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No major change of quarters by the units of USFG took place during the period from 1 February to 31 March 1955.

The arrival of more than 400 artillery pieces and approximately 500 tanks of a new type since November 1954 indicates that the reequipping of artillery units and new equipment of medium tank regiments of tank divisions continued in spite of a remarkably extensive training program. The Soviet command apparently tried to keep up with the usual training schedule although, in addition to the abovementioned difficulties, the discharge of members of two classes in the fall of 1954 and, subsequently, the unusually high percentage of recruits, substantially changed the personnel structure of the units concerned.

The movements to training grounds for firing practices which, this year, were unusually intensive, reached their climax in February 1955. The division exercises which, as was the case in the preceding year, were conducted in Larch, tended to indicate that even in this phase of training, great demands were made on the combat efficiency of major units.

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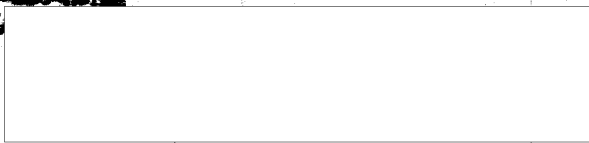
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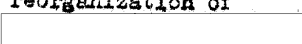
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1. Reequipment.

a. Artillery

After approximately 400 artillery pieces had arrived from the USSR between November 1954 and mid-February 1955, the shipments have apparently discontinued. Judging from the vague descriptions by sources, the shipments included 122-mm howitzers and, predominantly, 152-mm gun howitzers. There are no definite indications of the equipment with new long-barreled guns. Part of the new equipment was assigned to the 34th Arty Div, and the bulk to the artillery brigades of the mechanized armies and motorized rifle corps which, in turn, delivered part of their old guns to the combat divisions. The transfer is still under way. Available information on the reequipment and reorganization of the units concerned was forwarded with



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b. Tank Divisions

More detailed information has been received on the arrival of T-54 tanks, in spite of strict security measures. Photographs confirmed that the newly arrived tanks were actually tanks of a new type. The caliber of the tank gun could not yet be determined.

After individual T-54 tanks had previously been seen with the units, four shipments, each of 10 tanks, arrived in the Soviet Zone on 13 November 1954. On 2 February 1955, the shipments continued, with each shipment consisting of approximately 20 tanks. The following number of tanks were received by the units mentioned:

9th Tank Div	90 T-54 tanks
11th Gds Tank Div	20 " "
9th Gds Tank Div	20 " "
12th Gds Tank Div	70 " "
6th Gds Tank Div	30(?) " "
7th Gds Tank Div	90 " "
10th Gds Tank Div	70 " "
25th Tank Div	40 " "
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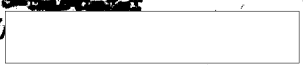


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Total 510 T-54 tanks
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Training level of the crews permitted an employment of individual tank companies with tanks of the new type in the division exercises in March.

It has not yet been observed that T-34 tanks were turned in after the assignment of T-54s which apparently went to the medium tank regiments. Mechanized divisions have not yet received T-54 tanks.

c. Amphibious Vehicles

In addition to the unit with 80 new track-laying amphibious vehicles which has been observed in SPERENBERG since the summer of 1954, a similar unit was activated in EBERSWALDE in November 1954. After the arrival of several shipments of track-laying amphibious vehicles from the USSR, there is reason to believe that this unit had also been equipped with 80 vehicles of this type by late March 1955. The subordination of these units could not yet be determined.

- d. The exchange of motor vehicles and the arrival of armored personnel carriers, reconnaissance vehicles and new prime movers for artillery continued.

2. Training.

- a. In spite of the fact that the reequipment, as well as the discharge of members of two classes in the fall of 1954, substantially changed the inner structure of the units, the training program was conducted according to the usual schedule. Winter firing practices were conducted between early January and late March. Division exercises were held in March. It seems that the training level of the units corresponds to that of preceding years.
- b. In order to keep up with the extensive training program (the units included more than 50 percent recruits, and received new weapons unfamiliar even to the trained personnel), the units had considerably to intensify training procedures. This was particularly noticeable during the winter firing practices, when a number of shipments which by far exceeded the number of shipments dispatched in preceding years, was observed between the posts and training grounds, particularly in February.

Firing practices of tank and infantry units were conducted at the training grounds of the divisions, i.e., OHRDRUF, FORST ZEITZ, LOSSA, LETZLING HEATH, WITTSTOCK, DOEBERITZ, LIEBEROSE, JUETERBOG, KOENIGSBRUECK and ZEITHAIN.

The fact that no firing practices were held at the KINDEL training grounds during the winter months, tends to indicate that, in addition to the previously reported construction of an airfield, other changes may be scheduled to take place there.

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Firing practices of numerous division artillery and AAA units were held predominantly at JUETERBOG, of artillery brigades and division AAA units at ALTENGRABOW, and of AAA divisions, corps AAA regiments and AAA units of divisions at WUSTROW. A graph indicating the occupation of the three training grounds between late January and late March is attached in Annexes 1 through 3.

Excluding shipments in early January, reports on transportation indicated that the following shipments went to these training grounds:

to ALTENGRABOW:	44 shipments	IV Arty Corps
(Annex 1)	9 "	First Gds Mecz Army
	30 "	Second Gds Mecz Army
	8 "	Third Shock Army
	51 "	Eighth Gds Army
Total:	142 shipments	
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To JUETERBOG	28 shipments	IV Arty Corps
(Annex 2)	10 "	First Gds Mecz Army
	38 "	Second Gds Mecz Army
	13 "	Third Gds Mecz Army
	25 "	Fourth Gds Mecz Army
Total:	112 shipments	
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To WUSTROW	18 shipments	IV Arty Corps
(Annex 3)	9 "	First Gds Mecz Army
	8 "	Second Gds Mecz Army
	4 "	Third Gds Mecz Army
	6 "	Fourth Gds Mecz Army
	19 "	Third Shock Army
	18 "	Eighth Gds Army
Total:	82 shipments	(without shipments of AAA units
	=====	of the Air Force).

Additional units arrived at the ALTENGRABOW and JUETERBOG training grounds by road. In 1954, less than 50 percent of this number of units were observed en route to and from the ALTENGRABOW and JUETERBOG training grounds under similar conditions. Since the movements of the individual units overlapped each other in dates, the units, particularly those in the ALTENGRABOW area, were entrained and detrained at more distant railroad stations including ZERBST, WIESENBERG, NEDLITZ, BELZIG and GENTHIN. This shows again the intensity of the program and also the fact that loading ramps in this maneuver area met the requirements. In the WUSTROW area, the capacity of the loading installations is being increased by new construction.

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No rule could be determined for the duration of the presence at the training grounds of the individual units. While an average stay of 1 to 3 weeks was observed in ALTENGRABOW and JUSTERBOG, the AAA units remained at WUSTROW and, occasionally, at JUSTERBOG. Annex 3 indicates that a first large group of units of various armies stayed at WUSTROW from mid-January to late February, a second group from early to mid-March and a third group arrived there after about 20 March.

According to many corroborative reports, the units were quartered in winter bivouacs and not in the permanent buildings of the training grounds, probably in order to harden the soldiers, particularly the recruits.

- c. Following march and field exercises of units up to regimental level in February, the division winter exercises started in early March as usual.

Broken down according to armies, the following exercises were observed:

First Gds Mecz Army:

16 to 20 March	KAMENZ-KOENIGSARBECK area	<u>11th Gds Tank Div</u> reinforced by elements of the army artillery brigades and AAA divisions.
19 to 22 March	ZEITHAIN-MUEHLBERG-OSCHATZ area	<u>9th Tank Div</u> presumably advanced in developed formation from the eastern edge of the ZEITHAIN training grounds toward the Elbe River, crossing of the river over a pontoon bridge near KREINITZ under artillery and AAA protection. Infantry attack from the western bank toward OSCHATZ against an enemy group represented by units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.
22 to 26 March	GRILMA - OSCHATZ - ZEITHAIN area	<u>8th Gds Mecz Div</u> presumably advanced in developed formation from the GRILMA - BURZEN line toward the Elbe River and, after contact with the enemy (9th Tank Div), presumably crossed the Elbe River near OSCHATZ and proceeded eastward.

The engineer battalions of all three divisions participated in the exercises.

Second Gds Mecz Army:

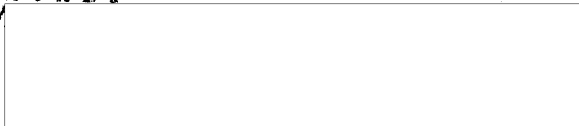
9 to 12 March	DOEBERITZ training grounds	<u>1st Mecz Div</u> reinforced by elements of the 6th Arty Div and the 9th Gds Tank Div, which presumably represented the enemy force.
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19 to 22 March NEUMUNSTER -
RHEINBERG area,
southeast portion
of the WITSTOCK
training grounds

12th Gds Tank Div reinforced by
elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig,
the 90th RL Regt and elements of
the 1st Mecz Div. A Soviet colonel
called the exercise a "shifting
maneuver" (Verschiebenmanoever).
See simultaneous exercise of the
18th Mecz Div.

18 to 25 March area northwest of
NEUSERELITZ (?)

9th Gds Tank Div, no definite
information available.

Third Gds Mecz Army:

12 to 15 March SPREMBERG area

9th Mecz Div

16 to 22 March JUTERBOG area
and area north
of WITTENBERG

5th Gds Tank Div

Fourth Gds Mecz Army:

7 to 12 March SCHORFELDE-
TEMPLIN area

10th Gds Tank Div reinforced by
elements of the 71st Light Arty
Brig; more than 20 shipments from
SAPPKORN, PRIOR, and POTSDAM.

15 to 19 March area on either
side of the autobahn
south of COETBUS-
FORST

7th Gds Mecz Div reinforced by the
312th Gds RL Regt. Bivouacs of
several days and small-scale
movements.

22 to 27 March COETBUS - FORST -
GUBEN area

6th Gds Mecz Div reinforced by
elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig
and the 32d AAA Div. A movement of
the 34th Arty Div with the unloading
of 14 shipments in BARUTH and eastward
on 23 March may have been made in
connection with this exercise.

mid-March Templin training
grounds

presumably an exercise of the
25th Tank Div.

Third Shock Army:

1 to 5 March Northern portion
of LETZLING HEATH

207th Mtz Rifle Div reinforced by
corps troops.

12 to 16 March LETZLING HEATH
south of
STENDAL

19th Gds Mecz Div reinforced by
elements of the 34th Arty Div,
corps artillery brigades and corps
AAA units.

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18 to 23 March	WITTSTOCK training grounds	<u>19th Mecc Div</u> reinforced by elements of the artillery brigades of the IV Arty Corps from ROSTOCK and RUGGEN and the corps artillery and AAA units (29 shipments). Possibly contact with the 12th Gds Tank Div as enemy.
after 25 March	area south of STENDAL - MAHLWINDELL	<u>94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div</u> reinforced by Army Art Arty Brig from BURG and corps troops on 16 trains from the SCHWERIN - WISMAR - HAGENOW area.
<u>Eighth Gds Army:</u>		
8 to 12 March	ARNSTADT - ITHENAU - OHRDRUF area	elements of the <u>39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div</u> and the 308th Arty Brig, which returned from firing practices at ALTENGRABOW, were unloaded in ARNSTADT, apparently advanced southward and attacked other elements of the division which were stationed in OHRDRUF and arrived from PLAUE.
19 to 22 March	from the ARNSTADT area toward WELMAR	<u>20th Gds Mecc Div</u> reinforced by army artillery units from ALTBURG and elements of the 308th Arty Brig.
16 to 18 March	JENA - HAUMBURG ? or GOETHA - OHRDRUF? area.	<u>57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div</u> . The only indications of a division exercise were the absence from the posts of the units and movements in the areas mentioned.
15 to 19 March	EISLEBEN - LOSSA - MERSEBURG area	21st Gds Mecc Div reinforced by army artillery units (5 shipments to ALTBURG - EISLEBEN and 5 return shipments from MERSEBURG), 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt, Corps Arty Brig and Corps RL Regt.

The exercises of most divisions were therefore observed.

Only a few observations in the heavily guarded exercise areas furnished indications of the purpose of the exercises. The number of shipments, as well as the composition of columns, tended to indicate that each division exercise involved the bulk of the division including the recruits. After the unloading and assembling, the troops usually bivouacked for 2 days. Subsequently, most of the units advanced over short distances (exception: EISLEBEN - LOSSA - MERSEBURG = 50 km), apparently in developed formation, toward an enemy force represented by units of another division. In some cases, the units conducted short attacks. Since all branches of service of the division including engineer troops and heavy supporting artillery of superior units were involved, it can be concluded that the exercises concentrated on the training of

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command personnel down to company and platoon leaders by movements on the battlefield and small-scale combat missions with combined employment of supporting weapons. The main problems for the units included loading and unloading, driving in columns on dirt roads and at night, bivouacs, entrenching work and camouflage in winter, emplacement of heavy weapons and, probably, only little combat activity.

Since no information is available on traffic jams and accidents, it is assumed that the training level of the units was adequate for the training schedule which, at that date, provided for "first employment of major units". It is again pointed out that, in view of the above-mentioned changes, this fact is worth noting.

After the first part of the training program developed according to schedule, it is believed that the transfer to the summer training grounds will start in April as in preceding years.

3. Transportation.

- a. During the period under review, the traffic situation of the GDR Reichsbahn was subjected to a heavier strain than during the preceding month. This was due to a larger volume of freight traffic, larger Soviet troop movements in connection with exercises at division level and firing practices, and the necessity of running special trains for the Leipzig Spring Fair. The prolonged spell of cold weather made railroad operations more difficult and caused numerous rail breakages on a railroad net the rails of which are mostly over-age. In some cases, reserve locomotives of deactivated locomotive columns had to be used as tractive power for scheduled trains.
- b. On 22 March 1955, railroad coal stocks amounted to 3.6-days' requirements and thus continued to be inadequate. About 28 percent of coal stocks were hard coal. A further decrease in the volume of Polish hard coal imports indicates that an improvement of the railroad coal situation is not to be expected in the near future. Efforts have been initiated to collect a coal reserve of 8 days' requirements by the end of 1955. Even this quantity would not represent normal coal stocks and would not allow the execution of major railroad transportation operations.

4. Freight traffic across GDR border stations continued to increase in accordance with seasonal trends. In detail, the following features appear noteworthy:

a. Military Supply:

Tanks continued to arrive from the USSR. Ammunition shipments were sent at a normal level to Soviet ammunition depots in the GDR. Shipments of ration supply also continued to arrive. These shipments reflected the difficult food situation in the zone. Shipments of armored personnel carriers were also observed, and the vehicle replacement program continued, although at a diminishing level. For details, see paragraph 6 below.

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- b. In February, a railroad tank car operation involving the dispatch of empty cars to Brest-Litovsk was started. In March, this operation has been intensified by order of the Soviets. So far, only minor fuel shipments have been observed arriving in the GDR. Most of them were consigned to the 24th Air Army.
- c. Beginning 16 March 1955, empty shuttle trains composed of 2 or 3 express-train coaches, 5 converted boxcars, 33 two-axle flatcars, and 1 kitchen car (Heizkesselwagen) were assembled. The composition of these trains indicated that they were to be used for the movement of air force units. A total of 18 shuttle trains is allegedly to be assembled. By 20 March, five such trains had been dispatched to the east. According to unconfirmed information, the first shuttle train carrying air force soldiers, vehicles and equipment arrived from the USSR at Oranienburg.
- d. The decrease of hard coal imports from Poland had an adverse effect on the railroad coal situation (see paragraph 3 b).
- e. Uranium ore shipments to the USSR were at a normal level. In February, a total of 10,471 tons of uranium ore was exported.
- f. In January 1955, crude oil imports from Austria amounted to 36,204 tons. Data for the February imports were not available.

5. Miscellaneousa. Organizational Measures

- (1) Between 1 January and 31 March 1955, RBD boundaries were revised. The area of RBD BERLIN was considerably reduced. RBA BAUTZEN of RBD DRESDEN was ceded to RBD COTTBUS.
- (2) During the same period, 11 RBAs were deactivated, that is RBA 5 WUSTERMARK, AUE, RIESSA, EISENACH, GERA, WEISSENFELS, EBERSWALDE, ALTENBURG, TORGAU, HALBERSTADT, and SCHWERIN. A new RBA was established at LEININGEN. By 1 April 1955, the number of RBAs had decreased from 37 to 27.
- (3) In the first half of March, a special "Buero des Praesidenten" (Bureau of the President) was established with all RBDs. The personnel and the missions assigned to this bureau correspond to those of the former German "Bbv (Bahnbeyollmaechtigtas) Buero" which was the civilian railroad counterpart of the former Wehrmacht railroad transportation headquarters. The present "Buero des Praesidenten" is to exercise similar functions as the former Bbv in relation to the KVP Transportation Control Headquarters attached to individual RBDs.

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- (5) Efforts for the formation of a reserve pool of freight cars which were begun in February, were continued in March.
- (6) A second group of six locomotives out of a total of 72 column locomotives loaned to Poland in July 1954 was returned to the GDR. Moreover, it was agreed between the two countries to exchange 300 heavily damaged Polish locomotives kept in Germany against 25 serviceable German locomotives left in Poland at the end of the war. The exchange was scheduled to begin in April.
- (7) Twenty German type 01 column locomotives which had been made available to Soviet locomotive column No 42 for the handling of Soviet leave traffic between the GDR and BREST LITOVSK were returned.

b. Construction Projects

- (1) The double-track railroad bridge over the Neisse River at HORKA and the double-track HORKA - KOHLFURT (WEGLIENLEC) line section were completed.
- (2) The bridge section of the railroad bridge over the Oder River under reconstruction near ZAECKERICK/NEURUEDNITZ was placed in position. Work on the reconstruction of the dismantled single-track line leading to that bridge was started.
- (3) It may be expected that work on the construction of the Westring BERLIN (WILDPARK-MICHELDORF) will be started in the near future.
- (4) The double-track railroad viaduct over the Neisse River near GOERLITZ which was completed about six months ago was not opened during the reported period.
- (5) Plans have been made to build a new railroad line from WERLINGHOFF/KNAPPENRODE to SCHWARZE PULPE south of SPREMBERG, where new brown coal processing plants are scheduled to be erected. WERLINGHOFF/KNAPPENRODE is on the HOYERSWERDA-HORKA railroad line.

6. Supply

- a. During the reported period, only a small number of radio trucks with trailers and trucks without superstructures arrived in the GDR. The return of deactivated motor vehicles to the USSR continued. In the course of this operation, approximately 10,000 motor vehicles, almost exclusively two and three-axle trucks, were sent to Soviet units in the GDR. At least, 25 percent fewer vehicles were returned from the zone.
- b. In early March, a rail shipment of about 20 aircraft arrived in JUETERBOG. The train involved consisted of 55 railroad cars. It could not be determined whether the 20 aircraft were only half of the total shipment. Two further shipments of a total of 21 aircraft were dispatched to COMEBUS for use by the KVP.

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- c. Contrary to expectations, only minor fuel shipments arrived in the GDR in March. A sizeable number of empty railroad tank cars have been sent to the USSR in February 1955. The fuel shipments observed so far were dispatched to WERNEUCHEN and FINOW and consigned to the 24th Air Army. The consignees of other fuel shipments dispatched to BIEDERITZ and BURG in the MAGDEBURG area have not been determined.

7. Kasernierte Volkspolizei.

Dispositiona

Prior to late March, intensive combat training in connection with firing practices of all weapons continued at the KVP training grounds where KVP units were rotated, sometimes at short intervals. Training also concentrated on the hardening of troops against influences of weather. Joint exercises with Soviet units and detachment of Soviet training units for KVP firing practices were repeatedly observed. Between 26 and 31 March, KVP soldiers fired with mortars of a Soviet mortar unit from RATHENOW (5th Army Div) at KLIEM. It is noted, that, in spite of the large-scale personnel exchange in late 1954, training procedures were intensified to such a degree that the training level roughly corresponds to the Soviet training schedule. Division exercises of KVP units, however, are scheduled to start only in early April.

Details

Mtz Rifle Div PRENZLAU: After 15 January, advanced combat firing practices of all units in JAEGERBRUECK-AHLBECK. On 18 January, 50-km march practice of the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt. Between 24 and 28 January, exercises of the motorized rifle regiments with elements of the reconnaissance battalion in the GROSS SCHOENEBECK area. In early February, signal battalion participated in Soviet exercises in the TEMPLIN area. On 8/9 March, regimental exercise of the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt.

Mtz Rifle Div SCHWERIN: Between 29 and 31 January, a major exercise of KVP units at PRORA on RUEGEN Island, which apparently involved Soviet units. In February, night exercises of the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt Rostock in the BAD DOBERAN and GRAAL/MUERITZ areas. According to reports on transportation, departure presumably of armored elements of the three motorized rifle regiments from PRITZLER on 8, 9 and 11 March. Prior to 22 March, allegedly exercises of units from the SCHWERIN area and from PRORA in the HAGENOW-LUDWIGSLUST-BOITZENSBURG-PRITZLER area.

Mecz Div BUCESIN: On 12 February, demonstrations of elements of the 2d Mecz Regt Karpin in the JAEGERBRUECK area. Between 6 and 21 March, the bulk of the AAA Regt Altwarz in the WUSTROW area for firing practices. Additional AAA units from the area of Korps Nord apparently practiced there simultaneously. During the night of 8/9 March, night exercise of tank units from SPECHTBERG in the AHLBECK area.

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Korps Nord: In late February, major command-post exercise of elements of all three divisions in the JAEGERBRUECK-LOECKNITZ area.

Korps Sued: WEISSWASSER training grounds occupied by KVP only after early February. Prior to 21 March, shipments were seen en route to and from the WEISSWASSER area. Apparently firing practices of AAA units from the area of Korps Sued at ALTENGRABOW and, possibly, WUSTROW after late February.

Mecz Div POTSDAM: Beginning in January, all units of the division were rotated to the KLIEZ-FERCHELS-MAHLITZ training grounds, predominantly for firing practices. Units stationed there included the Mort Regt Premnitz in late January, and the Mecz Regt Brandenburg and Arty Regt Gloewen between mid and late February. At about the same time, major exercises of units from the ORANIENBURG and POTSDAM posts in the SCHRACHTENHAGEN - FORST BORGSDORF area. On 25 February, units from POTSDAM back at the post. Between 2 and 9 March and after 15 March, the 2d Mecz Regt again at the KLIEZ-FERCHELS-MAHLITZ training grounds. In mid-March, apparently Hv Tank SP Regt Burg and, subsequently, elements from the ORANIENBURG post, also at this training grounds. After early March, the AAA Regt Potsdam for approximately 2 weeks at the Soviet training grounds ALTENGRABOW. Soviet units participated in exercises near KLIEZ and ORANIENBURG.

In late February, a unit from KARPIN was observed at a march practice. The numbers of the motor vehicles were covered, except for tactical symbols and consecutive numbers.

Atomic defense courses continued. Between 9 and 19 January, a course for commanding officers of the Mecz Div Eggen was held in KARPIN and, in early February, a course for the area of the Ltz Rifle Div Schwerin was held in STERNBUCHHOLZ. Beginning in early February, instruction in atomic defense was apparently held also for units, for officers and NCOs.

No changes in the recruiting system were observed prior to the beginning of the new recruiting program for 2 years of service on 1 April 1955. The party was increasingly employed for recruiting purposes and some units detached officers for the recruiting campaign. Trained personnel are reportedly scheduled to be discharged between 5 and 20 May and 5 and 20 November 1955. Thirty-five percent of the AAA Regt Altwarp are due for discharge in 1955. On the basis of this figure, it may be assumed that an estimated total of 30,000 KVP men are due for discharge in 1955. Since, however, most of the KVP men who were inducted in 1952 in connection with the increase of KVP forces from approximately 54,000 to 85,000 men were concerned and, in view of the fact that about 30 percent of the new personnel usually enter the KVP again or prolong their term of service, it is believed that approximately 20,000 men will be discharged.

It is expected that the nomination of Richard Staimer as new chief of the Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik (GST) will result in stricter discipline of pre- and semi-military training in the GDR. In addition to changes in the organization, the GST is now in charge of military training of the FDJ and the SED combat groups in the factories. In early March, 6 to 8-week

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training courses for instructors began. Former NCOs were given preference. Prior to November, 800 suitable GSF members are scheduled to be trained as tank drivers in short courses with the help of the KVP.

Security Police: At present, 5 Bereitschaften are subordinate to the East-Berlin police headquarters. Two Bereitschaften (Geschwister Scholl Strasse and W. Seelenbinder Strasse) totaling approximately 2,000 men are employed at the sector boundaries. The other 3 Bereitschaften (KARLSHORST, NIEDERSCHOENHAUSEN and RUMMELSBURG) are training units which also furnish personnel for guard Bereitschaften in the zone. With a total strength of 1,500 to 1,800 men, they are always available for employment.

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8. During the month of March, individual units and elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div and the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were rotated to the DOELLERSHEIM training grounds for exercises. The bulk of these divisions, as well as the units directly subordinate to the CGF, were stationed at their known posts. However, major movements by columns tended to indicate that a winter exercise of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div started in the DOELLERSHEIM area on 2 March. Observations at GOETZENDORF support the assumption that the Gds Mort Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div was reequipped and reorganized into an Arty Regt.

AAA units of the air force from WIENER NEUSTADT, as well as AAA units from posts in Hungary, were continually observed at the APETLON AAA firing range. Heavy guns were for the first time observed with the latter units. This observation tends to indicate that a major AAA unit or AAA units of the air defense (PWO) in Hungary were concerned.

Documents confirmed the assumption that the bulk of the members of the 1932 class, as far as they had been inducted in the fall of 1951, was also discharged in the fall of 1954.

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