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1. Eight Soviet armored units, equipped with Stalin and T-34 tanks and comprising 12,000 men, were stationed at the Oszozywik (Wolfsheide, East Prussia, A65) training grounds during November. Specifically, these units were dispersed in the triangle Johannisburg-Arys-Biala (A54 - A66 - A74). During October, they had staged large scale maneuvers along the Spirdingsee, which included the construction of rafts and bridges as well as demolition exercises.
2. The training field fuel tanks have a capacity of one million liters. Since several hundred barrels of gasoline were stored in the open, source presumes the normal tanking facilities may have been filled up.
3. South of the training field, near the village of Wolka (A65) on the Warschau See, lively traffic was observed at an ammunition dump measuring three to five square kilometers. Ammunition delivered to this dump arrived at the Johannisburg railroad station from the South. Trucks hauling ammunition proceeded westward.
4. Another smaller armored unit stationed in this area consisted of five companies of 400 or 500 Germans equipped with Panther, Königstiger and Stalin tanks. These Germans had no contact with the transport company which employed German drivers; source was unable to ascertain whether this was a newly organized unit or some remnant of the von Paulus Army.

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