

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Weissenfels

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1. On 14 April 1951, the Pionier Kaserne on the south side of Selauer Strasse quartered about 500 troops, including only a few recruits, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the small number of troops in the installation was out of proportion to the many tanks observed in the billeting area. In comparison with previous observations, substantially fewer tank officers were seen. The troops in the installation were engaged in maintenance duties. [redacted]

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[redacted] a tank which answers the description of a JS-3, but was lower than a T-34/85 and each wheel had its individual torsion-rod spring, which pointed toward the bow. Some troops in the billeting area were seen practicing with an AT gun. [redacted]

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2. On the same day, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauer Strasse was occupied to capacity by 600 to 800 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. [redacted] artillery insignia on some of their epaulets. The majority of the troops seemed to be recruits who had completed their basic training, while a small percentage of the troops seemed to be new arrivals. Small groups of soldiers were engaged in drill and physical training. [redacted]

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3. Two troop trains stood at the Weissenfels freight yard on 17 May. The first train consisted of 2 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 25 flatcars carrying 50 trucks. The second train consisted of about 25 flatcars carrying 4 guns, apparently 76.2-mm AT guns, and about 50 trucks, guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. **

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* [redacted] Comment. Components of the 57th Gds Htz Rifle Div are carried in the two installations on both sides of Selauer Strasse. Whereas the report shows no signs of a departure of units for field training by 14 April 1951, a report [redacted] stated that the Pionier Kaserne on the south side of Selauer Strasse was only partially occupied. See [redacted]

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25X1A* [redacted] Comment. The first of the two trains was apparently observed by the [redacted] in Naumburg on 17 May 1951. [redacted]

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