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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 20 September 1955:

A. General:

Prior to the middle of September, there were no major Soviet exercises. The KVP training activity remains unchanged. There has been intensified employment of the KVP personnel to aid in the harvesting of crops.

B. Soviet Dispositions:

1. Eighth Guards Army:

3-8 September: There were engineering exercises near Rudolstadt on the Saale River.

Prior to 11 September: The bulk of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division was still in the Ohrdruf area; some elements were still in the Zeitz Forest.

Prior to 8 September: The headquarters for the signal and engineering battalions of the 29th Guards Motorized Rifle Corps was away from the Naumburg post.

2-8 September: Elements of the 57th Guards Motorized Rifle Division were located as follows: The 170th Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment was at the Naumburg post. The Tank Self-propelled-gun Regiment was at the Weissenfels post. The 174th Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment was not at the Weissenfels post. The Gun Artillery Regiment was away from the Langensalza post. Elements of the Division, other than the 170th Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment, were not at the Naumburg post.

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2. **Third Shock Army**
- 14 September: The headquarters was not at its post.
- 23 August
5 September: There were no major exercises between elements in Burg and Stendal, on the Elbe River.
- 10 September: The 20th Anti-tank Artillery Brigade was still at Ietaling Heath.
- 6 September: Elements of the Hillersleben Mechanized Regiment of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division returned to Hillersleben.
- 10 September: The corps engineers, the corps signal battalion, the headquarters, and the Tank Self-propelled-gun Regiment of the 207th Motorized Rifle Division were not at their posts.
- 7 September: A shipment of 8 x 122 mm field guns was sent from Wildpark to Schwerin.
- 8 September: At 3:00 p.m., 8 x 152 mm gun howitzers, from Wismar harbor, were detained in Schwerin and shipped to the barracks installation of the Fourth Guards Artillery Brigade.
3. **First Guards Mechanized Army**
- 4 September: The Rocket Launcher Regiment was at the Missen post. The tank regiment of the 11th Guards Tank Division was still away from the Missen post.
4. **Second Guards Mechanized Army**
- 30 August
12 September: There were daily tank firing practices, with T-34's from the 18th Guards Tank Division, in the GutsMuths training area.
- 13 September: A general inspected an artillery unit at the Neustrelitz training grounds.
- 9 September: The bulk of the First Mechanized Division was at its post.
- 10-11 September: Two shipments, including the signal battalion from the First Mechanized Division, left Neubritz en route toward the west.
- 10 September: Two shipments, with anti-aircraft artillery units from Altengrabow, were sent to Neubritz.
5. **Fourth Guards Mechanized Army**
- 8 September: One shipment with anti-aircraft artillery units was sent from Altengrabow to Bornow.
- 10 September: One shipment with anti-aircraft artillery units was sent from Altengrabow to Vagrow.
6. **Fourth Artillery Corps**
- 13 September: The bulk of the 29th Rocket Launcher Brigade of the Sixth Artillery Division moved from Altengrabow. Other elements of the Sixth Artillery Division from Rathenow were still in Altengrabow on 7 September.
- Prior to 12 September: The 124th Heavy Rocket Brigade was in Brandenburg.

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12 August

12 September: There were two shipments with anti-aircraft artillery units from Knestrin observed in Justerbog.

7. GSFG:

2-5 September: The 36th Bridge Building Regiment held exercises east of Rosslau on the Elbe River, and south of Dessau on the Mulde River.

14 September: A train, consisting of 38 boxcars carrying engineer troops and a number of flatcars carrying seven trucks, was loaded in Sprenberg.

8. Tank Firing Details:

1 September: Two tank details were sent from [redacted] to Letaling Heath.

3 September: One tank detail was sent from Letaling Heath to Rosslau.

2-6 September: One tank detail was sent from Letaling Heath to Zeitz; one from Letaling Heath to Jena; and one from Letaling Heath to Crewinkel.

6 September: One tank detail was sent from Letaling Heath to Dresden-Priestewitz.

7-12 September: One tank detail, with three JS tanks and two JSU 122's, was sent from Doeberitz to Wustrow, and one identical tank detail was sent from Wustrow to Doeberitz.

14 September: One tank detail was sent from Doeberitz to [redacted].

C. Arrival of Tanks:

12 September: There were two shipments, which presumably included 16 T-54 tanks, from Brest-Litovsk to Altruppin.

D. Personnel:

2-7 September: Boxcars, formerly used to carry personnel, were converted back to freight-carrying boxcars in the Wittenberge and Gotha area.

10 September: One hundred and fifty soldiers, with baggage and without weapons, were sent from Schwerin to Naum.

9 September: The personnel exchange center of the Third Shock Army in Magdeburg was still undoupled.

E. KVE:

3 August: The bulk of the Strausberg Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiment was transferred to a summer camp for firing practices.

2 September: The Weissenfels Motorized Rifle Regiment returned from exercises in Thuringia.

9 September: Elements of the Prenzlau Motorized Rifle Division, reinforced by corps units, apparently held exercises in the Pasewalk area.

9-10 September: The Second Mechanized Regiment and the bulk of the Potsdam Anti-aircraft Regiment were back at their post.

2 September: New two-week GST courses were begun.

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