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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Military Activities in the Area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army

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1. On 22 and 23 June 1955, it was determined in Prenzlau that a training area, presumably a tank firing range for the units from the Prenzlau post, had been prepared in the Beenz-Kroechlendorf-Wichmannsdorf area. The following details were obtained:

In 1954 and early 1955, surveying work was observed in the above-mentioned area. Upon protests by farmers, surveying work discontinued; it was resumed on 21 April. It was then ordered that 200 ha woods be cut. In late April, the area was evacuated and cleared. In May and early June, cut wood was shipped away. In mid-May, _____

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_____ business had considerably decreased after early May, since many Soviet soldiers from Prenzlau were employed in the woods. On 23 June, it was determined south of the Prenzlau installations (4741 and 4742) that numerous imprints of tank tracks branched off toward southwest in the direction of Kroechlendorff-Beenz road. 1

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2. After 4 July, 2 trains of flatcars and boxcars were made available at the Potsdam railroad station.
3. At 0400 on 5 July, an AAA unit with 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 6 trucks mounting AA machine guns and 16 additional trucks passed through Potsdam en route from the direction of Nedlitz toward the south. 2
4. On 5 July, the Adolf-Hitler Kaserne (2287) in Potsdam was no longer occupied to capacity. The tank unit was presumably absent. 3
5. During the night of 2/3 July, a tank unit was entrained at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. On 4 July, some 60 vehicles, 4 x 120-mm mortars, 4 to 6 x 85-mm and 4 to 6-x57-mm AT guns, 10 to 12 armored personnel carriers, 3 field kitchens, 5 tank trucks and radio and repair shop trucks were assembled in the yard of Panzer Kaserne (4002) in Bad Freienwalde. Subsequently, the unit presumably left by road toward Eberswalde. At noon on the _____ day, the installation was occupied by only 300.

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6. On 5 July, it was observed that vehicles and AA guns were assembled in the SS-Briefstaubenstation (4243) in Bernau. At midnight, 12 x 76-mm AA guns, 4 to 6 x 37-mm AA guns, some 25 trucks, radio and repair shop trucks and field kitchens and 150 to 200 soldiers were entrained at the Bernau railroad station. At 0700 on 6 July, a second AAA unit was presumably entrained. Approximately 13 x 76-mm AA guns and 1 x 37-mm AA gun, 15 trucks and 8 boxcars were observed. In the afternoon of the same day, the SS-Briefstaubenstation was only lightly occupied. Four 37-mm AA guns were seen in the old emplacement. 5


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7. At 1330 on 1 July, 22 half-track amphibious vehicles went from the loading street of the Eberswalde railroad station toward the town.  Judging from the noise of driving which had previously been heard, a total of approximately 40 amphibious vehicles may have proceeded in this direction.  6

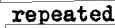

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8. Between 29 June and 4 July, it was determined that exercises of several day duration by companies, batteries and battalions from the Artillerie Kaserne (4241) in Eberswalde continued. The departure of tanks was observed for the first time. At 2115 on 3 July, a train which was headed toward north and carried 8 heavy tanks, 1 radio truck and included 1 boxcar, was ready to depart from the Eberswalde railroad station. 7


1.  Comment. The new training area southwest of Prenzlau had repeatedly been reported.


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 it is quite definitely believed that this is a new training area for the units from the Prenzlau post. 


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2.  Comment. These were apparently units of the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div from the Kr \ddot{u} gsschule (2288) in Potsdam, which may have subsequently been entrained at the Potsdam railroad station. Additional AAA units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from other posts were transferred to training grounds for firing practices at the same time,

3.  Comment. Elements of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div were presumably absent from their quarters for exercises in the post area.

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4.  Comment. On 2/3 July, a tank detail of the 16th Gds Mecz Regt or the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div was presumably entrained for firing practices at a training grounds. On 4 July, major elements of the same regiment apparently left for exercises in the area west or southwest of Bad Freienwalde, at which locality units of the division from the Bad Freienwalde and Eberswalde posts had repeatedly conducted exercises in June.

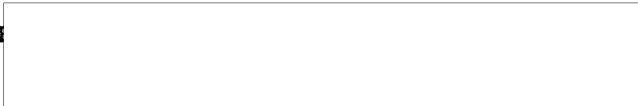
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5. Comment. Without regard to the large number of medium AA guns, it is believed that units of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which, [redacted] were transferred to Altengrabow in 2 shipments [redacted] were entrained.

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6. Comment. These were probably elements of the special amphibious unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde which, [redacted] returned from RBesslau to Eberswalde in 3 trains [redacted] on 1 July. [redacted] 24 half-track amphibious vehicles when the units left Eberswalde for Rosslau on 30 May. [redacted]

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7. Comment. For information on the exercises of units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, [redacted] On 3 July, a tank detail of the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt was probably entrained for firing practices at a training grounds. [redacted] several tank shipments went from Eberswalde to Altengrabow on 3 and 6 July.

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