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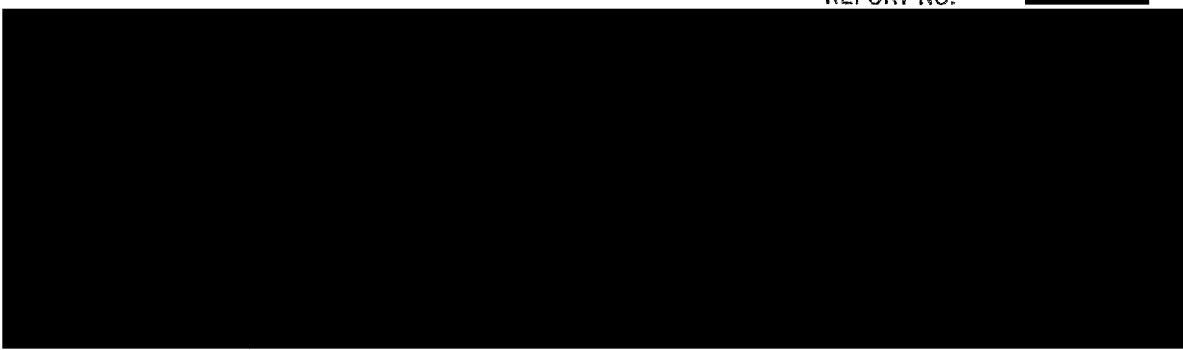
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1. Effective 1 May 1949, the 3rd Armored Division with headquarters in Luckenwalde (Z70) is ordered to be raised to the status of a Third Mechanized Army.
2. The following component units of the 3rd Armored Division will be upgraded to guards divisions, their battalions to regiments, etc.:

- 14th Guards Mechanized Regiment at Jucterbog (E69)
- 9th Mechanized Regiment at Cottbus (A57)
- 6th Guards Armored Regiment at Wittenberg (E37)
- 7th Guards Armored Regiment at Zahna (E48)

All of these units are to retain their original numerical designations.

3. As of 1 May 1949, the Third Mechanized Army is to be in control of the following units: Four divisions, plus the 199th Artillery Brigade and the 50th Motorcycle Battalion, both of which are stationed at Luckenwalde, a rocket launcher regiment at Trebbin (Z71), and the 983rd Field Hospital.
4. In mid-November 1946, the Third Mechanized Army and the Fourth Mechanized Army were downgraded to divisions, their divisions to regiments, etc., and all of them were designated "Kadrovoi." At that time they were stripped of their effectives but not of their equipment. For instance, the 14th Guards Mechanized Regiment Kadrovoi, with a T/O strength of 150 enlisted men and 192 officers (sic), was left with 230 enlisted men and 92 officers. In the case of the 3rd Armored Division Kadrovoi, this process has now been reversed. Since February 1949, it is rapidly being brought up to T/O strength, with the replacement depots at Luckenwalde and Jucterbog servicing the new Third Mechanized Army.

5. The new 14th Guards Mechanized Division will be composed of the following:

- 47th Guards Mechanized Regiment
- 48th Guards Mechanized Regiment
- 49th Guards Mechanized Regiment
- 469th Howitzer Regiment
- 497th Mortar Regiment
- 18th Rocket Launcher Battalion

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