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COUNTRY Eastern Germany REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Military Information from the "Litengrabow" Training Area

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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REFERENCES [redacted] 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains unloaded at the "Litengrabow (N 53 1/2 00) railroad station during the period from 18 to 24 July 1952 included: 25X1

18 July. A train consisting of 11 boxcars and 19 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 12 x 122-mm artillery pieces and trucks [redacted] 25X1

The unit left for Camp Rosenkrug. 25X1

A train consisting of 2 boxcars and 14 flatcars with sideracks, carrying an undetermined number of trucks. [redacted]

19 July. A train consisting of 3 boxcars and 8 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 4 x 37-mm AA guns and trucks [redacted] 25X1

The unit departed toward Zimmermannsteich (lake). 25X1

20 July. A train consisting of 30 flatcars with sideracks and carrying new unnumbered trucks, coming from Prest Litovsk. A train consisting of 10 boxcars and 35 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 14 x 37-mm AA guns and trucks [redacted]

A train consisting of 3 boxcars and 7 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 10 heavy machine guns and an undetermined number of trucks [redacted] 25X1

The unit departed toward Zimmermannsteich. 25X1

A train consisting of 31 flatcars with sideracks and 8 boxcars, carrying 12 x 37-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks [redacted] 25X1

The unit departed toward Rosenkrug. 25X1

24 July. A train consisting of 3 boxcars and 11 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 8 M-31-type rocket launchers and trucks [redacted] 25X1

The unit departed toward Rosenkrug. 25X1

A train consisting of 12 flatcars with sideracks and 3 boxcars, carrying 8 M-13-type rocket launchers and trucks [redacted] 25X1

The unit left toward Rosenkrug. *

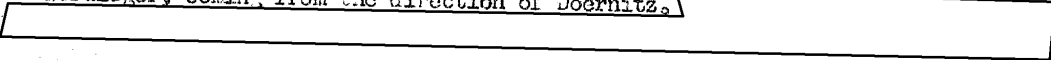
2. On 24 July, [redacted] local residents that, during the preceding weeks, units repeatedly left, and new units arrived in Altengrabow. They included units from Potsdam and Rathenow. 25X1

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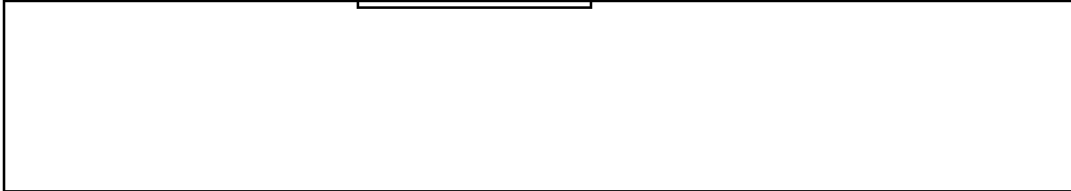
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3. On 24 July, the Nordlager was occupied by 800 to 1,000 troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Emplacing and displacement of six 160-mm mortars, each with a crew of 5 to 6 men, was practiced at the training area opposite the camp. Driving practice with two T-34 chassis with angular superstructures following marked tracks was observed. At about noon, 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and equipped with small arms returned to the Nordlager, coming from the direction of Doernitz.



4. Thirty heavy artillery pieces, including 10 x 122-mm guns without muzzle brakes, were seen at the gun parking lot in open sheds. About 80 to 100 trucks, [redacted] were seen in the southwest section of the camp, standing in a row.

5. Only individual soldiers were seen in the ammunition depot and the filling station of the ammunition depot. No motor vehicles were seen. A small camp of low wooden buildings, about 4 km south of Gross Lubbars, was occupied by about 8 to 10 men only, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen in the training area [redacted]



* [redacted] Comment. The unloading operations observed in Altengrabow during the period from 18 to 24 July 1952 are commented on as follows:

[redacted] July. An artillery unit of the IV Arty Corps, probably of the 6th Arty Div from Brandenburg. [redacted] The trucks probably belonged to the Eighth Gds Army and the GOPG.

19 July. An AAA unit of the Third Shock Army.

20 July. An AAA unit of the Eighth Gds Army; an AA machine gun company, probably of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US); and an AAA unit, possibly of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

24 July. A rocket launcher unit of the GOPG, probably of the 25th RL Brig from Premnitz. [redacted] and a rocket launcher unit of the Eighth Gds Army.

** [redacted] Comment. The bulk of the units occupying the Altengrabow firing range consists of units of the Third Shock Army, the 6th Arty Div from Rathenow and Brandenburg and the 34th Arty Div (US) from Potsdam. Some of these units were rotated to the firing range and repeatedly exchanged their rear details at their posts. [redacted] Small units of other armies in Eastern Germany particularly of the Eighth Gds Army and the Second Gds Mecz Army, also rotated elements for short-term firing practices to the firing range which, as compared with a previous report, appears largely occupied as previously. See [redacted]. The motor vehicles seen in the training area belonged to the GOPG, the Third Shock Army, the Eighth Gds Army, the Third Gds Mecz Army and the unidentified artillery battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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