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quarters or arrival of entire troop units were the army units of GSFG. Armament and mobility were improved consideral of field guns, armored wheeled vehicles and mo spite of the assumed discharge of members of t classes who had been inducted in 1951, the per increased after the completion of the personne in mid-December 1954 from approximately 350,00 375000 men. More than 50 percent of the author enlisted men and NCOs were recruits. In addition to intensive individual training a practices, training concentrated on march prac exercises and advanced combat exercises which January and involved units up to battalion str	bly by the arrival otor vehicles. In the 1931 and 1932 rsonnel strength el exchange program DO men to approximately rized number of and winter firing ctices, night started in early
<u>GERMANY</u> Change of Quarters.	
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After the arrival of approximately 186,000 recruits, the number of Soviet soldiers stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany increased by at least 25,000 men. From preceding years, it is known that this increase will be compensated by losses caused by sickness or detachment. In 1954, this increase amounted to only 15,000 men. If the authorized strength was actually increased, the measure may have been caused by the reequipment. The arrivals did not include trained personnel. According to the above computations, more than 50 percent of the authorized number of enlisted personnel and NCOs are recruits.

### Training.

4. The high percentage of recruits agrees with observations after 1 December, according to which intensive basic training was held in the installations and, after a few weeks, advanced combat practices started at the post training grounds. Beginning in early January, training activities included march practices in groups up to battalion level, driving practices of large columns, night exercises and winter bivouacs probably as preparation for major exercises. Two weeks earlier than usual and in shorter periods, winter firing practices of the artillery and AAA units statted at the training grounds in early January. See Annex 2.

### Transportation.

- 5. a.During December, the traffic situation of the GDR Railroads was subjected to a greater strain owing to seasonal circumstances and an increased volume of inner-zonal freight and transit traffic. The situation improved to a certain extent in January which normally is the month with the smallest volume of traffic. On the other hand, rail breakages caused by frost led to disturbances in railroad operations which in some cases were of major proportion. The Soviet occupation power mostly claimed freight space for units engaged in winter firing practices.
  - b. The railroad coal situation continued to be critical. On 21 December 1954, coal stocks dropped to an all-time low of 1.9 days' requirements. This situation necessitated extraordinary measures such as the confiscation of coal earmarked for household or industrial use. In the meantime, coal stocks increased again to 3.6 days' requirements. These stocks are so low that even minor delays in hard coal imports are bound to have serious effects. The utilization of substitute fuels for locomotives such as raw brown coal and slurry coal will do little to remedy the situation because this coal has a very low calorific value.

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6. Rail traffic across GDR border stations had no unusual features. As was the case in previous years, traffic was rather lively in December in connection with efforts to fulfil the annual production quotas, but it decreased considerably in January.

The following points are noted in detail:

- a. The annual personnel rotation program was concluded in early December.
- b. The dominant feature of military supply traffic was an increase in the motor vehicle replacement program. Individual shipments of artillery pieces, armored personnel carriers, and aircraft crates also arrived.
- c. Grain imports from the USSR were resumed at a heavy rate, especially via Guben.
- d. Uranium ore transports to the USSR continued to be directed exclusively via Frankfurt/Oder. As was the case in previous years, the volume of shipments increased in December in connection with efforts to fulfil the annual delivery quotas. In November 1954, a total of 748 carloads representing 11,123 tons were dispatched.
- e. Crude oil imports from Austria were normal during the reported period. In November 1954, 47,990 tons of crude oil were imported.
- f. Hard coal imports from Poland fluctuated greatly. In December, coal deliveries dropped considerably which condition brought about a critical situation in the Reichsbahn coal supply.
- g. Export shipments, especially railroad cars, machinery, and chemical products increased considerably toward the end of the year, probably also in connection with efforts to fulfil delivery quotas.

## 7. Miscellaneous

a. The GDR Ministry of Railroads was converted into a Ministry of Traffic which also includes as Main Administrations the former State Secretariats for Shipping and for Motor Traffic and Roads. At the same time, several main departments of the railroads administrations were merged. Chwalek was replaced as Minister of Traffic by Smin Kramer, previously first deputy minister. This is the first time in several years that an expert is again in charge of the GDR traffic system. There was a reshuffle of personnel in top positions of the ministry of Traffic.

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- b. The boundaries of all RBD were unexpectedly modified after 2 January 1955. Some of the changes were considerable. The revision of these boundaries had been planned since the fall of 1954, but it appears that it required the initiative of the new GDR Minister of Traffic to put them into effect. The modification of RBD boundaries which involves problems of administration and operations is connected with the introduction of the Soviet-type dispatcher system. At the same time, the number of Reichsbahnaemter (railroad subdistrict
  offices) (RBA) was reduced. By 1 April 1955, the number of RBAs is to be decreased from 37 to 27. The latter measure was designed to save personnel.
- c. d.
- e. The railroad viaduct over the Neisse River near Goerlitz which has been completed for a long time was not yet in operation at the end of the year.
- f. The reconstruction of the destroyed railroad bridge over the Oder River at Zaeckerick/Neuruednitz and of the dismantled single-track Wriezen - Neuruednitz railroad line is to be completed in 1955.
- The second track of the Guben Cottbus railroad line, the reconstruction of which had been delayed for years because of a shortage of construction materials, is to be rebuilt in 1955.

### Supply

- 8. a. During the reported period, the motor vehicle replacement program continued; the rate of shipments increased in December and again decreased in January. Prior to mid-January 1955, approximately 8,000 2- and 3-axle trucks and at least 300 sedans were observed arriving. Since not all motor vehicle shipments could be observed, perhaps up to 10,000 trucks arrived in the GDR. Approximately 6,000 trucks were returned to the USSR.
  - b. Aircraft crates have again been observed passing through GDR border stations since mid-December. Prior to 4 January 1955, three scipments with a total of at least 30 crates were counted.

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### Kasernierte Volkspolizei

### Order of Battle

9. During the period under review, the bulk of the KVP units and schools were stationed in their known quartering areas. In November, the activation of an AAA unit started in the Strausberg-Eggersdorf Kaserne (4806) which had previously been occupied by the guard regiment and the truck regiment of the MdI/KVP. The new unit is assumed to be an AAA regiment which,

received personnel and 85-mm and 37-mm AA guns from Pasewalk, Potsdam and, possibly, Altwarp. At the same time, additional units were apparently activated or scheduled to be activated. The former Pionier Kaserne (4164) in Berlin-Karishorst, which previously belonged to the Soviet restricted area, was turned over to the KVP, allegedly for a KVP school.

### Dispositions

- 10. The beginning of a regular training on 1 December was affected by detachments for harvesting of turnips, and by the arrival of recruits. In December, training was therefore restricted to general drill and small-scale exercises in the vicinity of the posts. On Christmas and New Year, 50 percent of the personnel were on leave. Intensive training started only after 3 January and concentrated on advanced combat training at company and, occasionally, battalion level prior to 20 January. A staff or command post exercise was held at the Jaegerbrueck training grounds near Pasewalk between 10 and 14 January. On 20 December, a KVP unit with approximately 60 tanks was unloaded in Gross-Wudicke, quartered in the camp at the Ferchels-Mahlitz training area. Simultaneously or shortly after the unloadeng, additional units apparently transferred to the training area where major exercises and firing practices of heavy weapons and tanks were continually observed until 20 January. officer course started there on 3 January and that students from the motor transport officer school in Potsdam were rotated to the school. On 6 January, Ulbricht and Paulus inspected the practicing units. The inspection terminated with a parade. The exercises were apparently to discontinue in late January, since restrictions on personnel were to be removed on 28 January.
- 11. Intensive recruiting continued also after 15 December, allegedly because additional personnel was required for the activation of cadres for the National Forces. It is believed that, by mid-January, discharges were compensated for by arrivals. Since the filling-up of Korps Sued was given priority, Korps Nord will not receive additional personnel. On 14 December, the first seven low brick buildings of the installations under construction in Spremberg were occupied by units from the Panzerjaeger Kaserne (3461). It

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is believed that many recruits will arrive there soon. After November 1954, numerous KVPs, predominantly officers, were transferred from Korps Nord to Korps Sued. During the period under review, an unusually large number of recruits arrived in the barracks installation in Eggersdorf (4806), probably in connection with the activation of new units in this installation.

- 12. Special courses on atomic warfare included one which was held in Karpin (4402) near Eggesin from 8 to 28 November 1954. A second course with the following topics "Radioactive Warfare Agents" and "Decontamination of Combat Areas" started there on 9 January. A third course was scheduled to be held in Schwerin-Sternbuchholz in February 1955.
- 13. Arrival of new motor vehicles continued at the same level. In mid-January, several tank shipments allegedly arrived for the tank units of the Mech Div Dresden stationed in Spremberg. On 21 January, 4 tanks of a type not observed there before, possibly JS-3 tanks or JSU-122 guns, arrived in Oranienburg.

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14.	According to available information, the Soviet troop units in	
	Austria were stationed at their known posts during the period	05.74
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	Doellersheim training grounds was occupied during the second half	
	of January, probably by units which were to conduct firing practices. in Klosterneuburg, units of the 13th Gds	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Mecz Div from this post may have been involved.	
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The Apetlon AAA firing range has apparently been occupied by AAA units from the Soviet Zone of Austria since 19 January.

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The arrival of new motor vehicles, presumably in connection with the previously mentioned motor vehicle exchange program, continued.

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# Exercises and Winter Firing Practices of Soviet Units at Training

Grounds between 1 December 1954 and 1 February 1955.

### ALTENGRABOW Firing Range.

Date	Number of Shipments	Shipments and/or Activities	Units
December			
14 to 23	2	GERA-ALTENGRABOW )	presumably 308th Arty Brig/
14 00 2)	2	ALTENGRABOW-GERA	XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps
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24	1	WILDPARK-ALTENGRABOW )	152-mm Gun How Btry of of 34th
27	1	ALTENGRABOW-WILDPARK	Arty Div confirmed
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January			
5	1	DALLGOW - ALTENGRABOW )	elements 2d Light Arty Brig/
9	1	ALTENGRABOW - DALLGOW )	Second Gds Mecz Army
		) )	confirmed
8	1	DALLGOW - ALTENGRABOW )	
13	2	DALLGOW - ALTENGRABOW )	
5	1	BRANDENBURG - ALTENGRABOW)	
8	1	ALTENGRABOW - BRANDENBURG)	elements 124th Hv How Brig/
15	1	BRANDENBURG - ALTENGRABOW)	6th Arty Div confirmed
23 and 24		BRANDENBURG - ALTENGRABOW)	······································
26 and 27	2	ALTENGRABOW - BRANDENBURG)	
c	1	MAGDEBURG - ALTENGRABOW	
5 13	1	STENDAL – ALTENGRABOW	
1)	-		arty /
	1	NEURUPPIN - ALTENGRAOBW	arty units/12th Gds Tank Div
			confirmed
	1	HALBERSTADT - ALTENGRABOW	
10	-	CHEMNITZ - ALTENGRABOW )	
12	1	JOH.GEORGENSTADT - )	units /6th Gds AAA Div confirmed
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		ALTENGIADOW /	
13	1	KOENIGSBRUECK-ALTENGRABOW	
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13	1	MEISSEN - ALTENGRABOW	
18	1	ALTENGRABOW - MEISSEN	

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## Third Shock Army

January 11	2	from MAGDEBURG -BRUECKFELD
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31	1	" SCHWERIN

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Janua <b>ry</b> 15	1	from LUDWIGSLUST
16	1	" DRANSE

## First Gds Mecz Army

January 13	1	from KOENIGSBRUECK	including 12x76-mm AA guns
18	2	" DRESDEN	including medium and light

#### 2nd Gds Mech Army

January 13	1	from VELTEN
15	1	from FUERSTENBERG

### <u>4th Gds Mecz Army</u> January

12 2 from NEUSTRELITZ

14 2 from FUERSTENWALDE

## AAA units of the Air Force

January 12	1	from FINSTERWALDE	including 8 x 85-mm AA guns and 4 four-barreled AA guns
14	2	from PARCHIM	-

# ZETRIALE Staining Grounds

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Continuous **extreme of units** of the 9th Tank Div from RIESA and OSCHATZ, after 15 January in units up to company strength.

# ZEITZER FORST Training Grounds

Continuous exercises including infantry and tank firing practices, night exercises and bivouacs of the 308th Arty Brig, the tank training unit from GERA and the 20th Gds Mecz Div.

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