

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT  
TOPIC Military Information from the Bittkau-Grieben-Tangerhuette Area. 25X1

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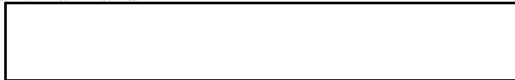
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1. The Soviet komendatura in Grieben (M 53/Y 83) was dissolved on 28 September. 25X1  
At 9 a.m. on 2 October, 21 trucks, billeting equipment, engineer equipment and  
25X1 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded onto gondola cars and  
16 boxcars at the Tangerhuette railroad station.

25X1 On 3 October, motor vehicles in Polte  
were loaded with bridge building equipment throughout the day and the following  
night. They hauled the materiel to the Elbe River where it was loaded onto Elbe  
25X1 River Boat boatmen stated that the cargo was consigned to Parby (M 52/D 88).  
A ferry towing 12 pontoons was near the boat. The ferry carried about 50 pontoons.  
A raft towed by a motor boat carried troops with black-bordered black epaulets. 25X1  
About 30 other pontoons were loaded onto trucks about 100 meters upstream of the  
loading place mentioned above. Troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with  
engineer insignia practiced bridge building on a nearby meadow on the Elbe River.

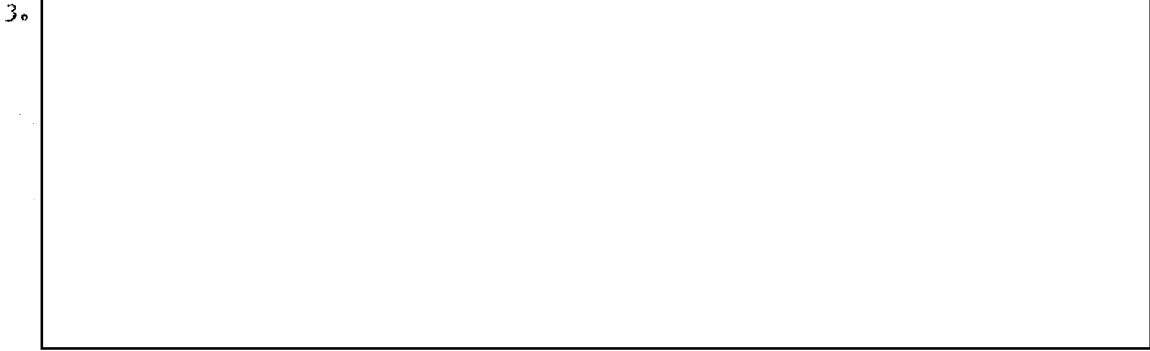
2. On 8 October, a field exercise was held in the area of Bittkau, Polte, and Parey,  
in the course of which 17 aircraft launched a bombing attack against the area  
of Parey at about 1 p.m. Three AT guns emplaced in the engineer training area on  
the western bank fired in the direction of Parey with practice ammunition at  
about 1:30 p.m. Subsequently, two motorboats ferried troops across the river from  
the eastern bank. The boats had been hauled to the river on special trailers  
towed by trucks. A JS tank facing toward Parey was on the edge of the village  
of Polte. The tank later changed position and moved to the Elbe River. About 25X1  
other tanks were assembled between Polte and Ringfurth. Troops wearing red- 25X1  
bordered black epaulets took up position on the slopes of the western bank. The  
Polte-Tangerhuette road was blocked to civilian traffic.

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4. On 3 October, three batteries with a total of 12x152-mm howitzers and three large, two-axle ammunition trailers, all towed by prime movers, came from the direction of Bittkau and were loaded at the Tangerhuetta railroad station. [redacted] 25X1



[redacted] Loadings were made during the day and night at the Tangerhuetta and Lahlwinkel railroad stations and that on one day, about 100 tanks had been loaded in Tangerhuetta.

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Camp Bittkau was vacated on 13 October. [redacted] The intensified movements to the Bittkau training area as well as the loadings which were made by units of the Third Shock Army confirm the transfer to their posts of engineer units of the Third Shock Army. Elbe River Boat [redacted] is believed to have carried equipment of the 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army from Farby. [redacted] The AT artillery column that moved from Polte to Tangerhuetta on 9 October, presumably participated in the field exercise commented on the [redacted] The artillery pieces possibly belong to the unidentified AT artillery unit in Stendal-Forstal. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. There is the possibility that units of the Third Shock Army held a final maneuver prior to their return to the posts on 8 October in the course of which a bridge head was presumably to be established on the eastern bank of the Elbe River off Parey. Engineer units and, probably, also units of the army from the Letzling Heath participated in the maneuver. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The loading was possibly made by elements of the 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army which, [redacted] moved from Tangerhuetta to Farby on 16 October. [redacted] at the same time, units, probably of the unidentified Engr Bn of the IX Itz Rifle Corps, were also shipped to Schwerin. [redacted] 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. The loading was made by units of the 34th Arty Div (UB) which, after having participated in the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army, moved to the maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army. The loading of the units in Tangerhuetta on 3 October and their unloading in Dessau on 4 October [redacted] 25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. The departure of units which participated in fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army was previously reported. [redacted] 25X1

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