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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities observed prior to 11 April 1955:

1. General:
  - a. Winter exercises by Soviet divisions were completed by early April. However, target practices and some short exercises for combined units continued. More T-54's arrived. An apparent command post exercise, with units from all mechanized armies participating, started in the Lieberose area in early April.
  - b. KVP personnel were transferred from the Mechanized Division Potsdam, allegedly for the establishment of new units. There is continued recruiting in order to replace personnel to be released.
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:  
 An exercise, probably held by units of the 9th Guards Tank Division, took place from 18 to 25 March, possibly in the area north of Mirow.
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:  
 Units believed to have been subordinate to the 7th Guards Tank Division took part in an exercise in the southwestern part of Letzling Heath from 17 to 22 March and on 24 March.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:  
 On 30 March, 18 T-54's intended for the 10th Guards Tank Division were unloaded at Satzkorn. On 1 April, an element of tanks was sent for exercises from Satzkorn to Hillersleben.

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5. Third Shock Army:

From 27 to 30 March, strong elements of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division from Magdeburg had firing practices at Letzling Heath. On 1 April, the railroad district office at Wittenberge was charged with traffic planning in this area for the prospective occupation of the summer camps.

6. Fourth Artillery Corps:

On 1 April, 23 heavy prime movers were shipped from Brest-Litovsk to Brandenburg. The 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade has now received a total of about 65 prime movers with T-34 chassis.

7. GSFG Troops:

From 25 March to 2 April, 22 shipments took units of various armies to the area of the Lieberose troop training grounds. The shipments included one or two from the First, Second and Fourth Mechanized Armies; another 14 shipments came from the Third Guards Mechanized Army and possibly from GSFG headquarters, and four more from Altengrabow. The units were possibly about to participate in a signal command post exercise.

8. KVP:

a. The Rifle Regiment Rostock held combat practices in the Hagenow area from 14 to 16 March. The 2nd Mechanized Regiment Potsdam had returned from Klietz on 24 March. The Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment Potsdam reportedly was to return from Altengrabow on 7 April. During the second half of March, elements stationed in Oranienburg held a large number of night exercises in the Lehnitz area. Between 19 and 22 March, three shipments left Prora, probably for the Hagenow-Fritzler area.

b. In late March, about 250 officers and enlisted men were transferred from Potsdam units, allegedly in order to join new units which are yet to be established. The arrival of 800 recruits in Potsdam is expected in the near future. After 7 April, some KVP personnel were to be granted Easter furloughs.

9. Miscellaneous:

Since early in April, a continuous recruiting campaign has been waged by such organizations as the Athletic and Technical Association (GST) and the Free German Youth (FDJ). The campaign is allegedly designed to fill vacancies, and not to establish an East German national army.



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