted] The movement toward Waldlager Huetten, also called Neuplanken, corresponds with previous conclusions on the quartering areas of the abovementioned division in Letzling Heath.

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