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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC 1. Quartering Area of the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin 25X1

2. New Equipment in 12th Gds Tank Div Area

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 30 November and 13 December 1954, the barracks installations of the Neuruppin post were heavily occupied. Training concentrated on basic training of recruits. 25X1

2. On 13 December, approximately 50 percent of the windows of the former post hospital (2202) in Neuruppin were lit at dusk. A sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the gate on Karl Liebknecht Strasse.

3. On 13 December, approximately 95 percent of the windows of the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) in Neuruppin were lit at dusk. The installation appeared to be heavily occupied. 25X1

4. On 13 December, approximately 95 percent of the windows of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201) were lit at dusk. The installation was heavily occupied.

5. Between 30 November and 13 December, the See Kaserne (2203) appeared to be occupied to capacity. Between 6 and 13 December, 5 to 6 tanks (T-34/85s, JS-3 tanks and JSU-122 guns) left the installation almost daily toward the Gentzrode post training area.

6. After 30 November, a large number of new driving students was observed in the former High School for Girls (2204). Prior to 13 December, the installation was heavily occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Approximately 95 percent of the windows of the installation were lit at dusk.

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7. Between 22 November and 7 December, Unit Dronov in the Fridericus Kaserne concentrated on basic training with and without carbines. The unit, which numbered approximately 1,200 soldiers, included approximately 50 percent recruits. Prior to 7 December, the recruits wore red epaulets; after that date, they wore red-bordered black epaulets.

8. Between 8 and 29 December, the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne was occupied as previously. Unit Zultanov was assigned a new supply officer and was renamed Unit Mosgun. The unit had approximately 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Soldiers observed received basic training in groups and instruction on up to 3 x 85-mm and 3 x 37-mm AA guns. Sedans [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] left the installation. 25X1

9. On 29 December, 5 x 122-mm field howitzers were seen in a shed of the cantonment at Scholtenplatz, south of Scholtenstrasse.

10. In November, the Wulkow estate (2500) east of Neuruppin was occupied by approximately 450 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The soldiers belonged to a motor transport unit. Approximately 80 trucks and 10 tank trucks were seen in the yard of the installation. A fuel depot was seen near the estate. Supply officer Kusmenko belonged to the unit.

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11. Between 8 and 16 December, the barracks installations of the Neuruppin post were heavily occupied. On 16 December, a column of 5 trucks and 1 jeep with a 122-mm field howitzer came from the direction of the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne and proceeded toward Rheinsberger Tor.

12. Between 16 and 18 December, the barracks installations in Neuruppin were still heavily occupied. Normal training was observed in the installation areas. The following units, officers and [redacted] were determined during the period under review: 25X1

Former Post Hospital: (2202)	Major Duiko, supply officer with the headquarters; Senior Lieutenant Besnozikov, who will soon be transferred to the USSR; Lieutenant Muslimov, successor of Senior Lieutenant Besnozikov; Captain Romanovski.
Fridericus Kaserne: (2205)	Unit Lieutenant Colonel Mitrofanov " " " Kovalenko " " " Buykovski " " " Dronov " Gds Captain Toropov, [redacted] 25X1 Major Zalikov, supply officer presumably of the tank repair shops.

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Friedrich-Franz Kaserne: (2201) Unit Lieutenant Colonel Zultanov;
" " " Balayev, [redacted] 25X1
" " " Besruchko.

The previous information that Unit Besruchko was a signal unit appeared to be incorrect since the majority of the soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. However, the soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia apparently also belonged to the unit.

See Kaserne: (2203) Unit Lieutenant Colonel Stetsenko, with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

The quartering area of this unit probably included another unit, accounts of which were also audited by Lieutenant Colonel Stetsenko.

Unit Major Zemyonov, with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

Gentzrode Estate: (2206) Unit Major Khrom, [redacted] with soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

Kulkow Estate: (2500) Unit Major Kusmenko [redacted] 25X1

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13. On 15 October, the tank positions at the firing ranges of the Gentzrode training area north of Neuruppin were removed. Soldiers stated that tank firing practices at the post training grounds were to be discontinued, in order not to endanger the villages situated in the direction of fire. In the future, the Gentzrode firing ranges will be utilized for machine gun firing practices. Tank firing practices were to be conducted at the Wittstock firing ranges.

14. On 7, 8, 13, 14 and 23 December, 4 to 8 tanks of the new type engaged in driving practice and firing with machine guns at the Gentzrode training area. The approach road of the tanks and the training area were heavily guarded during the practice. On 27 and 28 December, a column of driving school trucks went from the direction of Neuruppin toward Katerbow and vice versa. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

Three T-34 tanks [redacted] went to the Gentzrode training area. 25X1

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15. On 29 December, tanks of an undetermined type fired at the post training grounds in the Kuhburgsberg area north of Neuruppin. During the firing practice, the area was cordoned off. 2

16. A sedan of a new type, [redacted] was seen in the Neu-Glienicke area. The vehicle came from the direction of Neuruppin. 3 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the distribution of the units of the 12th Gds Tank Div in the military installations of the Neuruppin post. [redacted] The assumption in the reference report that the 186th Gds Sig Bn returned from the See Kaserne to the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne is not supported by the present information, [redacted] Furthermore, it is undetermined which of the two installations quarters the 497th Arty Regt. The regiment or at least elements of it reportedly transferred from the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne to the SeeKaserne in August in connection with the reequipment of the mortar regiments. The second unit which, according to the present report, was stationed in the quartering area of the 226th Mort Regt (Unit Stetsenko) may be the 497th Arty Regt or the signal battalion. In the latter case, Unit Besruchko might be identical with the artillery regiment. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] tanks of a new type (T-54 ?) at the Gentzrode training area as early as 1 December. These tanks had arrived in Neuruppin on 13 November. 25X1

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3. [redacted] Comment. New four-seat sedans, similar to the former German Wehrmacht Volkswagen were observed in Vogelsang (25th Tank Div) and Zeithain (9th Tank Div) during the second half of December. [redacted] Since vehicles of this type were observed with three tank divisions, it appears possible that at least the tank divisions will be reequipped. 25X1 25X1 25X1

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