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- Soviet armor has been observed throughout northern Mecklenburg and Vorpommern. Most witnesses report the presence of heavy tanks resembling the German Tiger. On the whole, the tanks appear to travel in convoys of 100-120 vehicles, with escorting vehicles following in three to four separate groups. No firm evidence has been provided concerning the number of tanks involved.
- Stettin has been used continuously since early March as a port of entry for armor, most of which has been sent on to northern Mecklenburg. A railroad engineer reports that between 12 and 19 April, he drove five trains, each composed of sixty flatcars, with a heavy tank on each car. In a few instances, two medium tanks were loaded on one car. The vehicles were manned and tanked, enabling them to form up immediately after descending the ramp. The ultimate destination of these vehicles is unknown.
- Armor also has been arriving at Swinemünde (L21) and, in 1500-ton vessels, at Wolgast (P92).
- Since early April, 500 to 600 tanks are alleged to have been concentrated near Loitz (P51), where they are participating in Soviet Air Force maneuvers. Although there have been the usual rumors of paratroop exercises, former members of the Wehrmacht state that only supply drop runs have been made.
- During the night of 10-11 April, three freight trains arrived in Rostock (081) from the direction of Stralsund (P44). Eighty new T-34 tanks and their crews on these trains proceeded to quarters in Rostock. The [REDACTED] early April arrival of motorized units, consisting chiefly of Mongolian troops, in Fürstenberg (U52), Neustrelitz (U54), and Feldberg (U84).
- Rügen Island continues to be built up by the Russians, who have set up heavy AA guns north of Altenkirchen (P68), supplementing German AA and naval batteries in concrete emplacements near Rehberg-Ost (unlocated) and two batteries northwest of Arkona (P69). Two bat-

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series of three guns each are in fixed positions near Zühlitz (P68). The partially-finished KdF installation "auf der Schmalen Heide" has been converted into an AA school. Naval artillery troops occupy some part of this installation. Fortifications also are being built north of Sassnitz. (P87).

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