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REMARKS

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1. On 10 September 1951, 30 trucks with pontoons and trucks towing 122-mm artillery pieces, were detained at the northern railroad station of Rathenow (N 53/2 15) and left for Berlin Heath. Four T-34 tanks detained on 13 September and also left toward Berlin Heath. It was said that some units not belonging to the Rathenow military post were quartered in the barracks installations there on 13 September. Eight trucks towing 120-mm mortars were seen in Stechow on 12 September.

2. About 300 troops, 4 heavy artillery pieces, 4 prime movers, 4 tanks and 2 boxcarloads of timber were unloaded in Rathenow for the Wald Kaserne on 11 September. The unit had come from Altongrabow. (3) A unit which was detained at the northern railroad station in Rathenow on 11 September consisted of about 200 troops who wore red-ordered black epaulets and were equipped with 14 trucks carrying pontoons, 5 trucks carrying bridge-building equipment, 1 motorboat and 4 T-34/85 tanks. The unit had come from Dallgow-Doberitz. It included a colonel with tank insignia.

(1) the unit would engage in a field exercise at

3. By order of the Kech office in Rathenow, dispatched shipments of timber to Altongrabow, Ammerdorf, Teichterstedt-Sattelstedt and Wittenberg between 1 and 28 August. Shipments which the same unit received included: 1 boxcarload of gasoline from Dresden on 26 August; 2 boxcarloads of oil and lubricants from Ketschendorf on 27 August; and 3 boxcarloads of gasoline from Velten on 11 September. In addition, the unit received 1,000 tons of briquettes in August. (5)

Comments.

(1) the pontoons unloaded on 10 September 1951 belonged to a headquarters engineer unit of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army, while the artillery pieces belonged to the 1st Lecz Div. According to its composition, the train may have come from Doberitz.

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[redacted] field exercises of Soviet troops in Berlin Heath and Koenigs
Heath at the end of August 1951. [redacted] In this 50X1-HUM
connection, it is possible that the barracks installations in Rathenow
may have been partially occupied by troop units others than those
stationed at the post. The convoy which, according to the present report,
was seen in the training area, belongs to the 6th Army Div.

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