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1. From 1 to 11 January 1953, the panzer Kaserne in Burg was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on 2 January, 30 soldiers were clearing snow, about 30 soldiers engaged in various duties and about 60 had fallen in in front of building No 8. On 6 January, about 30 troops received instruction on a model tank. At about 10 a.m. on 10 January, 30 soldiers were drilling with carbines in the barracks yard and 30 soldiers were not engaged in any special duty. Sixty soldiers, armed with submachine guns, marched toward Kraehenberge (hills). They were followed by an JSU-152 gun

2. From 1 to 11 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity as previously. About 60 to 90 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 2 January, 90 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were marching in the barracks yard, and 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia fell in in front of building No 1. Two 100-mm AT guns were seen near building No 8. On 6 January, 60 soldiers not engaged in any duty were seen in the barracks yard, and 30 soldiers were firing with carbines at the suedplatz (south square). Sixty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced with aiming circles in the area of the Kraehenberge. The area was marked by red flags. Motor vehicles leaving the installation on 9 January toward Altengrabow included sedans occupied by a major and a lieutenant colonel respectively. Both officers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and trucks loaded with equipment, possibly sighting mechanisms; and each occupied by 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Three prime movers,

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[redacted] each towing a 152-mm field howitzer and each occupied by 8 to 10 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia went toward the Kraehenberge. They were followed by two platoons of each 30 soldiers, apparently recruits, who were armed with carbines. Thirty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia engaged in aiming practice on 2 x 85-mm AA guns and 4 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. Thirty other soldiers practiced aiming on 4 x 152-mm field howitzers at the Suedplatz. Two prime movers were parked near-

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3. On 8 January, the panzer Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. About 70 to 80 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. At about 1 p.m., 5 officers and three platoons of 18, 21 and 40 soldiers with small arms returned to the installation, probably from field training. At the same time, a JS-3 tank returned from the direction of Magdeburg. An officer and about 10 EM were seen in the south section of the installation, apparently engaged in instruction on a JS-3 tank. Forty to 50 soldiers practiced firing with carbines. Six guns,

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[redacted] were seen at the new firing range outside the installation. [redacted] they were fired using subcaliber tubes. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen en route to the installation.

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4. On 8 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,200 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. At about 8 a.m., two groups of 24 and 32 soldiers armed with carbines and carrying shovels and snow-sweeping equipment left the installation toward the ammunition depot. About 250 soldiers were drilling and other soldiers were sweeping snow at the installation. Marksmanship training with carbines was held at the training area south of the installation. About 120 troops organized in squads engaged in field training. They simulated an attack against the field fortifications. At about 10 a.m., 8 soldiers were seen drawing a 57-mm gun from the barracks installation to the training area. Four trucks were seen in the open shed in the south section of the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route to the installation were

[redacted] Sedans [redacted] were seen in front of the komendatura on Zerbster Strasse.

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Comment. The information confirms the occupation by units of the 136th Gds Hv Tank Sp Regt of the Third Shock Army of the panzer Kaserne and by units of the 304th Arty Brig (US) and the unidentified AAA regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps of the Artillerie Kaserne. See

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