

TOPIC: Military Information from the Lossa Troop Training Grounds

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1. On 7 July 1952, [redacted] a main gate, numerous cabins, a parking lot for trucks with about 300 trucks and a gun parking area with numerous canvas-covered guns in Camp I, west of the Lossa-Wiehe road and about 3.5 km south of Wiehe, at the Lossa (H 52/J 59) troop training grounds. Camp II began about 4.4 km south of Wiehe, with low wooden cantonment buildings located on either side of the road and an administrative building east of the road. Other buildings and repair shops were west of the road. The quartering area was bounded by woods northwest of Lossa. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] * column of nine trucks [redacted] each towing a 160-mm mortar, was seen on the Burgwenden-Garnbach-Wiehe road on the same day, coming from the direction of the ruins in Rabiswald. 25X1

2. On 3 July, several tent camps and a number of hutments with numerous trucks and personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia or motor transport insignia were seen on either side of the Wiehe-Lossa road. There was only light traffic of motor vehicles. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] all camps seen were occupied to capacity. [redacted] the training area which stretched as far as the area of Heldrungen-Reinsdorf was continually used for combat firing and practices, involving infantry, tanks, artillery and air force units. [redacted] estimated that the area was occupied by about 30,000 troops. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] no troops, who had been stationed in Kaunburg in the winter of 1951/1952 were quartered there. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] work on the water conduit from Allerstaedt, southeast of Wiehe, to the woods north of Lossa and the installation of shower baths in the camps had to be discontinued when the troops arrived in the spring of 1952.

[redacted] according to an official statement, this work would be resumed in the fall of 1952. *



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3. On 26 June 1952, [redacted] at the Lossa railroad station that no troops had arrived or had been detained there after 1 June 1952. On 6 June 1952, [redacted] at the Artern (S 52/D 13) railroad station that a train carrying 33 JS-2 tanks was being unloaded by a detail of 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with tank insignia. [redacted] other tanks, which allegedly went to the Lossa training area, had been unloaded at the station on 7 June. At 3 p.m. on 13 June, 20 JS-1 tanks and 35 x 100-mm AT guns were unloaded at the Artern railroad station. Four officers wearing artillery insignia and a large number of soldiers were seen engaged in the unloading operation. **

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4. On 3 July, the Miegelroad Heath, north of the Lossa training area, was not occupied by troops nor were any practices being held in the area.***

* [redacted] comment. [redacted] elements of the 21st Gds Lossa Div were in the Lossa training area until 7 July 1952.

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The estimate of the entire occupation [redacted] appears too high. As other reports indicated that only elements of the 21st Gds Lossa Div are stationed in the training area.

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** [redacted] comment. The trains with tanks which arrived at the Artern railroad station possibly carried elements of the 21st Gds Lossa Div from Halle.

*** [redacted] comment. This information is contrary to previous information.

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