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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 10 July 1955:

**A. General:**

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The movement of AAA units to and from the firing ranges was very heavy. Intensive engineer training was conducted in the Rosslau-Alken and Rad Koesen areas. Tank shipments from the USSR continued to arrive.

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bursed to Soviet personnel in East German currency has been considerably reduced. Most of the KVP summer training activity is now being carried out at the training grounds. Recruits continued to be received by the units.

**B. Disposition of Soviet Units:**

**1. Second Guards Mechanized Army:**

- a. 31st AAA Division: One shipment returned from Justerbog to Velten on 27 June.
- b. 2nd Light Artillery Brigade: Two shipments were dispatched from Doeberitz to RHD Magdeburg, presumably Altengrabow, on 26-27 June. The remaining elements of the division were engaged in exercises in the vicinity of their post.
- c. 12th Guards Tank Division: One shipment went from Justerbog to Neuruppin on 28 June. A shipment with engineer units was unloaded in Neuruppin on 3 July.
- d. 1st Mechanized Division: On 19 June, a tank firing detail returned from Neustrelitz to Doeberitz.

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headquarters were absent from Schwerin between 22 June and 1 July.

5. Eighth Guards Army:

- a. 13th AAA Division: Most of the units were away from their posts in Weimar on 29 June. One shipment returned to Weimar from Kroepelin on 4 July.
- b. Engineer Units: Two shipments were dispatched from Dessau toward Bitterfeld on 2 July. A bridge construction exercise took place near Bad Koesen/Saale on 5 July.
- c. 28th Guards Rifle Corps:
  - Headquarters: At its Rudolstadt post on 30 June
  - 308th Artillery Brigade: In Gera on 3 July
  - 497th AAA Regiment: The bulk of the regiment was away from Rudolstadt on 4 July.
  - 39th Guards Rifle Division: The 112th Guards Rifle Regiment was at its post in Plauen between 29 June and 4 July; the 87th Gun Artillery Regiment was absent.
  - 20th Guards Mechanized Division: The bulk of the mechanized regiment stationed in Weimar was presumably stationed in Ohrdruf between 29 June and 5 July.
- d. 29th Guards Rifle Corps:
  - 498th AAA Regiment: Approximately 65 percent of the unit was absent from its post in Naumburg on 3 July.
  - 27th Guards Signal Battalion: In Naumburg on 3 July
  - Corps Engineer Battalion: In Naumburg on 17 June
  - 57th Guards Rifle Division: The headquarters and signal battalion of the division were absent from Naumburg on 3 July. The rifle regiment stationed in Naumburg was still at its post on that date. The bulk of the 655th Howitzer Artillery Regiment was away from its Naumburg post on 17 June.

6. Fourth Artillery Corps:

- a. 2nd Guards AAA Division: Two shipments were dispatched from Ruedersdorf to Jueterbog on 1 July. One shipment went from Kroepelin to Zossen on 5 July.
- b. 6th AAA Division: One shipment was sent from Kroepelin to Chemnitz on 7 July.
- c. 3rd Guards AT Brigade: Three shipments were sent from Rostock/Guestrow, presumably for Altengrabow, between 28 and 30 June.
- d. 124th Heavy Howitzer Artillery Brigade: On 27 June, 7 x 203 mm howitzers and 14 prime movers of a new type were entrained in Brandenburg.

C. Transportation:

- 1. Tank Shipments: The following tank shipments were made between 27 June and 6 July:

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**2. Third Guards Mechanized Army:**

- a. 7th Guards Tank Division: Between 24 June and 4 July, rear details in Rosslau were training with individual T-54 tanks.
- b. 9th Mechanized Division: Two shipments were dispatched from Luckenwalde to Cottbus on 7-8 July.
- c. 62nd AAA Division: Prior to 4 July, troops of the division were bivouacked in a tent camp near their post and engaged in training.

**3. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:**

- a. 63rd AAA Division: Two shipments were dispatched from Fuerstenwalde to Wustrow on 30 June while another shipment went from Eberswalde to Juctorbog on 5 July.
- b. 71st Light Artillery Brigade: The bulk of the division was at its post on 6 July.
- c. Special Amphibious Unit: On 30 June and 1 July, three or four shipments with approximately 40 track-laying amphibian vehicles, including 22 half-track vehicles, returned from Rosslau to the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde. Approximately 100 motor vehicles and armored personnel cars were entrained by units stationed in the Schuetzen Kaserne on 6 July.
- d. 6th Guards Mechanized Division: Training conducted in the vicinity of the Eberswalde, Bernau and Bad Freienwalde posts increased during the second half of June. The training included river crossing exercises by engineer units of the army and the division. Tank elements of the 16th Guards Mechanized Regiment were entrained in Bad Freienwalde on 2 and 3 July. The bulk of the regiment moved by road toward Eberswalde on 4 July. Two shipments of the 120th AAA regiment went from Bernau to Altengrabow on 5-6 July.
- e. 7th Guards Mechanized Division: Tank units from Fuerstenwalde and Berlin-Karlshorst were at the Lieberose training grounds between 16 and 29 June. The camp was occupied on 30 June. Three shipments went from Frankfurt/Oder to Altengrabow between 4 and 6 July.
- f. 10th Guards Tank Division: AAA units passed through Potsdam, going South, on 5 July. Elements of the 63rd Tank Regiment have apparently left their Potsdam post. Two trains were assembled at the Potsdam railroad station on 4 July. Training with T-54 and T-34/85 tanks took place in the vicinity of the Krampnitz post between 26 June and 5 July.

**4. Third Shock Army:**

- a. 304th Artillery Brigade: Elements of the brigade rotated between Burg and Jaevenitz in the period of 17 to 21 June.
- b. 20th Army AT Brigade: Only rear details were at the post between 2 and 6 July.
- c. Army Engineer Battalion: One shipment arrived in Barby on 7 July, presumably from the Bittkau training area.
- d. 94th Guards Rifle Division: Tank firing details were entrained in Schwerin, presumably for Letzling Heath, on 28 June. Elements attached to the division

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<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>No. of Flatcars</u>
27 June	Brest-Litovsk	Glauchau	15
30 June	Frankfurt	Neustrelitz	8
1 July	Frankfurt	Zeithain	20
4 July	Frankfurt	Forst Zinna	18
4 July	Frankfurt	Koenigsbrueck	undetermined
4 July	Frankfurt	Magdeburg	undetermined
6 July	Frankfurt	Forst Zinna	5

2. Special Assembly of Railroad Cars: RED Halle was ordered to turn in 100 railroad cars at Waggonfabrik Altenburg between 20 and 28 June. The cars were to be equipped with collapsible bunks and black-out shades and to be held available at the factory. The personnel employed for the equipment of the cars were ordered to maintain strict secrecy. After 25 June, the railroad car factories in Schwerin, Hagenow and Wittenberge were ordered to prepare 180 converted boxcars. Between 4 and 6 July, two empty trains composed of eight converted boxcars, 17 flatcars, one kitchen car and 6 to 9 boxcars were sent from Berlin to Brest-Litovsk.

#### D. KVP

1. On 22 June, the reconnaissance battalion of Division Prenslau and the reconnaissance company of Rifle Regiment Prenslau were engaged in joint exercises in the vicinity of their post.
2. One or two battalions of Mechanized Regiment Potsdam left their post on 28 June.
3. A shipment of 20 x 37 mm AA guns arrived at the Kliets training grounds on 4 July. The move probably involved the transfer of the Potsdam AAA Regiment from Altengrabow.
4. Approximately 550 recruits arrived at the KVP post in Altwarp during the second half of June. The KVP post in Prenslau received 200 recruits and the SFS units in Berlin-Adlershof 350. The recruiting campaign is continuing. The next discharge is scheduled to take place in the fall.

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