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up to July 1949

1. The following information on the Soviet Army ordnance supply depot in BRESLAU-MASLOWITZ (P 52/C 42) (former ordnance supply depot of the German Armored Command) was secured:

a. Location: About 1½ miles east-northeast of BRESLAU-MASLOWITZ, on the western bank of the Oder River.

b. Superior headquarters: Soviet army headquarters in LIEGNITZ (O 52/B 82).

c. Depot area: About 3,300 x 3,300 feet.

d. Installations: Six large brick-warehouses, twelve wooden cantonment buildings, (each about 230 by 80 feet), one concrete bunker (about 65 x 30 feet), two four-story concrete structures with 50 windows in front, several annex buildings.

e. Security: Double barbed-wire fence and wall with barbed-wire on top, with a 7-foot strip of trip wires in front. About 60 guard personnel.

f. Commandant: Since March 1949 a Soviet colonel (name unknown)

g. Personnel: About 80 German PWs as laborers; unit of 800 troops, of whom about 120 were assigned to guard duty and the others to work. The troops wore red-bordered, blue epaulets with artillery insignia. More than 50 officers, mostly majors, wearing gold or silver epaulets.

h. Stocks: In two large warehouses: Piles of 20 boxes each (each box: 6x2 feet), each box containing either 12 rifles, 12 submachine guns, or 6 machine guns. In one large warehouse: Heavy machine guns, water-cooled, with protective shield 47-mm

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guns. 80, 120 and 160 mm mortars. In one large warehouse: truck engines (on two-thirds of the floor space); guns up to 200 mm caliber (on one-third of the floor space).

In two large warehouses: Guns of 150 to 200 mm caliber without liners; two-axle trailers with 50 to 80 mm anti-aircraft guns; heavy antitank guns of about 100 mm caliber, with double tires on either side.

In two wooden cantonment buildings: Special machinery from Germany; motor boat engines; assault boat engines; (no machinery and engines have arrived since 1947. The material was shipped to the east in small lots).

In three wooden cantonment buildings: Limbers and engineer tools.

In one wooden cantonment building and one concrete bunker: oils, fats, etc.

In other wooden cantonment buildings: Leather articles, mess utensils, furniture, cleaning material, fire fighting equipment, etc.

In two large concrete structures: Quarters for about 800 NCOs and AM. Optical and signal equipment was also stored in the depot. Engineer equipment, tanks, medical supplies, horse-drawn vehicles and uniforms were not available.

1. Purpose of the depot: Soviet officers who supervised loading crews stated that the depot supplied the Soviet army in Silesia and troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The depot was always stocked to capacity. Outgoing material was immediately replaced.

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2. The following information on the Soviet Army ordnance shop in BRUNSLAU-ASL WITZ was secured:

a. Location: On the premises of the former German "Ardelt" Plant, bordering on the mentioned ordnance depot.

b. Superior headquarters: Same as supply ordnance depot.

c. Installations: Four-story administration building (about 260 x 50 feet); three four-story workshop buildings (about 260 x 50 feet); one wooden storage-house (about 200 x 30 feet); one railroad engine shed; one target range; several annex buildings; railroad spur track.

d. Security: Same as ordnance supply depot.

e. Commandant: Unknown.

f. Personnel: About 80 Germans of both sexes and soldiers of the unit quartered in the ordnance supply depot.

g. Purpose of the shop: Repair of weapons belonging to troops in Silesia and in the Soviet Zone of Germany, as stated by German workmen. Incoming and outgoing shipments were transported by rail and truck.

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3. Other Soviet Army installations [REDACTED]

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a. LIECHITZ: Soviet army headquarters under the command of a Marshal of the Soviet Union. About 10 Soviet generals were assigned to this headquarters.

b. BRUSLAU-POLANOWIC (P 52/C 41): Soviet motor vehicle repair shop, having a work force of about 350 German Pws up to 12 July 1949.

c. BRUSLAU-KOTZENAU (P 52/C 42): Soviet ammunition depot, having a work force of about 80 German Pws up to 12 July 1949.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

a. The report contains valuable data on Soviet Army supply installations in BRUSLAU.*

b. The LIECHITZ headquarters of the Northern Group of Forces, commanded by Marshal ROKOSOVSK, is indirectly confirmed up to mid-July 1949.

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