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7. Three troop trains were unloaded at Rathenow on 20 October. Field exercises of tank troops allegedly started in the area southeast of Rathenow on 20 October.
8. Truck convoys observed in the area northeast of Magdeburg included: 24 artillery pieces of the 3rd Guards AAA Division moving between Pabsdorf and Stegelitz toward Burg on 19 October; one with 22 artillery pieces and AA guns of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division or 207th Guards Motorized Rifle Division passing through Gross Luebars from the direction of Altenbrabow and proceeding toward Burg on 21 October; one with 10 AA Guns of the Third Guards AAA Division in the same direction on 22 October.

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Comment: It is possible that large-scale field exercises were held, or started, 20 October in the Rathenow-Genthin-Stendal area. Information received to date indicates that participating troops are mainly components of the Third Shock Army and one tank regiment of the Fourth Guards Mechanized Army. It could not be determined that these exercises were related to movements of components of the Second Guards Mechanized Army in the Neuruppin area about 13 October.

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