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25X1 The strength and disposition of the Soviet ground forces in the Soviet-occupied countries of Europe have remained constant up to the middle of March 1951. Combat efficiency of the Soviet units has been substantially improved due to rigid training during the winter months.

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Order of Battle Data.

1. Reports received between 1 March and 1 April 1951 confirm the over-all disposition of the Soviet ground forces in the Soviet Zone of Germany until the middle of March 1951.

25X1 2. The following units and rear service installations in the Soviet zone of Germany, [Redacted] location, and date of observations, were confirmed between 1 March and 1 April 1951:

a. GHQ Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

25X1	56th Motor Trans Regt	[Redacted]	WUERSDORF or KRAUSPHITZ	8 March
	66th (?) Sig Regt	[Redacted]	POTS DAM area	18 March
	Hq IV Arty Corps	[Redacted]	(?) [Redacted]	5 March
	Hq of an Arty Div	[Redacted]	POTS DAM	19 March
	An Engr Regt	[Redacted]	POTS DAM	20 February
	36th Pan Bridge Regt	[Redacted]	ROSSLAU	23 February
	53d Central Repair Shop	[Redacted]	BERLIN-OBER- SCHMELTWERDE	6 March
	123d Tank Repair Shop	[Redacted]	MULLERROSE	26 March
		[Redacted]	KIRCHBERG	19 March

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800th Ration Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	SATZKORN	16 March
820th Ration Supply Depot		FRANKFURT/ODER	26 March
Main Clothing Depot		BERNAU	3 March
A Quartermaster Depot		D SCHOENEBECK	3 March
Main Sig Depot		BAD SAAROW-- --PIESKOW	2 March
Main Medical Depot		FUERSTENWALDE	1 March
Main Fuel Supply Depot		VELTEN	27 March
Main Ordnance Shop		JESSEN	26 March
A Repair Shop		WILDAU	15 March

b. Eighth Guards Army.

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Army Ration Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	ERFURT-MARBACH	27 February
Army Fuel Supply Depot		LUENGLIBERGENS-- DORF	12 February
117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt		MEININGEN	26 February
65th Gds Mecz Regt		WEILAR-NOHRA	20 November

c. Third Shock Army.

Army Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	MAGDEBURG	9 March
890th Indep Engr Bn		GARDELEGEN (?)	11 March
136th Gun Arty Regt		SCHWERIN	February
Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div		SCHWERIN	February
283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt		HAGENOW	March
288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt		WISMAR	March
199th Gds Gun Arty Regt		WISMAR	March

d. First Guards Mechanized Army. 25X1

Army Ration Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	DRESDEN	2 March
Army Fuel Supply Depot		DRESDEN	12 February
4th Gds AAA Div		DRESDEN-KOENIGS-- BRUECK	9 March
350th (?) How Arty Regt		EILENBURG	8 March
70th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt		RIESA	14 March

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e. Second Guards Mechanized Army. 25X1

9th Sig Regt	[REDACTED]	RAVENSBUECK	16 January
1643d (?) AT Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	NEUSTRELITZ (?)	14 January
Army Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	FUERSTENBERG	15 March
Hq 12th Gds Tank Div	[REDACTED]	NEURUPPIN	26 February
71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	NEURUPPIN	12 November
Hq 1st Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	8 March
35th Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	28 February
219th Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	28 February
72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	24 January
18th (?) Engr Bn	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	20 February

f. Third Guards Mechanized Army. 25X1

Hq 199th Light Arty Brig	[REDACTED]	REHAGEN	1 March
50th Mtrcl Regt	[REDACTED]	LUCKENWALDE	9 October
91st Gds RL Regt	[REDACTED]	TREBBIN	20 February
Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	JUETERBOG	10 March
49th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	JUETERBOG	10 March
79th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	ROSSLAU	8 October
Hq 9th Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	COTTBUS	26 February

g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army. 25X1

296th Gds AT Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	PRENZLAU (?)	27 January
An AAA Div of the 4th Gds Mecz Army	[REDACTED]	EBERSWALDE- -FUERSTENWALDE	12 January
312th Gds RL Regt	[REDACTED]	EBERSWALDE	10 January
118th Sig Regt	[REDACTED]	EBERSWALDE	21 January
Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	27 October
35th (?) Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	28 February
676th How Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	28 February
52d Gds RL Bn	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	21 February
22d Gds Engr Bn	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	28 February
Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	FUERSTENWALDE	14 March
84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	FRANKFURT/ODER	11 February

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Hq 25th Tank Div	[redacted]	ORANIENBURG	26 February
111th Tank Regt	[redacted]	ORANIENBURG	28 February
162d Tank Regt	[redacted]	ORANIENBURG	7 February
175th Tank Regt	[redacted]	PRENZLAU	10 February
83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[redacted]	PRENZLAU (?)	28 June 1950
194th Engr Bn	[redacted]	unlocated	January
63d Gds Tank Regt	[redacted]	BRANDENBURG	16 March
81st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[redacted]	GR.GLIENECKE(?)	3 February
248th Gds RL Bn	[redacted]	KRAMPNITZ	16 March.

Organization.

- 25X1 3. Analysis of [redacted] indicates that [redacted]
25X1 are assigned to heavy tank self-propelled regiments with [redacted]
25X1 designations [redacted] *
- 25X1 4. According to credible reports, the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement in
25X1 ORANIENBURG quarters, in addition to the rocket launcher regiment of the Second
25X1 Gds Mecz Army, two AT artillery regiments which are probably subordinate to a
25X1 brigade headquarters there. [redacted] the AT
artillery regiments were also newly activated after the fall of 1950. **

Movements.

5. The outflow of empty rolling stock to BREST-LITOVSK via FRANKFURT/ODER con-
tinued during the period covered by this report. The dispatch of 12 trains of
empty flatcars to BREST-LITOVSK between 5 and 10 March 1951 was ordered by a
teletype message from the BERLIN railroad district headquarters. Because of a
shortage of flatcars, gondola cars were also sent to BREST-LITOVSK and allegedly
had their sidewalls removed there. Available reports indicate that a total of
676 empty flatcars were dispatched to BREST-LITOVSK between 26 February and 29
March 1951, including 339 flatcars from 22 to 29 March 1951 alone. Although no
definite information on the return of the rolling stock to the Soviet Zone of
Germany is available, it is still believed that the cars are being used for
hauling military supplies of all types, and as crash cars, rather than being
pooled at BREST-LITOVSK and other stations in that area for future troop
movements.
- 25X1 6. It was reported that an advance party arrived at the barracks installations in
25X1 WUENSDORF on 16 March 1951 and started stringing telephone lines. Rumors among
the local population that an army headquarters and troops from KOENIGSBERG
would soon move into the installations in WUENSDORF should be received with
great reserve for the present. However, the observation there in February 1951
of some motor [redacted] to [redacted] the
Northern Group of Forces does not preclude the possibility of the influx of
new units from the area east of the Oder River. Reports from the FRANKFURT/ODER
through-station covering a period of about 10 days prior to 30 March 1951, and
reports from the COTTBUS railroad district and the southern subdistrict of the
BERLIN railroad district which also cover a period of about 10 days prior to
28 and 31 March 1951 respectively contained no indications of westbound troop
movements by rail.

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Field Exercises and Training.

7. Division Training.

a. In general, the training of recruits terminated in the middle of February 1951 with the appearance of groups of officers, probably from the division headquarters, making final inspections. These visits lasted for several days and covered all types of training. This training period was then followed by the rotation of small units to training areas for several days of advanced combat practice firing. Reports on rail movements showed that troops were rotated between their posts and the training areas of TEMPLIN, LIEBEROSE, JUETERBOG-WERDER, ZETHAIN, OHRDRUF, and KINDEL. These reports were confirmed by information from the individual training areas. With the exception of small components of the 25th Tank Div from ORANIENBURG, the 12th Gds Tank Div from NEURUPPIN, and the 9th Mecz Div from GOTTBUS, all of whom practiced in the JUETERBOG-WERDER area between 10 and 27 March 1951, all other units of these and other divisions went to those training areas which they used in 1950. Training between the middle of February and the middle of March 1951 in general emphasized field training of units up to battalion and regimental level in the vicinity of their posts.

b. Reports received up to 1 April indicated that the component units of the Third Shock Army did not conduct advanced combat practice firing. The LETZLINGER HEIDE and WITSTOCK training areas used by component units of the Third Shock Army in 1950 were still unoccupied by the middle of March 1951. However, large-scale movements of major components of the 18th Mecz Div and small elements of all other divisions of the Third Shock Army were observed at FORLEBERG and the area west of the town during the first half of March 1951. Since the motor vehicle included some of the headquarters GORG, it is possible that the troops were engaged in a command post exercise.

c. Up to the middle of March, almost all component units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from NAULBURG and WEISSENFELS conducted an exercise in the BAD KOESEN area which lasted for several days. Engineer units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and of the corps' two organic divisions also participated in the exercise.

8. Special Exercises.

a. The transfer of elements of the nine AAA divisions stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany to the WUSTROW AAA range began at the end of February 1951. Units which were observed moving to WUSTROW prior to 10 March 1951 included elements of the 13th AAA Div from the Eighth Gds Army area; the unidentified AAA Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army from KUMMERSDORF; the 31st AAA Div from SCHOENWALDE; the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from EBERSWALDE; the 2d Gds AAA Div from POTSDAM; and the unidentified AAA division, possibly the 32d, from FRANKFURT/ODER. Other components of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32d, moved from KUESTRIN to JUETERBOG and elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div from POTSDAM to ALTENGRABOW during the same period.

b. Advanced combat practice firing by units of the IV Arty Corps began at ALTENGRABOW in the middle of February 1951. Reports on rail movements, and indicated that elements of the 6th Arty Div from RATHENOW or BRANDENBURG and elements of the unidentified artillery division from POTSDAM were at ALTENGRABOW during the first half of March 1951.

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Personnel.

9. The total of about 310 boxcarloads of recruits who arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany across the Oder-Neisse line between 3 and 13 February 1951, reported last month, was increased by a report of 47 additional boxcarloads that arrived via KUESTRIN on 9 February 1951. The influx of recruits thus totals about 360 boxcarloads, which is the equivalent of about 10,000 troops. **
10. Only one train of 35 boxcars with troops left the Soviet Zone of Germany between 17 February and 13 March 1951, via KUESTRIN. No eastbound troop trains were observed at the FRANKFURT/ODER through station or in the COTTBUS railroad district.
11. The volume of daily leave traffic between FRANKFURT/ODER and BREST-LITOVSK in March 1951 was virtually the same as in February 1951. There were no changes in the schedule of leave trains.

MVD Units.

12. Reports of the recent months on MVD troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany indicate no substantial changes since the end of 1950. In general, major MVD units as such have only been confirmed in their installations. The information received was not specific as to their activities and allowed no conclusions as to their identity.
13. All MVD units in Land Thuringia are still below battalion level.
14. Of all Soviet Zone Laender, Land Saxony is most heavily occupied by MVD units. The following units were determined:
 - a. One MVD battalion each, the personnel of which wore red-bordered green epaulets, was observed in the Luftkriegsschule, KLOTZSCHE-WEIZDORF, and in the Bucher Kaserne, DRESDEN, in January and February 1951 respectively. Some MVD personnel observed in the Luftkriegsschule also wore black-bordered green epaulets. MVD vehicles were seen in the Luftkriegsschule and MVD vehicles in the Bucher Kaserne. The two MVD units are believed to be organically separate.
 - b. MVD troops are no longer carried in BAUTZEN. There are indications, however, that in January 1951 there was an MVD company in COTTBUS which was subordinate to the MVD unit in the Bucher Kaserne, DRESDEN.
 - c. An MVD unit of 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets was located in the barracks installation on Viertelsweg, LEIPZIG, up to March 1951. The unit had motor vehicles and probably constituted a regimental headquarters and two battalions.
 - d. There is a concentration of MVD units in the uranium mining area, including the city of CHEMNITZ. A battalion-size unit of about 500 MVD troops, most of whom wore red-bordered green epaulets and some black-bordered green epaulets, was confirmed in the Artillerie Kaserne, CHEMNITZ, until March 1951. The unit had motor vehicles. Some personnel of the unit went by truck to the uranium mining area daily to perform guard duty.

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25X1 In the uranium mining area proper, two MVD battalions each were sta-
 25X1 tioned in AUE and ANNABERG, and one MVD battalion each in SCHWARZEN-
 25X1 BERG and JOHANN-GEORGEN-TADT. The total MVD troops in the uranium
 mining area is estimated at two or three regiments. [redacted]

15. An MVD battalion of troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets was
 located in the Reil Kaserne, HALLE, Land Saxony-Anhalt, in March 1951.
 One of its companies was located in the Georgium in DESSAU. The vehicles
 of the two units [redacted]
 25X1 It has not been established whether MVD units in MAGDEBURG and STENDAL
 are subordinate to the MVD battalion in the Reil Kaserne, HALLE.

16. MVD units in Land Brandenburg were concentrated in the BERLIN area.

a. An MVD compound, at which there was traffic of motor vehicles with
 25X1 [redacted] was confirmed on Regattastrasse, BERLIN-
 GRUENAU, in March 1951. The officers from the compound were billeted
 in houses on Regattastrasse, and the motor pool of the compound was
 located on Lahmertstrasse. There has been no evidence that this com-
 pound houses the headquarters of MVD troops in the Soviet Zone
 of Germany. Signal communications equipment observed there in the fall
 of 1950 indicates that the compound houses a signal-communications
 center.

b. An MVD unit with motor vehicles [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] was confirmed in BIESDORF-KAULSDORF until the end of
 25X1 1950.

c. MVD vehicles [redacted]
 25X1 which were observed in the POTSDAM-BERNAU-ORANIENBURG area and in the
 NEUSTRELITZ-PASEWALK area in the fall of 1950, have been observed in the
 POTSDAM area only occasionally during recent months. It is believed that
 the unit is no longer located in the POTSDAM area, but has moved back to
 its former area of GUESTROW-SCHWERIN.

d. Small MVD units, probably having supply functions, were located in BERNAU
 25X1 and EBERSWALDE at the end of 1950. MVD vehicles [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] were observed in BERNAU.

e. MVD troops were no longer seen in FRANKFURT/ODER.

17. An MVD unit of about battalion size, having troops with red-bordered green
 epaulets and vehicles [redacted] was con-
 25X1 firmed in GUESTROW-PETERSHOF, Land Mecklenburg, until February 1951. The
 25X1 [redacted] were primarily observed in the POTSDAM-BERNAU-
 ORANIENBURG area in the summer of 1950, but have reappeared in the GUESTROW-
 SCHWERIN area since the end of 1950.

AUSTRIA.

General.

18. No changes in the over-all disposition of Soviet Army occupation troops in
 Austria were discernible up to the middle of February 1951.

19. The following units in the Soviet zone of Austria [redacted] location,
 25X1 and date of observation, were confirmed between 1 March and 1 April 1951.

a. 13th Guards Mechanized Division.

25X1 15th Tank Regt [redacted] BRUCK on the Leitha 28 February
 River
 2500th Gds AAA Regt [redacted] KORNEUBURG 4 January

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b. 95th Guards Motorized Rifle Division.

25X1	Div Hq	[REDACTED]	ST. POELTEN	1 February
	284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	WALDHOFEN (?)	18 October 1949
	287th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	unlocated	5 February
	290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	LAUER-OEHLING	16 September 1949
	150th Gds Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	unlocated	6 October 1949

25X1 In addition, the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div has component units [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED]

Training.

20. It is believed that the training of the units in Austria in February and March 1951 followed the same lines as that of the units in the Soviet Zone of Germany. However, no large-scale field exercises in the vicinity of military posts, no major road marches, and no short training cycles at troop training grounds have been observed as yet. However, motor vehicle

25X1 [REDACTED] of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, reported from KAISERSTEINBRUCH and the DOELLERSHEIM area, indicate the possibility that field exercises of elements of this division may have been held there, although no transfer of units to these places was observed. Small details of soldiers who arrived at the APETION AAA range and in the DOELLERSHEIM area in early March 1951 were probably advance parties who were to prepare billets for the forthcoming arrival of troops.

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21. [REDACTED] component units of the 17th Gds Mecz Div in KOERMEND until 22 February 1951.

22. In the middle of February 1951, a report from southeastern Hungary stated that Soviet troop units were located in KECSKEMET, CEGLED and SZOLNOK, but not in SZEGED, HODMEZOVASARHELY, BEKESCSABA, OROSHAZA, or SZENTES. Soviet tank units were last observed in the SZEGED area in the spring of 1950. They probably stayed there only temporarily and moved to the area southeast of BUDAPEST during the course of 1950. There is reason to believe that KECSKEMET, CEGLED, and SZOLNOK may now be the principal posts of the 2d Gds Mecz Div which is carried in this area.

POLAND

23. Soviet troops who were confirmed by civilian refugees until the winter of 1950/1951 included troops of undetermined branch of service at the NEUHALLER troop training grounds, AAA units in the BUNZLAU area, mortar units in BRIEG, and tank and signal units in the BRIDG-OHLAU area. The units in the BUNZLAU area possibly belonged to the 65th AAA Div and those in the other areas to the 20th Tank Div of the Northern Group of Forces.

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25X1 24. The 206th Gds Rifle Regt, [REDACTED] of the 69th Gds Rifle Div was confirmed in the MOLEDECINO area, Byelorussian MD, until November 1950 by a Soviet

25X1 [REDACTED]. The first postwar identification of the regiment was made by its [REDACTED] in the same area in November 1946. Another document indicated that a

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25X1 [redacted] in SLAVUTA, KAMENETS-PODOLSK Oblast,
 25X1 Carpathian MD. [redacted] the 289th Gds Rifle Regt of the
 97th Gds Rifle Div during World War II. The division was subordinate
 to the Fifth Gds Army in Austria at the end of the war and was trans-
 ferred to the east in the summer of 1946. Since there have been vague
 indications that the Fifth Gds Army, with some of the divisions assigned
 to it at that time, moved to the Carpathian MD, it is possible that the
 97th Gds Rifle Div may be located in the KAMENETS-PODOLSK area.

25. The Soviet newspaper Za Chest Rodini of 12 February 1951 furnished a clue
 regarding the subordination of border guard troops, for the troops were
 referred to as Border Guard Troops of the Ministry of State Security in
 an article written by Colonel G. Belykh on the occasion of the 30th anni-
 versary of the activation of border guard troops. According to this ar-
 ticle, the border guard troops, who wear green epaulets and who have as
 yet been known as MVD troops, are subordinate to the MGB.

25X1* [redacted] and unit designations of heavy tank

25X1** self-propelled, see Annex I.

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