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TOPIC Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) in Northeastern Brandenburg

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. General

a. General Situation

The situation in the area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) has remained almost constant, as was analyzed in a previous report. No new units have been observed.

b. Maneuvers

(1) (a) Numerous previous reports indicate that the TEMPLIN training area must be considered the principal maneuver grounds for the component units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) with the exception of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre). More component units of the army (including units with four hundred tanks and armored vehicles) went to the TEMPLIN training area in mid-June 1949.

(b) From the information that eight TEMPLIN bakeries were ordered to deliver a daily quota of 1,000 loaves of bread each up to the end of October 1949, inferences can be made as to the duration of the maneuver period and the number of troops engaged in the maneuvers. From this and other information it is assumed that the maneuvers will continue until about the end of October 1949 and that the units engaged in maneuvers in the TEMPLIN area total five to eight thousand troops.

(2) Most of the component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) were still in the LIEBEROSE training area at the end of July 1949.

(3) The following areas were used as training fields by troops stationed in the BERNAU area:

(a) BERNAU-SCHOENOW area (training area which was established in July).

(b) BERNAU-DANENITZ area (signal units were practicing there).

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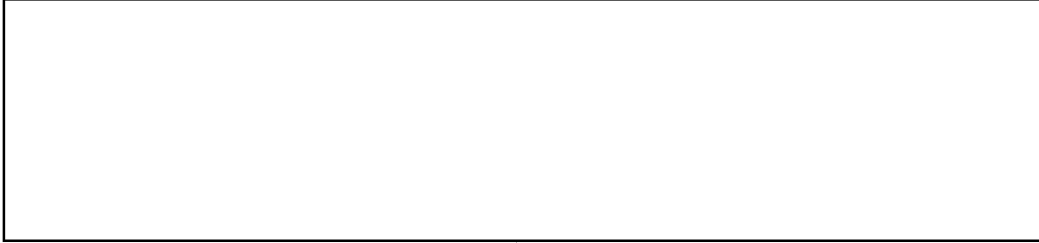
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c. Recruits

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Recruit units were still located in several military posts in the army area at the end of July 1949, while the field units have been at training grounds since May 1949.

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e. Evacuation of Dependents

It was again observed during the second half of July 1949 that several trains with Soviet dependents left for the Soviet Union via FRANKFURT/Oder.

2. Hq of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre)

a. The observation of a "high unit headquarters" in the EBERSWALDE Plant [redacted] may be considered a confirmation of the Hq of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) up to that date.

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b. The [redacted] confirmed the location in EBERSWALDE of the 312th Gds Rocket Regt (Cadre) until 9 June 1949.

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3. 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre)

a. Numerous component units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) were identified in the TELPLIN training area in July 1949. Small component units of this division held field exercises in the area northwest and east of BERNAU (see para 1,b).

b. Only guard details and recruit units were observed to have remained in the military posts of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) (BAD MUELSWALDE and BERNAU).

4. 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre)

a. Information emanating from the quartering area of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) again confirms that most of the component units of the division had gone to the MIEBERG training area. Only small units (rear details) of the division were observed, in July 1949, to have remained in the division's military posts (e.g. in FRANKFURT/Oder).

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b. The [redacted] again confirmed the 26th Gds Mecz Regt (Cadre) of this division. The regiment had last been identified as being definitely stationed in BAD SCHAROW by Soviet documents procured in February 1949.

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5. 25th Tank Div (Cadre)

While most of the division's field units were assumed to be located in the TELPLIN training area in mid-July 1949, the recruit units of the division were still at the military posts (ORANIEBURG) at that time.

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6. GHQ Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany

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a. [redacted] component units of an independent antiaircraft artillery division (with [redacted] were located in the FUERSTENBERG-Flaunberg/Oder area.

b. Units [redacted] were again observed in the Alte Kaserne of FUERSTENBERG in late July 1949. Troops of these units were entrained in FUERSTENBERG [redacted]

c. It is believed that the antiaircraft artillery units from the FUERSTENBERG-Flaunberg/Oder area also went to the Letzing Heath for practices, as did most antiaircraft artillery units of the Group of Occupation Forces.

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