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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Altengrabow Troop Training Grounds</u>		
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED</u>		

1. On 29 July 1954, the completion of an unloading was observed at the Altengrabow railroad station. About 20 trucks with billeting equipment left toward the south camp. 12 tanks had also been detrained and had left in the same direction. 1
2. On 29 July, the north and south camps and the cantonment south of the camps were occupied to capacity by a total of 9000 to 10,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Intensive training was observed in the training area north of the north camp. About 200 soldiers engaged in field training and many soldiers received instruction on 3.57-mm AA guns, 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 6 x 100-mm mortars. About 20 to 25 howitzers of 120-mm to 150-mm caliber were seen in the woods southwest of the north camp. About 180 motor vehicles, mostly trucks, were seen at the adjoining parking lot. A column of about 10 trucks with about 300 soldiers, 8 x 57-mm AA guns and 16 x 100-mm prime movers left the south camp and went south. In the afternoon of the same day, individual reports of medium artillery pieces were heard. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the camps.

1. Comment. a shipment with 14 tanks of the 1st Mech Div went to Altengrabow as early as 22 July. The present information is possible, although it does not check with previous procedures. It is possible that special exercises of tanks and artillery were held at that time.

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2. Comment. The artillery units of the IV Arty Corps and the Third Shock Army are confirmed in Altengrabow until late July

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the First Gds Mech Army, the Eighth Gds Army and the 308th Arty Brig, which were also observed in Altengrabow, confirm the movements between late June and mid-July of the units of the unidentified artillery brigade of the First Gds Mech Army, the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army and the 708th Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. The 34th Arty Div and the 65th Mort Brig are identified by guns and heavy mortars observed.

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