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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities

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A. General:

There was intensive training, predominantly consisting of artillery firing and night exercises. Additional tanks and armored personnel carriers arrived in East Germany. Rear services were transferred from Austria to Hungary.

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B. Dispositions:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 8th Guards Mechanized Division: Prior to 24 June, units from Borna and Lurzen and elements from Leipzig were observed at Koenigsbruck. 25X1
- b. 11th Guards Tank Division: The tank regiment was absent from Meissen between 1 and 22 June.
- c. 9th Tank Division: Night firing with tanks and guns took place at Zeithain on 17 June. 25X1

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 88th Engineer Regiment: On 24 June, elements evacuated the training area at the Havel river north of Rathenow.
- b. 12th Guards Tank Division: During the second half of June, there was increased training activity, including firing with tanks, artillery and infantry at the Wittstock training grounds; T-54's were employed in night firing at unlit targets, apparently with night sighting equipment.
- c. 1st Mechanized Division: During the second half of June, there was increased training with tanks and infantry, some of it at night, at the Doberitz training grounds.

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- d. 2nd Light Artillery Brigade: Two shipments returned from Forst Zinna on 25 June.
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:
- a. 9th Mechanized Division: Units from Cottbus arrived in three shipments at Jueterbog on 12 June and returned to Cottbus on 16 June.
 - b. 7th Guards Tank Division: Prior to 23 June, tank battalions held repeated exercises with thirty T-34/85 tanks in Camp Werder-Markendorf.
 - c. Sperenberg Engineer Units: One shipment returned on 20 June, presumably from Hossiau; two shipments, including 36 amphibious vehicles, 22 track-laying amphibious vehicles and 27 other motor vehicles, returned on 29 June.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:
- a. 10th Guards Tank Division: Tank training, held almost exclusively with T-54's, took place during the second half of June.
 - b. 25th Tank Division: On 25 June, Prenslau was still occupied to capacity. In late June, the new training area 7½ miles southwest of Prenslau was found occupied. On 14 June, elements of the division took part in an exercise with the Soviet air force at the Templin training grounds. Prior to 25 June, there was firing with artillery and rocket launchers at Templin.
 - c. 63rd AAA Division: On 21 June, one shipment with light anti-aircraft guns went from Jueterbog to Eberswalde.
 - d. 71st Light Artillery Brigade: On 26 June, three shipments left Bernau, presumably for Altengrabow.
5. Third Shock Army:
- a. Letzling Heath Training Grounds: On 23 June, Waldlager I, II and III and the camp southeast of Jaevenitz were occupied as previously.
 - b. 304th Artillery Brigade: On 21 June, one shipment of heavy anti-tank guns was unloaded at Burg.
6. Eighth Guards Army:
- a. Artillery Brigade in Gera: On 23 June, the bulk of the unit was stationed at the post, with some elements holding an exercise in the Zeitz forest.
 - b. 20th Guards Mechanized Division: On 28 June, the tank regiment from Zeitz had an exercise in the Zeitz forest.
 - c. 39th Guards Rifle Division: Meiningen was lightly occupied on 25 June.
 - d. 29th Guards Rifle Corps: On 25 June, the Kindel training grounds were unusually lightly occupied. Engineer exercises were observed at Bad Koesen on 23 June.
7. Fourth Artillery Corps:
- a. General: From 7 to 10 June, Corps units fired at sea targets northwest of Glowe on Ruegen island.
 - b. 34th Artillery Division: On 30 June, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity while units quartered in the south section and in the Ludendorff Kaserne were absent.
 - c. 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade: In late June, elements held exercises in the vicinity of their posts. On 27 June, four 203-mm howitzers were loaded in Brandenburg for Altengrabow.

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d. 25th Guards Rocket Launcher Brigade: On 26 June, elements equipped with 14 rocket launchers returned by road to their quarters in Rathenow.

C. Arrivals from the USSR:

1. Confirmation of Shipments Reported Previously

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a. The following tank shipments passed through Muellrose from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder toward Cottbus: 16 canvas-covered tanks, [redacted] 20 canvas-covered tanks, [redacted] and twenty additional canvas-covered tanks on 27 June.

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b. On 17 June, 19 T-54's arrived at Roederau. This consignment was probably identical with the shipment from Frankfurt/Oder to Forst Zinna, observed on 17 June, and the subsequent shipment [redacted] from Forst Zinna to Zeithain.

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2. Other Shipments:

On 14 June, 40 six-wheel armored personnel carriers were unloaded at Haldensleben. On 21 June, fifty flatcars, allegedly loaded with armored personnel carriers, were dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Halle.

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D. Soviet Forces in Austria:

1. 23rd AAA Division:

In late June, units of the division were back at their Korneuburg and Stockerau posts.

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2. Rear Services:

In mid-June, small elements began to be transferred from Berndorf to Nagykanizsa in Hungary.

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1. Training:

After five shipments had arrived on 22 and 25 June at the Klietz training grounds, tank and anti-tank artillery units held firing exercises there. Artillery Korps Nord was engaged in firing practices in the Ahlbeck area. Trained personnel of the tank and artillery units from the Dresden, Halle and Erfurt Divisions were observed at the Nochten training area.

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