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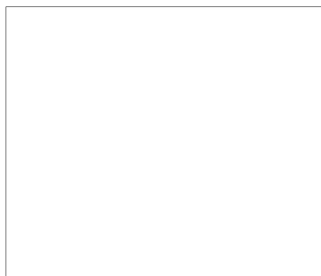
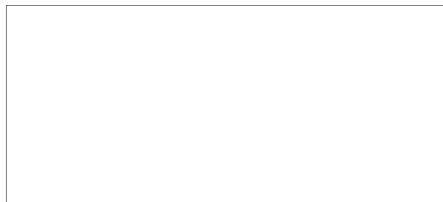
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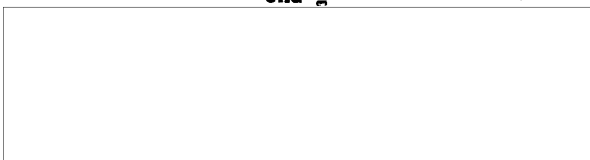
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The Höft and Schmidt Volkspolizei units are still stationed at Spechtsberg, near Torgelow. They are being trained in tank operations with T-34 tanks, which were turned over to the Volkspolizei by the Soviet Army in the autumn of 1953. Firing practice with the tanks has not yet taken place. A platoon of the Höft units has engaged in firing practice with medium infantry guns on the grounds of the former Torgelow ammunition depot. The ammunition for these guns is all 1952 Polish manufacture. A platoon is at present being trained in mine laying and mine removal, under a Soviet instructor.

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