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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 13 September 1955:

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A. General:

There have been no indications of additional major exercises since the termination of tank exercises in Letaling Heath, and since the termination of exercises by mechanized divisions including the Seventh Guards Mechanized Division.

Prior to 31 August, 208 shipments of Soviet units left Austria.

B. Soviet Dispositions:

1. Eighth Guards Army:

28 August -

1 September: The Weimar barracks installations were vacant.

3 September: One tank detail from the 68th Guards Heavy Tank Self-propelled-gun Regiment of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division detained in Jena. This tank detail was presumably coming from Letaling Heath.

30 August -

4 September: The Gera Artillery Brigade was at its post.

31 August -

3 September: Units of the 47th Guards Motorized Rifle Division from Weissenfels were at the Kindel training grounds.

10-31 August: The 170th Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment was still at the Naumburg post. Other units of the Naumburg division were not at their post.

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31 August - : There were no exercises.
7 September: The Gotha post was occupied to capacity.

31 August : There were engineering practices on the Saale River near Bad Koesen.

2. Third Shock Army:

23-31 August: There were no major exercises on either side of the Elbe River in the Burg-Stendal section of the training area.

6 September: The summer camps in the southwest portion of Letaling Heath were occupied to capacity.

28 August -

6 September: The Perleberg and Indragalust areas were vacant; however, units, belonging in these areas, were expected to return in late September.

1 September: Five shipments, with artillery units from the area of the Ninth Motorized Rifle Corps, were sent to the Tangerhuetten-Gardalegen area.

3. First Guards Mechanized Army:

27 August : A column with 20 x 85 mm anti-aircraft guns was seen going from Dresden toward Koenigsbruck.

4. Third Mechanized Army:

3 September: The headquarters of the Third Mechanized Army were observed at their post.

5. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

27 August : There were units passing through Ribbeck from the Rathenow area towards Doeberitz.

28 August : Eleven shipments from Killersleben and Altengrabow were unloaded in Dellgow, Satakern, and Priort.

29 August -

7 September: The Doeberitz barracks installation was again occupied to capacity. Exercises between the First Mechanized Division and the Second Light Artillery Brigade were terminated. Tank elements of the First Mechanized Division returned from Letaling Heath, presumably independently from the exercises.

2-5 September: Three shipments of artillery units from the Justerbog First Mechanized Division arrived at Justerbog, and three departed.

1-7 September: The bulk of the Ninth Guards Tank Division, with the exception of tank elements from Kaserne 2221, were at the Neustrelitz post.

6. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

25 August -

2 September: The exercises of the Seventh Guards Mechanized Division in the Spremberg-Cottbus-Lieberose area, and the return of

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this Division to Frankfurt and Berlin-Karlshorst were confirmed.

C. Tank Program:

- 27 August : One shipment of new tanks was sent from Brest-Litovsk to Satskorn. One additional shipment, still unidentified, was sent to Satskorn.
- 1 September : One shipment of new tanks was sent from Brest-Litovsk to Satskorn.
- 5 September : One shipment of new tanks was sent from Frankfurt to Altruppin.
- 6 September : One shipment of new tanks was sent from Frankfurt to Altruppin.

D. KVP:

Intensive training activity, including regimental levels, continued. Firing practice, particularly by anti-aircraft artillery was still evident. The KVP is being employed to harvest crops.

- 22 August : Elements of the tank self-propelled-gun regiment arrived at the Kliets-Ferchels-Mahlits training grounds.
- 23-24 August: A truck column, presumably carrying the bulk of the Mechanized Regiments of Potsdam and Brandenburg-Hohenstuscken, arrived at the Kliets-Ferchels-Mahlits training grounds from the north.
- 24 August : Elements of the Mechanized Regiment of Oranienburg returned to their post, after they allegedly spent several days at firing practices in Schorfheide.
- 27 August -
7 September: The exercises of the reinforced Second Mechanized Regiment from Karpin and units of the Motorized Rifle Division from Prenzlau, which were held in the Buckow-Rieth-Ahlbeck area, terminated with a demonstration.
- 1-2 September: The Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiment from Altwarp was dispatched to Kuehlungsborn.
- After 6 Sept.: Units in the Oranienburg concentration camp were allegedly transferred to the Kliets-Ferchels-Mahlits training grounds where Soviet units held joint exercises with elements of the Mechanized Division from Potsdam.
- After 15 Sept: The Mechanized Division of Eggesin planned headquarters exercises at divisional levels.

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