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Order of Battle.

1. Reports received between 1 October and 1 November 1951 indicated no changes in the general disposition of the Soviet ground forces in Germany up to the middle of October 1951.
2. The following units and rear service installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany, location, and date of observation, were confirmed between 1 October and 1 November 1951:

a. GHQ Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

56th Motor Trans Regt	[Redacted]	WUENS DORF	27 September
66th (?) Sig Regt		POTSDAM area	3 October
25th RL Brig (or Regt?)		PRELNITZ	5 October
An Arty Div		POTSDAM	29 September
A Gun Arty Brig		POTSDAM	29 September
6th (?) Gds AAA Div		CHELNITZ-AUE area	27 September
32d AAA Div		FRANKFURT-KUESTRIN area	17 October
53d Central Repair Shop		BERLIN-OBERSCHONENHEIDE	6 October
123d Tank Repair Shop		MUELLROSE	20 October
		KIRCHMOESER	30 September

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800th Nation Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	LATZKORN	15 October
820th Nation Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	FRANKFURT/Oder	15 October
Main Clothing Depot	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	9 October
U/i Quartermaster Depot	[REDACTED]	SCHOENBERG	10 October
Main Sig Depot	[REDACTED]	BAD SAARZOO PIESKOW	10 September
Main Medical Depot	[REDACTED]	FUERSTENBERG	10 October
Main Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	VELTEN	10 October
Main Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	DRESDEN	20 September
Main Ordnance Depot	[REDACTED]	JESSEN	7 October
Main Engr Depot	[REDACTED]	KETSCHENDORF	6 October
A Repair Shop	[REDACTED]	KETSCHENDORF	15 October

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b. Eighth Guards Army.

43d (Gds) Gun Arty Brig	[REDACTED]	ALTMUEBURG	September
Army Ration Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	ERFURT-MARBACH	20 October
Army Clothing Depot	[REDACTED]	BURGSTADT	22 October
Army Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	HUENCHEN-BERNS- DORF	26 September
Army Repair Shop	[REDACTED]	MANKERSDORF	26 August
Army Medical Depot	[REDACTED]	MANKERSDORF	12 September
Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	[REDACTED]	RUDOLSTADT	23 September
Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	JENA	23 September
Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	[REDACTED]	MAEBURG	26 September
170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	NAUMBURG	30 August
172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	GOTHA	3 September
Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	HALLE	10 September
54th Gas How Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	HALLE	August

c. Third Shock Army.

Army Hq	[REDACTED]	MAGDEBURG	September
Hq 3d Gds AAA Div	[REDACTED]	MAGDEBURG	September
15th Gds Engr Bn	[REDACTED]	DARBY	23 August
Army Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	MAGDEBURG	29 September

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693d How Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	STENDAL	Summer
10th Gds RL Regt	[REDACTED]	SCHMERIN	1 October
Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	[REDACTED]	SCHMERIN	22 September
283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	ILGENOW	22 September
288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	WISMAR	22 September
Hq 18th Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	PERLEBERG	20 September
58th Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	PERLEBERG	21 September
60th Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	PARCHIM	27 September

d. First Guards Mechanized Army.

Army Ration Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	DRESDEN	3 October
4th Gds AAA Div	[REDACTED]	DRESDEN-KOENIG- KAUUCK	September
Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	GRLEA	12 September
1st Gds Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	DORNA	September
64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	LEISNIG	September
19th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	CHLEWITZ	September
20th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	WURZEN	September
356th Gds AAA Regt	[REDACTED]	LEISNIG	September
40th Gds Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	KLOTZSCHE	September
44th Gds Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	BAUTZEN	September
45th Gds Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	KALENZ	September
7th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	DRESDEN	September

e. Second Guards Mechanized Army.

31st AAA Div	[REDACTED]	SCHOENWALDE area	5 October
An AT Arty Brig	[REDACTED]	ORANIENBURG	3 October
A RL Regt	[REDACTED]	SCHOENWALDE	23 October
Army Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	FUERSTENBERG	27 October
Hq 9th Gds Tank Div	[REDACTED]	NEUSTRELITZ	30 September
33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt	[REDACTED]	PASEWALK	30 September
71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	NEURUPPIN	7 August
Hq 1st Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	12 October
19th Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	3 October
35th Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	5 October

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37th Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	5 October
3d Tank Bn/37th Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	3 October
219th Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	5 October
72d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	DOEBERITZ	5 October

f. Third Guards Mechanized Army.

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91st Gds RL Regt	[REDACTED]	TREBBIN	5 October
Army Fuel Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	27 September
Hq 11th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	22 September
47th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	26 August
48th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	26 August
49th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	22 September
10th Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	22 September
497th Mort Regt	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	1951
A Tank Tng Bn/11th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	JUETTERBOG	16 August

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Hq 7th Gds Tank Div	[REDACTED]	ROGGLAU	9 September
Hq 9th Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	COTTEUS	9 September

g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

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Army Hq	[REDACTED]	EBERSWALDE	October
Army Nation Supply Depot	[REDACTED]	EBERSWALDE	15 October
Army Clothing Depot	[REDACTED]	EBERSWALDE	23 September
16th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	BAD FREIENWALDE	7 September
35th Gds Mecz Regt	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	22 October
676th How Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	3 October
34th Tank Tng Bn	[REDACTED]	BERNAU	3 October
Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div	[REDACTED]	FUERSTENWALDE	13 October
57th Gds Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	FRANKFURT/Oder	23 September
Hq 25th Tank Div	[REDACTED]	ORANIENBURG	12 September
175th Tank Regt	[REDACTED]	PRETZLAU	8 October
A Tank Tng Bn/25th Tank Div	[REDACTED]	ORANIENBURG	15 July
Hq 10th Gds Tank Div	[REDACTED]	KRAMPNITZ	7 September

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Movements and New Billeting Areas.

4. Movements, including some which were reported when they were still in the planning stage, and which were effected in September and/or early October 1951, included the movement of the Hq Fourth Gds Mecc Army, EBERSWALDE, from the Ardelt Plant to the Schuetzen Kaserne; that of the Hq Eighth Gds Army, WEIMAR, from the Sophien Hospital to WELLAR-NOIRA airfield; and that of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecc Army from the Weisse Stadt settlement, ORANIENBURG, to the barracks installation at SCHOENWALDE airfield, with only the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecc Army remaining in the Weisse Stadt settlement. Large-scale construction of new barracks installations was started at BAD SAAROW. The buildings at the exit road of KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN toward ZEMSEN were to be vacated, allegedly to furnish quarters for an unidentified unit from FRANKFURT/Oder. The former Kayser chemical factory, ORANIENBURG, was vacated by Soviet troops, whereas groups of buildings west of the former ORANIENBURG concentration camp were cleared of civilian residents in order to be used as troop quarters. The former Auer Plant, ORANIENBURG, which has not been used by the military to date, will allegedly be occupied by an AAA Unit.

Departure from Troop Training Grounds.

5. The combined-arms exercises above regimental level, which were started at the troop training grounds and their vicinity in early September 1951, were continued by the divisions until the first two weeks of October 1951. These exercises involved tanks, infantry, artillery, and special weapons. The first indications that the troops were planning to return to their winter quarters were reported about 10 October 1951. The first signs of the return movement were usually the departure of advance parties to prepare the quarters at the home stations, and the dispatch of shipments of ammunition and equipment. The troops themselves started entraining several days later. Toward the end of October, reports were received which indicated that troops at all troop training grounds had started to leave in the middle of October 1951, with the exception of the troops at CHERDRUF, WERDER-MARKENDORF and TEIPLIN, who began leaving only after 20 October 1951. The information was confirmed by reports from numerous military posts which mentioned the arrival of troop units. None of the reports received by the time this report was completed indicated that any of the troop training grounds had been completely vacated by troops.

Fall Exercises.

6. The field exercise in the ROSSLAU-WITTENBERG-DELITZSCH area, which was reported in the middle of September 1951, was later confirmed by subsequent reports. ** On the basis of these reports, it has been fairly definitely established that a command post exercise was held from about 18 September to 1 October in the WITTENBERG-DELITZSCH-HALBERSTADT area under the Hq GDFG and involved individual combat elements of all six armies in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
7. Only some of the troop units leaving the troop training grounds returned directly to their winter quarters. Others participated in the large-scale final maneuvers, which were conducted in the LETZLING-Heath-STEINDAL-RATHENOW-GENTHIN area and the ROSSLAU-ZERBST-AKEN area. These maneuvers began about 20 October and are believed to have ended during the last days of October 1951. Since the information received by the time this report was completed indicated only movements of troops to, in and from the maneuver areas, it has been impossible to analyze the maneuvers, completely determine the units involved, or establish the degree of cooperation between the units. ~~It has been established, however,~~ that the troops involved in the maneuver in the LETZLING-Heath-RATHENOW-GENTHIN area included: Components of all divisions, corps and army headquarters units of the Third Shock Army;

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components of the 7th Gds Tank Div, the 25th Tank Div, the 6th Gds Mecz Div, and the IV Arty Corps; and, possibly, some elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div and of the Eighth Gds Army. The maneuver, if it was held collectively by all of the units mentioned, was probably conducted by a command post of the Hq GOFG in the TANGERNIETTE area. Simultaneously with this maneuver, a maneuver involving the 21st Gds Mecz Div and components of the 7th Gds Tank Div, the IV Arty Corps, and engineer units of the GOFG was conducted in the ROSSLAU-ZERBST- AKEN area. The purpose of the two maneuvers is believed to have been the crossing of a river in conjunction with the commitment of air units.

8. The components of the Second Gds Mecz Army are believed to have conducted field exercises in their own army area beginning in the first week of October 1951. The areas used for these exercises and the units involved have not been determined. There have been indications that the components of the army did not conduct joint exercises. Field exercises were apparently held in the HAVELBERG-GLOEWEN area, the so-called Rhine Luch southeast of NEURUPPIN and the area north-east of NEUSTRELITZ. They are believed to have terminated by the end of October 1951.
9. Prior to their departure for their home stations, the components of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which had been concentrated in the TEMPLIN area are believed to have held a final exercise lasting three or four days in the GROSS SCHOENEBECK area, allegedly practicing a breakthrough of an encirclement. No specific information on this subject has been received to date.
10. No reports on large-scale fall maneuvers have been received from the areas of the First and Third Gds Mecz Armies, or the Eighth Gds Army. Information emanating from these areas indicated only the usual movements of troops returning to their winter quarters from the troop training grounds. The only exceptions in the Third Gds Mecz Army area were some small components of the 9th Mecz Div, which went from their GOTTEBUS military post to the WEISSWASSER troop training grounds as late as about 15 October and, in the Eighth Gds Army area, the 21st Gds Mecz Div, which conducted a final maneuver on the Elbe River. See paragraph 7.

Special Exercises.

11. Artillery units at the ALTENGRABOW range began leaving the range in the middle of October 1951. It appears that only two artillery components of the Third Shock Army will remain at the range throughout the winter.
12. No information has been received from the WUSTROW AAA range during the period covered by this report. Since the movement of AAA units departing from the AAA range considerably decreased as early as the end of September 1951, it is believed that only a few units were still there in October 1951.
13. The training cycles of engineer troops in the ROSSLAU-GROSS KUEHN AU area were conducted continuously up to the middle of October 1951. It has not been determined whether units training there participated in the final exercises of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, which began on 20 October, and subsequently returned to their home stations. ***

Personnel.

14. The influx of personnel, probably recruits or specialists, from the U.S.S.R. began again in early October 1951 as in 1950, but to date the volume has not been as large as in the previous year. Seven or eight trainloads of incoming personnel were observed between 3 and 25 October 1951. As before, the incoming trains went primarily via the border-crossing points of KUESTRIN and FRANKFURT/Oder. GUECN. 25X1

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and redispached in small groups to military posts in the Soviet zone of Germany. Confirmatory reports have been received from several military posts, stating that new personnel arrived and that military ceremonies, probably for the purpose of swearing in recruits, were held. One report stating that the shuttle-trains transported discharges on their return trips to the east has not been substantiated. The fact that the units returned to their posts upon completion of summer training makes the resumption of the repatriation of discharges a distinct possibility.

15. The volume of daily leave traffic between FRANKFURT/Oder and BRIST LITOVSK gradually increased from 112 men going east and 465 men going west between 21 and 24 September to 630 going east and 870 men going west between 18 and 20 October 1951.

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Transportation Situation.

17. The transportation situation prevailing during the reported period was characterized by heavy demands on railroad transportation space by the Soviet occupation power since about the middle of October 1951 when troops began returning to their home stations from the troop training grounds. During the second half of October 1951, a daily average of 1,800 to 2,000 cars were used for this purpose. Since these increased demands on transportation space coincided with the usual seasonal increase of freight traffic, for example shipments of sugar beets, potatoes, fertilizers and coal, there have been considerable operational difficulties which were reflected in a mounting backlog of undispached cars. This backlog rose from a normal level of 500 to 700 cars to about 2,000 cars.
18. The coal situation has become more critical with an increased daily consumption and inadequate coal deliveries. On 23 October 1951, coal stocks were down to 217,648 metric tons, a quantity adequate for 9 and $\frac{1}{2}$ days. Coal stocks of more than 400,000 tons were available during the corresponding period last year. Serious operational difficulties will result in the coming winter if coal deliveries continue to remain below requirements.
19. The most important construction projects include:
- Construction of a multiple railroad junction with 6 connecting curves and 13 bridges near GRUENAU. This project represents the second stage of the construction of the southern section of the BERLIN Outer Freight Ring. It is believed that the scheduled completion date of 1 November 1951 will be met. It will be possible to start operations on a temporary basis at that time.
 - Reconstruction of the second track of the GUBEN-FRANKFURT/Oder line which is of importance as a cross-connection between these two major border crossing points. The completion date for this project has been postponed four weeks, to 30 November 1951.
 - Reconstruction of the dismantled single-track SCHWAAN-BUETZOW railroad line. The completion of this project will establish a second feeder line for the Baltic seaports of ROSTOCK and WARNEMUENDE.

The rails and ties required for these projects have been obtained by the dismantling of auxiliary or branch lines in all of the eight railroad districts.

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Supply Situation.

20. Observations made in October 1951 indicate that Soviet supply operations have been streamlined. It appears that the main burden of supply operations has been shifted from group to army level. This decentralization process is reflected by the establishment of several new supply depots, in connection with which the sites for ammunition and fuel depots have been chosen from a strictly military point of view, i.e., removed from important target areas.
21. An increase in the volume of incoming ammunition shipments from the U.S.S.R. has been observed since the middle of September 1951, probably in an effort to replenish the stocks depleted by the summer and fall maneuvers. A new office in charge of distributing ammunition to the individual major ammunition depots in the Soviet Zone of Germany seems to have been established in FRANKFURT/Oder.

AUSTRIA and HUNGARY.General.

22. Prior to the middle of October 1951, there were no discernible changes in the strength and organization of the Soviet Army units in the Soviet Zone of Austria.

Order of Battle.

23. The following components of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were either confirmed, or identified for the first time after the war, on 30 September 1951:

Hq 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	[REDACTED]	ST. POELTEN	25X1
233d Gds Gun Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	MELK	
344th Gds How Arty Regt	[REDACTED]	ALLENTSTEIG	
140th Sig Bn	[REDACTED]	unlocated	
977th AAA Bn	[REDACTED]	ST. POELTEN	
803d AT Arty Bn	[REDACTED]	unlocated.	

In addition, the 2d and 17th Gds Mecz Divs were also confirmed in Hungary up to 30 September. A Soviet document with [REDACTED] reidentified the 4th Gds Mecz Regt of the 2d Gds Mecz Div for the first time since the war and confirmed it up to 7 August 1950. The regiment is believed to be stationed in central Hungary.

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Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div.

24. The location of the Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div, which left VIENNA in July 1951, has not yet been determined.

Termination of the Summer Training Period.

25. The summer training period of the two combat divisions stationed in Austria appears to have been completed by 25 October 1951, similar to observations in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The 46th Gds Mecz Regt of

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the 13th Gds Mecz Div, which moved to the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds at the end of June 1951, was again at its post in MESSINGENBURG on 10 October 1951. Components of the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Div of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were detrained at their post in MESSINGENBURG on 15 October 1951. Components of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned to their quarters in the barracks installations on Schiesenschanze, 92. POELTER; Camp SPRATZMIN; and MELK about 20 October 1951. Confirmatory information on the departure of troops was received from the railroad stations at ALLERTSTEIG and GORFFRITZ, both of which are situated close to the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds. According to local residents, small units are scheduled to hold training cycles at the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds during the winter months.

RUMANIA.

26. Resettlers, who left the Banat in May 1951, confirmed the presence of a Soviet tank unit in ARAD, probably a medium tank regiment.

POLAND.

27. According to an unconfirmed report from OPPELN, the Soviet tank units previously stationed there left the post toward LIEGNITZ in the spring of 1951. The quarters vacated by them were then occupied by Polish troops. This indicates that the Soviet tank units were reassigned to another post rather than transferred to a troop training grounds, such as NEUHALLER, only for the duration of the summer months. 25X1

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