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1. [redacted] started loading boxes and equipment into eight boxcars at the Doeberitz railroad station at 2 p.m. on 13 February 1952. The shipment was consigned to Ellerholz via Neustrelitz. [redacted] dispatched 6 boxcars and 24 flatcars, probably carrying troops and motor vehicles respectively, during the night of 13 February. The shipment was consigned to Swinemuende via Neustrelitz. [redacted] (1)

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2. [redacted] troops from Goerries started entraining on 16 February. A convoy of eight trucks [redacted] was seen heading north from the direction of Ludwigslust on 17 February. Each truck towed an artillery piece which seemed to be model ZIS-3. The same convoy of trucks was seen arriving at the freight yard from the direction of Goerries at about 4 p.m. The vehicles were occupied by a total of 8 officers and 160 men who wore black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 40 trucks were seen moving from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne to the freight yard between 2:30 and 8 p.m. on 17 February. They carried a total of about 80 officers and 800 men who wore black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets. Materiel observed with the trucks included 12 artillery pieces which seemed to be model ZIS-3, 4 heavy machine guns and 1 field kitchen. [redacted]

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Because the freight yard was cordoned off, [redacted] unable to determine the direction the train departed after the troops were entrained, but believed that they departed northward [redacted] no troop trains leaving in a southerly direction. (2)

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3. [redacted] Neubrandenburg said that a total of 9 or 10 troop trains was unloaded over the end-loading ramp between 3 p.m. on 17 February and noon of 18 February. The troops on two of the trains were equipped with AT guns, tanks and track-laying vehicles. A unit which was detrained in Neubrandenburg on 18 February consisted of about 250 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets, carried full equipment and were equipped with 2 AT

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guns of about 40-mm and 24 trucks.

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The unit departed toward Kussow.

Troops unloaded on 19 February were equipped with 90 to 100 motor vehicles, including trucks, jeeps, sedans, buses, motorcycles, radio and tank trucks, kitchen vehicles and an armored reconnaissance car.

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After detraining, the troops departed toward Kussow. (3)

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- 4. Trucks which were seen leaving the Schuetzen Kaserne, Eberswalde, toward Finow, on 18 February included: 3 [redacted] carrying soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets; 3 [redacted] carrying soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets; 1 [redacted] carrying soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and [redacted] carrying soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. All of the trucks were loaded with telegraph poles. In addition, trucks [redacted] were seen leaving the Schuetzen Kaserne. About 150 officers and men who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with two sidocar motorcycles and trucks [redacted] were loaded on 5 boxcars and 5 flatcars at the Eberswalde railroad station on 10:45 a.m. on 22 February. [redacted] not observe the departure of the shipment. (4)

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- 5. Four light artillery pieces, 25 trucks and 2 sedans were detrained in Doeberitz at 9 a.m. on 22 February.

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- 6. Vehicles which were seen departing from the See Kaserne and the hospital on Fehrbellinerstrasse, Neuruppin, on 18 February included: trucks [redacted] occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets; jeeps [redacted] office trucks [redacted] ambulances [redacted] and trucks [redacted] Two armored reconnaissance cars, apparently of type BA-64, and trucks [redacted] were seen leaving the See Kaserne. Troops with the following materiel, coming from the See Kaserne and the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, were entrained in the afternoon of 18 February: 10 x 120-mm mortars, 2 M-13 rocket launchers, 2 x 122-mm howitzers, 4 artillery pieces which seemed to be 76.2-mm ZIS-3s, 5 AT guns of apparently 45-mm, 13 trucks [redacted] 8 trucks [redacted]

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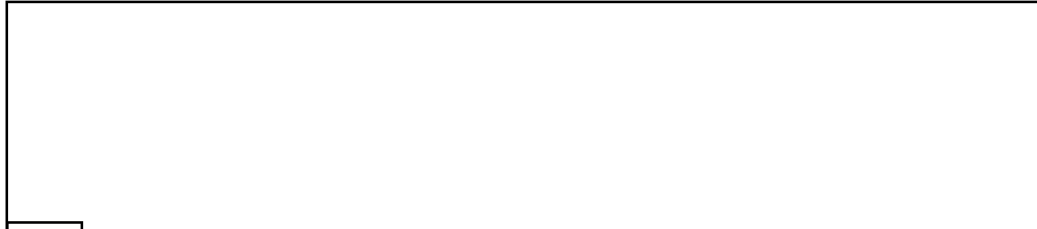
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The headquarters staff from the See Kaserne and from the hospital, the 2 armored reconnaissance cars and the 3 trucks were seen returning to Neuruppin on 21 February. (3-3)

- 7. About 600 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and materiel were loaded on a train of 13 boxcars and 24 flatcars at the main railroad station of Neuruppin in the afternoon of 18 February. The materiel consisted of: 10 x 76.2-mm field guns; 2 x 122-mm field howitzers; 4 x 82-mm mortars; 10 x 120-mm mortars; 2 M-13 rocket launchers; and 4 field kitchens and motor


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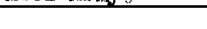
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(2) The troops from Goerries were probably headquarters units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. The troops from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne are believed to have been components of the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from there.  25X1

(3) It is believed that only 3 or 4 troop trains were unloaded, because the unloading process for 9 or 10 troop trains over only one end-loading ramp would be too time consuming.  the units detained on 18 February 1952 are believed to have been components of the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. See  Comment 2. All of the vehicles which, according to the present report, were observed on 19 February 1952 belong to the Third Shock Army and specifically, to the 3d Gds AAA Div, the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, headquarters units of both the Third Shock Army and the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. The locality of Kussow is unknown. 25X1

(4)  the column leaving the Schuetzen Kaserne was a signal unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The unit entrained on 22 February 1952 was probably of similar type. 25X1

(5) The unit detained was a headquarters artillery component of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 25X1

(6)  confirm that components of the 12th Gds Tank Div were entrained. According to the weapons observed, the units may have included elements of the 226th Mort Regt, the unidentified guards rocket launcher battalion and the unidentified artillery regiment or battalion. 25X1

(7) Information such as the departure of units from Doeberitz, Schwerin, Eberswalde and Neuruppin in the middle of February 1952; the detraining of components of the Third Shock Army in Neubrandenburg; the arrival of components of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Doeberitz; and the return of the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div after four days of absence are indicative of short training cycles which may have been held in areas remote from the military posts. Similar indications were contained in reports emanating from other army areas. These training projects possibly constitute the continuation of the winter training program upon completion of the final inspections of recruits, or they may have been short-term exercises for trained personnel.

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