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TOPIC Military Information from the Tangerhuette Area.

EVALUATION see below

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 6 October 1951, the camp in the woods south of Polte, in the Tangerhuette (I: 53/Y 73) training area was occupied to capacity by troops who wore black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] were seen entering the camp. Vehicles observed between Tangerhuette and Scheeren, driving in the direction of Scheeren, [REDACTED]

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About 120 trucks were seen on the meadows bordering the Elbe River near Polte. Ten low wooden barracks buildings, each measuring 5 x 5 x 2.5 meters, were being erected on the meadows. They were apparently to quarter troops. [REDACTED]

2. A tower, about 12 meters high, was observed near the so-called Brack meadows on the Elbe River southwest of Jerichow. Local residents said that Soviet troops camped there in tents until 27 September. **

3. A Soviet officer said that most of the troops staying in the Polte area would remain there throughout October, and some of them would allegedly stay in the camps also throughout the winter. Local residents said that the troops in the camp included some from Ferloberg and Darby. They were allegedly exchanged on 20 and 21 September. *

4. About 35 soldiers were seen working on logs in the troop quarters in Tangermuenche (I: 53/Y 34) on 6 October. Several stacks of pneumatic rafts, and trenching tools and 5 pontoons were seen in the yard. Five more pontoons, 1 motorboat and 6 trucks were observed in an open shed, and 15 trucks [REDACTED]

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Comment. The known camp in the woods is located northwest of Polte rather than south of the town. Another source reported that the camp was occupied by about 2,000 troops on 21 September 1951. The erection of low wooden barracks buildings on the Elbe River meadows is reported for the first time. It is believed that although the troops who have been there in the summer will return to their home stations in October 1951, a guard detail will remain for the winter. It is possible that the troops in the training area were engineer components of the 348th Engr Bn of the 16th Mecz Div from Ferloberg and of the 15th Ccs Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army from Darby. [REDACTED]

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and engineer troops of the 18th Mecz Div, and because a document found in the training area about 20 September 1951 bore the APN of the 15th Gds Engr Bn.

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units of the Third Shock Army.

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** Comment. The tower, apparently an observation platform, and the bivouac east of the Elbe River are reported for the first time.

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*** Comment. The installation is believed to quarter the unidentified engineer battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. Another source reported it to have been occupied by only a guard detail at the end of August 1951.

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