

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED]TOPIC Military Activity in the First Gds Mech Army Area

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 20 October 1954, the barracks installation (8242) in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and motor transport insignia. Forty soldiers received field training and 12 soldiers constructed tank obstacles in the training area. JS-2 tank [REDACTED] and JS-3 tank [REDACTED] entered the installation from the direction of Taucha. [REDACTED]

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2. On 21 October, the barracks installation (8241) in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by approximately 900 soldiers. Sentries seen wore black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The installation has an estimated capacity of 1,400 to 1,500 soldiers. Thirty soldiers with entrenching tools entered the installation from the direction of Lindenau. 2

3. Between 10 and 26 October, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied almost to capacity by approximately 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and motor transport insignia. The following observations were made between 13 and 26 October:

13 October. At 0730, JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and JSU-122 gun [REDACTED] left the installation and proceeded northeastward via Taucha.

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16 October. At 0730, JS-2 tank [REDACTED] and JSU-122 guns [REDACTED] returned to the installation from a night exercise: the vehicles came from a northeasterly direction and passed through Taucha.

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19 October. At 0815, a truck with approximately 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 4 T-34 tanks [REDACTED] entered the installation from the direction of Eilenburg.

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20 October. At 1100, JS-2 tank [] and JSU-122 gun [] were seen en route to the installation. They came from the direction of Taucha.

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26 October. At 0645, 4 tanks entered the installation; they came from an easterly direction and passed through Taucha. 1

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5. Military shipments observed at the Taucha railroad station included:

11 October. At 2000, 10 tanks, several tank trucks and other trucks were unloaded.

A total load of 454 tons was unloaded from 19 railroad cars from Koenigsbrueck.

19 October. A train with trucks and armored personnel carriers, passed through Taucha and proceeded toward Leipzig.

20 October. At 1900, a train of 60 railroad cars, mostly gondola cars, with tanks and trucks proceeded toward Leipzig. 3

6. On 25 October, the Panzer Kaserne (1161) in Borna was occupied to capacity. Five tanks, presumably T-34/65 tanks [] were seen outside of the sheds. Intensive activity was observed in the barracks area. Truck [] and sedan [] entered the installation. 4

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7. On 21 and 22 October, the barracks installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf (1601) was occupied as follows:

North section: by approximately 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 40 to 50 M-13 rocket launchers and 80 to 100 motor vehicles, mostly trucks. Vehicles seen in front of the motor vehicle sheds and the repair shop included trucks []

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South section: by approximately 600 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, mostly with signal insignia. Many telephone masts, insulators and boxes were seen in the storage area. 5

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8. Between 0800 and 0900 on 22 October, a troop train was unloaded at the Meissen freight station. Several trucks [redacted] carried boxes to Zaschendorf and returned empty to the railroad station. Soldiers observed during the unloading wore red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. 6
9. At 1530 on 16 October, approximately 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were accompanied to the Meissen railroad station by a military band which subsequently went to the barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitzsch (1602) on trucks [redacted] and ambulance [redacted]. Three T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 3 trucks and 2 jeeps were seen in the north section of this installation. Trucks [redacted] entered and left the installation. 7
10. On 24 October, [redacted] the barracks installation in Dresden-Nickern (1308) was occupied by several thousand soldiers, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets. Approximately 70 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. 8
11. At about 1730 on 20 October, an engineer column of approximately 25 vehicles was seen on the Meissen-Dresden road. The column included 1 amphibious vehicle, 3 trucks carrying 3 motorboats, 6 trucks with personnel [redacted] and 10 trucks with pontoons and bridge building equipment [redacted] 9
12. On 18 October, the following movements were observed at the Koenigsbrueck training grounds:
- Between 1100 and 1400, a shipment arrived in Koenigsbrueck from the direction of Dresden. It consisted of 15 trucks [redacted] 12 tank trucks [redacted] 3 four-wheel armored personnel carriers [redacted] 2 six-wheel armored personnel carriers [redacted] 1 armored scout car and 1 ambulance. About 1500, 25 to 30 trucks including 4 trucks occupied by soldiers, 2 trucks with field kitchens and the others carrying beams and boards and 1 truck [redacted] 15 to 20 tank trucks [redacted] 2 ambulances, 1 radio truck, 1 jeep and 6 armored personnel carriers [redacted] 10
1. Comment. The observations indicate that the Heiterblick kaserne was again occupied by the units which had been stationed there prior to the training period. The tanks observed between 13 and 26 October probably belong to the 67th Tank Tng Bn. [redacted]
2. Comment. It is believed that the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was much heavier occupied on 21 October than reported, since large elements of the units had probably returned to the post at that time.

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3. Comment. [redacted] The shipments which passed through Taucha and proceeded toward Leipzig on 19 and 20 October, probably involved additional units from the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau. 25X1
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4. Comment. [redacted] the units returned to the Panzer Kaserne in Borna on 23 and 24 October. The installation is quite definitely believed to be occupied again by the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mech Div. [redacted] 25X1
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5. Comment. The installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf is occupied as previously. The north section is believed to be occupied by the U/i RL Regt of the First Gds Mech Army and the south section by the U/i Sig Regt of the First Gds Mech Army. The strength figure and the type of signal equipment observed definitely indicate an army signal regiment, rather than a smaller unit. 25X1
6. Comment. The shipment probably came from the Koenigsbrueck training area. 25X1
7. Comment. The observations confirm the presence in the north section of the installation of a tank unit, presumably a medium tank regiment of the 11th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] 25X1
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8. Comment. The 27th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, the 399th Gds How Arty Regt and the 9th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div were previously believed to be stationed in the installation in Mickern. Information in the present report fails to identify the units stationed there. 25X1
9. Comment. Elements of the U/i Engr Regt of the First Gds Mech Army probably returned to Dresden from the Muehlberg training area. 25X1
10. Comment. The movements are believed to be connected with exercises of elements of the First Gds Mech Army. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] elements of all **divisions** of the army 25X1
were still stationed in the Koenigsbrueck area.

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