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1. The Soviet general commanding a division in the Zossen-Wunsdorf area (291) lives on the Seestrasse in Wunsdorf. The divisional staff and unmarried staff officers occupy the Heeressportschule in the same town.
2. A battalion of this division's rifle troops participated in field exercises at Wunsdorf on 29 November. The men were equipped with the German carbine 98, clip-fed Russian rifle, tommygun with American type drum, German submachine gun 40 (MG 42), and German stick hand grenades. They were supported by an AT company with six 76.2 mm guns in defense of Hill 276 (cf. attached map). Four of the guns were entrenched in a forward slope position and camouflaged in pockets; the other two guns were in a reverse slope position. Further support was given by three IL-2 aircraft against the attack of twelve T-34 and four JS-1 tanks. The planes dived on the tanks from 800-1,000 meters, opening up with cannon and machine guns at approximately 30 meters. Bomb hits were marked. The exercises lasted two hours, after which the troops returned to the Wunsdorf tank school in trucks in the B 6-77 series. Only one tank was marked; this bore the number 511, with 145 in a diamond right side of the turret.
3. Seven tank cars (each 25,000 liter capacity) were unloaded at Zossen railroad station on 29 November and transferred to the Wunsdorf tank school. Shipping bills indicated that the fuel came from Leuna-Merseburg,
4. Also on 29 November, 120 trucks (1 1/2 ton Fords and Studebakers) in the E-2-24 and E 2-25 series left the Hindenburg Barracks in Wunsdorf. Each truck contained approximately twenty men wearing black tabs/red piping, with complete infantry equipment. According to an interpreter in Soviet employ, this convoy eventually headed in the direction of Furstenwalde.
5. A Soviet 1st lieutenant has reported that officers from the Zossen-Wunsdorf area who went to the USSR on leave after the maneuvers were ordered back by telegrams dispatched to them between 20 and 30 November.

Map attachment: Sketch of field exercise area reported in Paragraph 2 above.

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