

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Quedlinburg

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 9 May 1953, the Quedlinburg airfield was occupied by an estimated 100 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] Thirty to 40 soldiers were repeatedly seen receiving training in firing in the training area south of the installation. [redacted] the barracks installation would again be occupied in May. Truck [redacted] was almost daily seen en route to the airfield. Six 120-mm mortars, rather than small guns, had been entrained during the previously reported loadings.¹

2. Prior to 9 May, the Harz Jugendheim (home for youth) was occupied by an estimated 200 to 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia; and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 19 April, about 90 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched toward the town. Truck [redacted] occupied by about 20 troops who wore red-bordered black or blue-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. On 20 and 21 April, jeep [redacted] and sedan [redacted] were seen in front of the quarters. On 23 April, eight officers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and six officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia went toward the komendatura. Sedan [redacted] which almost daily was seen in the town, was seen in front of the komendatura. On 2 May, about 120 troops, who wore red-bordered black and, a few, blue-bordered black epaulets and carried small arms, marched toward the Altenburg firing range. They returned at about 7 p.m. Truck [redacted] parked in front of the installation. On 7 May, 8 officers, including 2 wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and about 90 EM, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying small arms, marched toward the barracks installation at the airfield. The unit returned at about 6 p.m. On 8 May, three van-like trucks, apparently radio trucks, were seen near the radio station. Truck [redacted] arrived at the radio station, coming from, and later returning to, the town. Four underground bunkers were under construction near the radio station.²

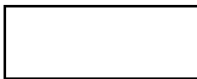
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According to information in this report, the airfield, on 9 May, was occupied by a major guard detail only. Therefore, the bulk of the 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div carried there is believed stationed in the wood camp southeast of Jaevenitz, where other elements of the

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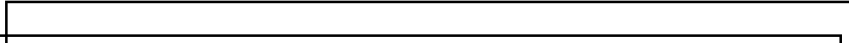
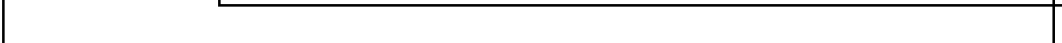
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division engage in summer training. It is undetermined, whether the regiment will return in May.

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2. Comment. 


unit belongs to the unidentified signal regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The signal detail presumably serves a forward trunk line of the army, which is located in the expected concentration area of the army, north of the Harz Mts. It is fairly definitely believed that this is a routine practice in conjunction with the preparation of a practice mobilization. The radio station probably also belongs to the signal detail.

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