

COUNTY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Military Information from Jena

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [redacted]

1. On 28 June 1953, the situation in Jena was normal again. At noon on 2 July, Soviet patrols and sentries were withdrawn from the town and partially replaced by WP sentries with dogs.
2. The gates of the barracks installation in Loebstedt were closed. Guard and patrol service by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was normal. On 2 July, three trucks and five small armored vehicles apparently were still assembled in the barracks yard. Except for athletics with up to 200 EM participating daily, no training activity was observed. On 1 July, 200 to 300 troops were entrained at the railroad station and left toward Weimar. A detail of the same strength returned to the barracks installation. On 3 July, [redacted] loaded with laundry entered the installation. 25X1B
3. The gates of the barracks installation in Zwaetzen were also closed, and guard and patrol service was normal. There was no activity at the installation except for athletics. On 1 July, 200 to 300 EM from the Zwaetzen barracks installation were also rotated. Source believed that the rear details in the barracks installations in Loebstedt and Zwaetzen were not reinforced, and that the units were still at the troop training grounds.¹
4. At 8 p.m. on 1 July, a troop train carrying 20 trucks and 12 artillery pieces with long barrels passed through the Jena railroad station toward Gera.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. The status of occupation in Jena remains the same as prior to 17 June 1953. [redacted]. There are no reports that [redacted] as to Weimar and Zeitz, units from Ohrdruf were also dispatched to Jena.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The troop train probably hauled elements of the 308th Arty Brig (US) from Ohrdruf to Gera. Compare with a similar shipment in a previous report. See [redacted]

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