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1. Wittenberge (Y69), 17 November 1948

An engineer unit was observed training with heavy bridge equipment in the Wittenberge-Seehausen area (Y69-67). Pontoons were mounted on tanks, which drove into the river from both banks of the Elbe. Other tanks were seen fording the stream. Vehicles involved were in the B 04 and B 2-69 series.

Comment: The original of the second sentence above reads: "Die Pontons wurden auf Panzer montiert, die bis zur halben Elbebreite jeweils von beiden Ufern in wasser standen." We assume this to mean that the tanks took up anchoring positions at each bank, supporting the pontoons.)

2. Ludwigslust (T53), 17-18 November

- a. An artillery unit with sixteen 152 mm guns was seen on the Ludwigslust-Perleberg road during early evening of 17 November moving in the direction of Schwerin. Vehicles: B 7-31 and B 7-32 series.
- b. A mechanized unit, stationed in barracks located in northwest Ludwigslust, moved into the moors between Hagenow (T24) and Pritzler (T23) on 18 November, holding combat training in company strength, mortars participating. Vehicles: E 1-18 series.

3. Hagenow (T24), 19 November

- a. Barracks are being constructed in the woods between Hagenow and Wittenburg. According to apprehended border crossers who are put to work at this site, artillery positions are being prepared at night under searchlight illumination and it is rumored that fifty gun positions are located within a 500 meter square.
- b. On 19 November, approximately thirty fighter aircraft were parked on Hagenow airfield and two PO-2's were observed in training flights. Three hangars at the edge of the woods were closed. Former shelters in the woods are being enlarged. Vehicles at the field: O 5-60 and O 8-90 series.

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4. Gadebusch (T27), 19 November

- a. The Schwerin garrison was engaged in combat training in the area between Gadebusch and Rehna (T18) on 19 November. A large number of majors and colonels observed the proceedings. Vehicles: M 03-93, M 04-12, M 09-03, M 14-17, M 53-95.
- b. A training area between Gadebusch and Zarenthin is used alternately by units from Schwerin and Wismar. The parent unit in this area consists of a mechanized division, an armored unit, and an artillery brigade. Groups of three to five tanks were seen training with live ammunition. Vehicles: B 3-19, B 7-53, B 8-48 series.

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