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TOPIC USIA News Information from Dessau-Possau

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Until 17 May 1951, two engineer units, one of which had vehicles with [REDACTED] and the other with numbers of the [REDACTED] returned to the Pioneer Schule at Rosslau-Meinsdorf. Germans employed in the barracks installation stated that the two units departed by rail the following nights. A railroadman said that the trains carrying the engineer units, or at least some of the trains, were bound to Nordhausen (M 52/D 12) and unloaded there. Only the pontoons in excess of the units' authorized equipment remained at the installation. Between 22 May and 9 June, the only engineer truck observed at the installation was [REDACTED] (1)

2. The German housekeeper of the deputy commander of the division, a major general, who had left with the units, stated that the tank unit from Rosslau-Meinsdorf had moved to Letzling Heath with virtually all of its troops. The deputy commander of the division, was billeted in a forester's house near Haldensleben, together with three colonels. (2)

3. From 8 to 10 June, a total of about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived in Rosslau in small groups aboard regular trains from Dessau. German barracks employees stated that the new arrivals were recruits from the U.S.S.R. Following the arrival of the new troops, an increase in driving-school activity was noticed. The vehicles of the driving school [REDACTED] It was rumored that, while elements of the division were at troop training grounds in Thuringia and near Haldensleben, the remainder of the division in Rosslau-Meinsdorf would be used for the activation of a new unit.

4. Three JG tanks were noticed at the barracks installation in Rosslau-Meinsdorf on 7 June 1951. [REDACTED]

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- 5. The AA guns previously emplaced between the ammunition dumps and the Rosslau-Coswig road were withdrawn. About 350 soldiers were seen at the former engineer equipment depot, either excavating or engaged in off-duty activities. (u)

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Comments.

- (1) The two engineer units in the Pionier Schule, Dessau-Rosslau, were also described by another source as being elements of one superior unit. [redacted] they are components of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG which, according to the present report, moved to a new training area after the engineer exercise at Aken. See [redacted] 25X1C
- (2) The report indicates that the Hq 7th Gds Tank Div is stationed in the Pionier Schule, Dessau-Rosslau. At the time of the report, the bulk of the division was at Letzing Heath. Components of the 384th Gds Arty Regt of the division are believed to have gone to Altengrabow for record firing. See [redacted] 25X1A
- (3) According to paragraph 3 [redacted] in paragraphs 3 and 4, training components of the 7th Gds Tank Div are still at the post. 25X1C
- (4) Other sources also reported that there have been no manned AA gun emplacements in this area since the end of 1950. See [redacted]

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