

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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TOPIC Field Exercises North of Neuruppin

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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On 18 August 1952, a field exercise was held 1 km southwest of Linow (N 54/ 25X1
 U 41), in the training area north of Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49). It involved 6 25X1
 JSU-122 guns [redacted] 9 JS-2 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 9 T-34/85 tanks including [redacted] and 4 trucks in- 25X1
 [redacted] towing 57-mm AT guns. A parking lot with 25X1
 about 50 T-34/85 tanks and JS tanks and trucks [redacted] was 25X1
 situated 1 km south of Guehlen-Glienicke. Twelve T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] and about 30 JS-3 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 5 model M-13 rocket launchers [redacted] and 3 side- 25X1
 car motorcycles with machine guns were on a parking lot 1.5 km west of Bolte- 25X1
 muehle. A unit practiced with numerous 120-mm mortars each manned by 4 or 5 men, 25X1
 on Hill No 84 on the northern tip of Tornow Lake. On 19 August, an engineer 25X1
 unit launched an attack across Tornow Lake with five assault boats, each with a 25X1
 machine gun and 16 soldiers. Eighteen T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 39 JSU-122 SP guns [redacted] 10 JS-2 tanks 25X1
 [redacted] trucks [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 47 x 122-mm field howitzers coupled to trucks and 30 x 120-mm mortars, 25X1
 also coupled to trucks, were in a parking lot north of Stendenitz. A motorboat 25X1
 was pulling four pontoons in the southern section of Zermuetzel Lake. Landing 25X1
 stages, 30 meters long, were built of military bridge building equipment. Field 25X1
 howitzers of 122-mm attached to trucks and a jeep were ferried across the lake. 25X1
 Empty engineer vehicles on the western bank [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] Jeep [redacted] and 10 trucks towing 122-mm 25X1
 field howitzers were on the eastern bank ready to be ferried across the lake. 25X1
 About 7 T-34/85 tanks and 25 JS tanks were on a parking lot north of the road from 25X1
 Rhangen to Molchow. Twelve JS-3 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] were lined up at the ferry near Nordschleuse Neumuehle. Ten T-34/85 tanks 25X1
 practiced aiming at a practice target representing a tank on the Neumuehle troop 25X1
 training grounds. *

* Comment. [redacted] tank, artillery, and engineer 25X1
 units of the 12th Gds Tank Div had been engaged in practices in the area north 25X1
 of Neuruppin on 1 and 12 August. The exercises in the 25X1
 present report appear to have extended as far as the Rheinsberg area. It is

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believed that the figures regarding weapons and caliber are estimated too high. This was also reported [redacted] comment of the reference report which contained similar information. Difficulties regarding the penetration of the wooded area [redacted] because of dust clouds, which were previously mentioned, are probably the reasons [redacted] motor vehicle [redacted] again, the practices were held by elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div. Therefore, it is probable that major components of this division engaged in field exercises in the area between Neuruppin and Rheinsberg.

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