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- On 15 October 1951, source learned from a woman interpreter that a division headquarters, which was previously located at Juensdorf, was now stationed in Altschlacken at the Letzling Heath (N 53/Y 53) training area. The headquarters was commanded by a colonel. (1)
- A train, which was seen moving from Barsikow toward Neuruppin on 13 October, carried 10 tanks, apparently T-34s, including tanks with [REDACTED] 25X1A
 And another train, which passed through Barsikow at 4:45 p.m. on 14 October toward Neuruppin, carried 7 tanks, [REDACTED] also T-34s, including 25X1A
 5 trucks, including [REDACTED] and an 25X1B
 undetermined number of troops. (2) On 15 October, Captain Dolzha (fma), riding in 25X1A
 jeep [REDACTED] purchased motor vehicle spare parts from the Zweck and Feyn Firm, Neuruppin. On 16 October, Captains Dolstopyet (sic), and Gachinkov (sic), and Senior Lieutenant Kochrenka (sic), riding in truck [REDACTED] also 25X1B
 purchased motor vehicle spare parts from the same firm. They allegedly came from the Hain-Luch training area. Also on 16 October, a lieutenant colonel, riding a motorcycle and followed by truck [REDACTED] also purchased spare 25X1B
 parts. On 18 October, a lieutenant picked up spare parts with truck [REDACTED] (3)
- On 15 October, a convoy of 25 trucks, carrying troops and billeting equipment, was 25X1B
 seen driving from Schwesinrich (N 54/U 22) toward Perleberg. Three of the trucks 25X1B
 were [REDACTED]. Individual trucks observed in 25X1B
 Schwesinrich, carrying billeting equipment and baggage, were [REDACTED] 25X1B
 [REDACTED] (4) 25X1B
- On 16 October, SU-122 SP guns No 459 and 469 and truck [REDACTED] 25X1B
 were seen leaving the Panzer Kaserne, Neubrandenburg (N 54/U 66). Reports of guns were heard in Neubrandenburg from the direction of Penzlin for some days preceding 16 October. It was said that a tank firing range was located at Penzlin. (5)
 Thirty vehicles with engineer equipment which entered the Panzer Kaserne from the direction of Heustrelitz at 9 a.m. on 25 October included 5 trucks with pontoons, and 1 small amphibious car. At 3:30 p.m., a troop train which arrived from the direction of Heustrelitz was unloaded in Neubrandenburg. Vehicles subsequently seen driving to the barracks installation included: 1 truck carrying a boat, 1 truck with hoisting gear, 1 large amphibious car, 1 tank car, 2 repair shop trucks, 1 vehicle towing a generator, and 18 trucks including [REDACTED] 25X1B

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5. A woman interpreter said that, upon the return of the troops from maneuvers, the northeastern section of the barracks installation in Prenzlau would be occupied by Unit Kuzain. The southeastern section was to quarter Unit Chernin, which included Captain Samyonov (fnu) and Unit Tsich. (B-3) Unit Commander Tsich had been reassigned to the U.S.S.R. during the maneuver period. His successor has not been identified. On 16 October, billeting equipment was unloaded from seven boxcars and hauled away on trucks [REDACTED] (7) 25X1B
6. On 17 October, 20 tanks, apparently T-34s, including tanks with [REDACTED] were observed in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Penzliner Chaussee, Neustrelitz. Five trucks, including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which were seen leaving the barracks installation, were occupied by about 40 soldiers each. Four empty trucks leaving the installation were numbered [REDACTED] (8)
7. A train observed at the Krommen railroad station on 18 October carried an undetermined number of troops with red-bordered black epaulets, 20 T-34 tanks and 15 to 20 trucks. The tanks and trucks bore a white tactical symbol: (9)
8. On 18 October, source observed that a newly arrived unit of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia moved into the quarters at Schoermalde (N 53/2 66) airfield which were vacated by an air force unit of Captain Petrov (fnu) on 1 October. Audited bills for the new artillery unit bore the signature of Lieutenant Colonel Chesnokov (fnu). (10)
9. [REDACTED] the field exercises in the Templin training area began on 20 October. Their subject seemed to be the break-through of an encirclement. From 21 to 23 October, engineer units were observed constructing dual ferries, footbridges and pontoon footbridges. Two ferries were observed by source north of Burgwall. Other ferries were seen by local residents on the river section between Burgwall and the Zauren Fischerhaus. The ferries and bridges were subsequently used by trucks and personnel. Intensive vehicular traffic from the bivouacking areas to the camp was noticed. (11)
10. On 22 October, [REDACTED] a tent camp quartering Soviet troops was located in the restricted woods north of Neufriedrichsdorf, east of Rathenow (N 53/2 15). The camp was allegedly pitched on 10 October. It was said that several trains were loaded and unloaded at the two railroad stations of Rathenow on and after 10 October. Between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 23 October, an AAA unit with 12 x 85-mm guns was entrained at the Rathenow railroad station. [REDACTED] the unit was a battalion, organized into three batteries, with four guns to each battery. In addition, trucks [REDACTED] were entrained. One of the trucks carried a field kitchen and another one a device which seemed to be a ballistic director. Jeep [REDACTED] was entrained on orders of a major who seemed to be the commanding officer. Four boxcars of the train were loaded with troops and one boxcar with equipment. On 23 October, a rocket launcher unit was entrained at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station. The vehicles with the unit from the direction of the tent camp at Neufriedrichsdorf and included [REDACTED] Soldiers talking among each other mentioned Prenzlau. (12)

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11. At 8 a.m. on 22 October, advance parties of the units stationed in Prenzlau arrived at the post. During the night of 23 October, an undetermined number of tanks was detrained in Prenzlau and moved to the barracks installation. At 3:40 a.m. on 25 October, 15 T-34 tanks, including No 331, were detrained. Seven tanks moved into the installation at 1:30 p.m. and nine tanks including [redacted] at 2 p.m. On 27 October, trucks [redacted] ambulance [redacted] and 15 T-34 tanks, including [redacted], were seen driving from the railroad station to the barracks installation. In addition, 20 trucks, including [redacted] were seen hauling ammunition boxes from the station and to the barracks installation. Other vehicles observed on 27 October were trucks [redacted], each towing an artillery piece; five SP guns, including Nos 378 and 380; armored reconnaissance cars Nos 13 and 14; and 25 trucks. The latter trucks included [redacted] some of which had been seen when they were entrained on 8 October. [redacted] (8) 25X1X

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12. On 27 October, two troop trains coming from Jaevenitz were unloaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad. The first train carried about 400 troops and 42 trucks loaded with ammunition; and the second train about 350 troops, 20 x 122-mm field howitzers, 21 prime movers, 15 trucks, 2 sedans and 4 field kitchens. A third train from Jaevenitz which was unloaded at Rathenow-Nord on 28 October carried about 300 troops, 24 x 122-mm field howitzers, 30 prime movers, 16 trucks and 1 field kitchen. The troops moved to Wald Caserne I. (13)

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13. A train seen moving from the Bessen railroad station toward Bahendorf at 3 p.m. on 31 October carried about 50 troops, 10 x 37-mm AA guns and 10 trucks with numbers of the [redacted] series. The train also included two closed boxcars. (14) 25X1A

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Comments.

- (1) Probably the Hq 19th Gds Mecz Div which may have moved from Millersleben to Altplanken during field training.
- (2) The two trains carried components of the 12th Gds Tank Div and came from the direction of Houstadt on the Dosse River.
- (3) The purchasing officers belonged to the 13th Mecz Div and the 12th Gds Tank Div.
- (4) The information confirms the departure of components of the 13th Mecz Div and headquarters units of the IX Htz Rifle Corps from the Schweinrich troop training grounds, probably for their military posts. The movement began in mid-October 1951. See [redacted] 25X1A
- (5) Field exercises presumed in the Prenzlau-Neubrandenburg area as early as September involved components of the 9th Gds Tank Div and, probably, components of the 1st Mecz Div.
- (6) Elements of the 413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Mecz Army which returned to their home station.
- (7) Probably the barracks installations on the northwest and southeast sides of Berlinerstrasse. Unit Kusmin is the 83d Gds Iv Tank SP Regt of the 25th Tank Div under Colonel Kusmin (Znu). Gds Major Chernin (Znu) is the deputy commander of the division's 175th Tank Regt whose commanding officer is, according to a Soviet document, Colonel Chapel (Znu), and whose supply officer is Captain M. Sinyonov who was mentioned in several reports. Unit Tschik was last identified by the same source at the Templin troop training grounds in May 1951. It may be the 296th Gds AT Arty Regt of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?) which is tentatively carried in Prenzlau.

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- 25X1A The 25th Tank Div. See [redacted] The [redacted] series mentioned in the present report belongs to the 413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn in Neubrandenburg and was probably identified incorrectly. 25X1B

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- (8) The units carried in the Home Infantry Kaserns are believed to include the medium tank regiments of the 9th Gds Tank Div. The present report does not permit conclusions as to the density of the occupation of the installation at that time.
- (9) The train probably carried a component of the 25th Tank Div because the same tactical symbol was observed with tanks in the Oranienburg concentration camp on 22 October 1951.
- (10) A source in Oranienburg reported the movement of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Wehr Army from Oranienburg to Schenckwalde in early October 1951. [REDACTED] The present report confirms this movement of the regiment and its commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Choznukov or Choznukov (2nd). The movement of the air force units, whose bills were audited by Captain Petrov (1st), to Stendal in early October 1951 was previously reported.
- (11) Compare with a previous report by the same source. [REDACTED] 25X1A The troops possibly practiced breaking through an encirclement. For sketch of the bivouacking areas, see Annex.
- (12) The loading and unloading of several trains in the Katherow area after 14 October; the tent camp at Neufriedrichsdorf; the tank exercise at Tarnowitz, 20 km southeast of Katherow, which another source announced for 20 October; and the concentration of motor vehicles south of Kyritz on 19 and 20 October 1951 confirm the fall maneuvers believed to have been conducted in this area. It has not been determined whether the troops were engaged in simultaneous field exercises or in a collective maneuver. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- [REDACTED] 25X1A
- [REDACTED] 25X1B
- [REDACTED] in the present report belongs to the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Wehr Army. The vehicles observed in connection with the entrained rocket launcher unit belonged to the 6th Gds Wehr Div, the 25th Tank Div, the 10th Gds Tank Div, a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Wehr Army and the GCPG. In addition to components of the Fourth Gds Wehr Army, components of the Third Shock Army and the IV Arty Corps are believed to have participated in these field exercises which may have extended as far as the Stendal-Jerichow area.
- (13) Two of the three trains may have been the trains with components of the 6th Arty Div which another source reported to have been entrained at Jagvenitz and Uchtspringe on 27 October 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (14) The northbound train carried a component of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Wehr Army.

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