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TOPIC <u>Military Activity in the Area of Mechanized Division Eggesin</u>		
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1. In the evening of 21 July, 18 T-34s [] moved from Karpin installation to the Eggesin railroad station where they were loaded by midnight. The shipment was bound for a training unit in Grossenhain and Erfurt. The drivers remained with the tanks. It was said that new tanks of type T-43 were delivered to replace those turned in.¹
2. On 22 and 23 July, regimental exercises were conducted in the Ahlbeck-Hintersee-Glashuette area. On 25 July, a command post exercise by Mechanized Division Eggesin began. It was scheduled to last until 31 July. The area south, southwest and southeast of Karpin as far as the autobahn near Penkun was chosen as training area. All field-grade officers of the division participated. The first phase of the exercise included a river crossing in pneumatic rafts over the Randow River and the formation of a bridge head by an engineer unit.²
3. Artillery and AT artillery units from the Karpin installation, which were temporarily stationed in summer camps, were said to have returned to their post about 10 July.³
4. Captain Pietka, assistant to the chief of staff of the 2d Mech Regt was transferred to Berlin.
5. On 24 July, soldiers who served with the KVP for five and more years were awarded a medal "For Meritorious Service" by the division commander.
6. The raw brick buildings of officers' billets at the eastern town exit of Eggesin were completed. Upon request by the KVP, enlargement work on the track system at Eggesin railroad station will be started soon.
7. On the morning of 25 July, at least 400 KVP officers marched from the Karpin installation to Eggesin where they were awarded medals for meritorious service.
8. On 28 July, 4 T-34/85s were entrained in Eggesin.
9. Almost daily between 12 July and 30 July, small units with field equipment were seen leaving or entering the Karpin area. Tanks were seen only seldom in the second half of July. Troops still practiced firing with carbines, light machine guns and mortars. Firing from artillery pieces was also heard.

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10. From 7 to 13 August, Mechanized Division Eggesin is scheduled to conduct AA firing on Basse in Zingst.

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1.  Comment. The tanks belong to mechanized regiments and the motorcycle battalion. Another report mentioned a total of 26 or 30 tanks. Receivers of the tanks may be the tank officer school in Grossenhain and the tank technical officer school in Erfurt. It is assumed that the elements of Mechanized Division Eggesin turned in T-34/76 tanks and, in return, received T-34/85 tanks which are also called as T-43 tanks.

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2.  Comment. The regimental exercises mentioned are believed to have been command-post exercises, since no heavy weapons were identified in connection with the exercises.

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