

TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Training Area 25X1A

25X1X EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 20 March 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS Summary of the report was previously

25X1A [REDACTED]

25X1X SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Beginning 23 February 1952, military rail shipments coming from Loewenberg and proceeding in the direction of Templin (N 54/U 51), passed through Zehdenick every night. [REDACTED] 25X1X

[REDACTED] tanks moved through Zehdenick in a northerly direction for about three hours on the night of 25 February. Shipments which passed through Zehdenick in a northerly direction on 29 February included:

11:30 a.m. 34 boxcars with troops, 1 coach with officers and 19 flatcars with side racks, carrying 38 trucks.

5 p.m. 41 boxcars with troops, 1 coach with officers and 18 flatcars with side racks, carrying 34 trucks and 3 light artillery pieces.

5:40 p.m. 12 boxcars with troops, 33 flatcars with side racks, carrying trucks, light artillery pieces, rocket launchers, field kitchens, jeeps and T-34 tanks Nos 230, 260, 270 and 280. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED]

2. Reports had been heard daily from the direction of the training area since 23 February. Foresters, who had to discontinue their work, stated that major field exercises of units from Oranienburg were held in the area of Loewenberg-Bergsdorf during the period from 23 to 27 February. Source noted that despite the military shipments observed in Zehdenick, that there had been no increase in traffic as usually observed when units moved to the troop training grounds. *

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The present report confirms the increased training activities in the Templin training area. The first rail movements in the direction of Templin were reported on 24 February 1952. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1A [REDACTED] The troop trains observed on 29 February 1952 possibly carried units of the 25th Tank Div from Oranienburg and, according to tank turret numbers, Prenzlau. It is possible that

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during the period from 23 to 27 February 1952, field exercises of units from Oranienburg were held in the Loewenberg-Bergsdorf area and that these units later moved to the Templin troop training grounds for a short period. On the whole, it appears that the field exercises were only short training operations which did not indicate a more permanent occupation of the troop training grounds.

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