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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 3 to 13 June 1952, the quarters at the Lieberose (O 52/A 59) troop training grounds were still occupied to capacity. The construction at the camp was largely completed. The soldiers received basic drill, including rifle drill and formation drill, firing training, training in the terrain with and without full pack, training in combat firing with rifles and light machine guns at distances of from 150 and 200 meters and training on light machine guns and medium mortars. They also practiced emplacing heavy AT guns, marched in company strength with field equipment and entrenching tools and made road marches in columns of from 300 to 1,000 soldiers or engaged in sports activities. Two T-34 tanks with subcaliber barrels fired at moving targets at distances between 60 and 80 meters. Aiming practices were performed on two 120-mm field howitzers and construction of telephone lines was practiced in the camp and telephone operations were seen. As many as four rocket launchers usually left Camp Jamnitz in the direction of Lieberose in the morning and returned late in the afternoon. A parking area for tanks, rocket launchers, AT guns, field howitzers, armored personnel carriers and trucks was seen east of the Schwanssee (lake) in forest sections 128, 129, 144 and 145 and extending on the east as far as forest sections 127 and 143. It was surrounded by a wooden fence with numerous watchtowers. Two exits were on the Leeskow and Staakow road, and one was on the Leeskow-Jamnitz road. Motor vehicles seen at Camp Jamnitz included:

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2. Camp Jamnitz was still occupied during the period from 10 to 19 June. No major practices or firing with live ammunition was noticed. While traveling on the Jamnitz-Staakow road, source saw about 10 x 100-mm AT guns in a parking place. About 30 soldiers received training on 80 x 80 mm mortars in the northern section of the camp.

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3. On 15 June, 80 new trucks on one train and 10 M-13 rocket launchers,

and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts from another train were unloaded at the Lieberose railroad station. \*\* Thirty old trucks of American origin with covered numbers, which, according to a railroad official were bound for Brest Litovsk, were loaded on the same day.

4. During the period from 26 to 31 May, the parking area north of the Janlitz-Staakow road and southwest of the Schwanssee in Camp Janlitz was occupied as follows: 80 trucks including

type reconnaissance cars, 6 half-track vehicles mounting twin machine guns, 30 canvas-covered armored vehicles, including T-34/85 tanks, JS tanks and SP guns, 20 x 57-mm AT guns and 10 motorcycles. During the same period, the parking area north of the Janlitz-Leoskow road, west of the Schwanssee was occupied by: 90 trucks,

13 AA guns a caliber of 76 mm; 20 AT guns which apparently had 57-mm caliber; 2 small amphibious vehicles; 6 half-track vehicles mounting twin machine guns; 19 rocket launchers and 20 trucks. A total of 60 tank trucks were parked about 100 meters east of the parking area in the southern section of the camp.

5. Training at no greater than company strength was noticed during the period from 25 to 31 May. There also was firing with live ammunition by individual tanks. Soldiers engaged in service of the piece drill on six 76-mm AA guns in the parking place north of the Janlitz-Leoskow road, west of the Schwanssee.

6. Two JS tanks and two SU-24 SP guns were loaded at the Lieberose railroad station on 25 May and were dispatched toward Frankfurt/Oder in the morning on 26 May. Two cars with boxes for the headquarters arrived at the railroad station from Unit in Eberswalde (R 53/V OC). \*\*\* Five field bakeries arrived at the camp prior to 31 May and were sheltered in the ration supply depot west of the Lieberose railroad station. Four wooden sheds, 30 meters long and 15 meters wide, were seen in the western section of the camp. They stored ammunition. The building for an officers' club was nearing completion south of these sheds. Colonel Nesterof (fn) went on furlough for 8 weeks on 31 May.

7. aircraft towing sleeve targets flying in the direction of Lieberose. They flew individually while towing these targets, and three or more aircraft were aloft at a time. Fire of AA guns was heard from the direction of the Lieberose troop training grounds.

Comment. This information again confirms that the 7th Gds Mecc Div is stationed in Lieberose. After the quarters had been prepared until about mid-May 1952, training apparently started up to company level and with training marches up to regimental level. The parking area mentioned were previously reported.

belong to a reserve of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army which were most likely assigned to the 7th Gds Mecc Div. All other motor vehicles belong to the 7th Gds Mecc Div.

Comment. The train mentioned probably carried elements of the 312th Gds III Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army from Eberswalde to Lieberose for practices and/or firing practices. Of the motor vehicle one belongs to the army troops of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army, while the others of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army which were previously assigned to the rocket launcher regiment.

Comment. repair shop of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army in Eberswalde.