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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	25X1
TOPIC	Military Activity in the Area of the Third Shock Army		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1	
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DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED		25X1
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REFERENCES			
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REMARKS			
This is UNEVALUATED Information			
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1. At 0600 on 18 February 1955, approximately 100 trucks with 35 to 40 85-mm AT guns moved out of the Flak Kaserne [] in Brandenburg and went toward the town. On 19 February, the installation was illuminated about 20 percent.¹ 25X1

2. At 1220 on 12 February 1955, 12 x 37-mm AA guns and 32 trucks were entrained at the Haldensleben railroad station for shipment toward Magdeburg. The units had arrived at the station from a northerly direction at 0600.² At 0700 on 13 February, a train carrying AT guns, trucks and soldiers passed through Haldensleben railroad station from the direction of Magdeburg and proceeded toward Oebisfelde. At 0730 another train was seen en route in the same direction. It carried 12 AT guns, presumably of 57-mm on an undetermined number of flatcars and soldiers on 12 boxcars. 25X1

3. The following columns crossed Strassenbruecke Nord (Wilhelm Pieck Bridge) in Magdeburg on 13 February:
At 1530: 17 trucks with soldiers and a gun, presumably a 122-mm field howitzer. 25X1

At 1600: 2 armored personnel carriers, 18 trucks, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars, 3 radio trucks, 1 ambulance and 1 field kitchen. 25X1

Both columns were en route westward.⁴

4. At 1730 on 15 February, the following column which came from the direction of town moved into the Flak Kaserne (5641) in Wismar:
6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 29 trucks with approximately 420 soldiers, 2 radio trucks and 2 ambulances. 25X1

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1. Comment. These were units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig which presumably left for firing at Altengrabow. 25X1
2. Comment. These were possibly AAA units of the 3d Gds AAA Div or of the 19th Gds Mecz Div which returned to Magdeburg from firing practices at Letzling Heath. 25X1
3. Comment. During the same period, 3 shipments went from Halberstadt to Gardelegen as was inferred from official records. The trains may be identical with the shipments mentioned. 25X1
4. Comment. these were units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div which were probably transferred to Letzling Heath for short-term firing practices. 25X1
5. Comment. The weapons indicate that units of the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt and of the 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were observed. They are believed to have returned from firing practices in Letzling Heath where they had been transferred in two shipments on 6 February. 25X1

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