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General Military Information

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. A train en route from Leutsch toward Leipzig at 4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] included: Five boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes, an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 20 artillery pieces, 15 trucks, [REDACTED]

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2. The troops, who arrived in the Merseburg-Leipzig area on 25 and 26 October, were seen departing in a westerly direction on 28 and 30 October. [REDACTED] it was only a practice march. The halls, which had previously been requisitioned, were not used as the troops bivouacked in the woods. (2)

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3. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes were seen loading trucks, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in Genthin on 30 October. On the same day, soldiers in Burg unloaded trucks, including [REDACTED]

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(3) A train seen en route from Magdeburg toward Haldensleben at 3 p.m. on 31 October carried trucks, [REDACTED] (4) On 22

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November, a train of 35 to 40 cars was seen moving toward Magdeburg from the direction of Haldensleben. It carried trucks, [REDACTED] and about 25 tanks with five bogie wheels, including tanks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Comments.

(1) [REDACTED] the train carried a unit from Altenburg of the 38th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Merseburg and Altenburg. It may have been on its way to the post in Altenburg via Leipzig. Since there would be about 200 troops in the five boxcars, the number of artillery pieces appears to be disproportionally high.

(2) [REDACTED] the troops belonged to components of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, predominantly to elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div. Components of these units were observed by a third source in the entraining area along the Dessau-Magdeburg railroad line on 28 and 29 October 1951, upon completion of the fall exercises of the Eighth Gds Army west of Dessau. [REDACTED]

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(3) [redacted] tank units of the 7th Gds Tank Div were entrained in Genthin on 30 October 1951. This information again confirms the departure of the division upon completion of the field exercises in the area northeast of Magdeburg. If troops have actually been detrained in Burg as is indicated by the present report, it was probably reshuffling troops to their units. See

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25X1C (4) [redacted] the train seen on 31 October carried a unit of the 6th Arty Div.

25X1C (5) [redacted] the train carried an element of the 19th Gds Mecz Div. The unit probably returned to its winter quarters in Magdeburg.

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