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TOPIC Military Information from the Weisswasser Troop Training Grounds

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REMARKS

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1. During the period 13 to 19 June 1952, the quarters of Camp Nochten-Doxberg at the Weisswasser troop training grounds were occupied to capacity. The earth bunkers on the south edge of the AT gun firing range were also occupied. The troops seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, or artillery insignia, and some with signal insignia or motor transport insignia. Most of them were recruits and had closely cropped hair. On 13 June, three JSU-122 guns [redacted] proceeded from the troop training grounds to the Weisswasser railroad station. At 11:30 a.m. on 19 June, 12 officers and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets armed with rifles and a total of about 100 rifle grenade launchers and all carrying light field equipment and entrenching tools arrived at the Weisswasser railroad station on the regular train from the direction of Cottbus (N 52/A 75) and, subsequently, marched to the troop training grounds. On 15 June, firing with live ammunition of five heavy machine guns involving 80 to 100 officers and personnel was observed at the heavy machine gun firing range. In the afternoon on 16 June, four AT guns were used in combat firing at the AT firing range. The exercise consisted of a gun being emplaced by personnel every 10 minutes, firing a shot and then again being withdrawn. About 40 engineers were building a bridge across the Schoeps River near Doxberg on the same day. About 10 trucks each carrying one pontoon were seen.

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2. During the period from 26 to 30 June, two carloads of supply arrived daily at the Weisswasser ration supply depot. At 3 p.m. on 28 June, a large tank car was drained by tank trucks [redacted] with trailers. At 3 p.m. on 21 June, 44 [redacted] trucks which subsequently left in the direction of Camp Nochten were unloaded at the Weisswasser railroad station. On 24 June, six carloads of briquettes were unloaded at the Weisswasser railroad station and subsequently hauled to Camp Nochten on trucks [redacted]. A carload of sports equipment which arrived at the railroad station at 9 a.m. on 25 June was unloaded and also hauled in the direction of Nochten

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troop training grounds is occupied by units of the 9th Mecz Div until late June.
The engineer practice observed on 16 June gives an indication of the presence
of elements of the engineer battalion of the division. Other elements of the
62d Engr Bn of the 9th Mecz Div were transferred to the engineer training
area of the Third Gds Mecz Army in Wittenberg in late April. [REDACTED]

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