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TOPIC Military Information from Wittenberg

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 6 January 1953, the Beseler Kaserne, west of Teucheler Weg and south of Weinberg, Wittenberg, was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 18 December, troops received instruction on T-34/85 tanks Nos 216 and 226. On 27 December, T-34/85 [redacted] 25X1A

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[redacted] coming from the Teuchel training area, entered the installation. On 30 December, about 300 troops received field training and practiced attack with armored support by 6 tanks at the Teuchel training area. On 31 December, [redacted] left the installation. Between 17 December 1952 [redacted] 25X1A
drilling troops on several days [redacted] 25X1C

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2. On 6 January, the Tauntzien Kaserne between Berliner Strasse, Juristen Strasse and Mauer Strasse was occupied by 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 30 December, 2 T-34/85 tanks, armored personnel carriers [redacted] barracks installation. [redacted] 25X1C
identified.

3. On 29 December 1952, a new AAA emplacement with four AA guns which source believed were 76-mm guns was determined 500 meters west of the Brueckenkopf Kaserne, on the south side of the Elbe River on the railroad line. About 20 soldiers were stringing telephone and power lines and, on 5 January, about 40 soldiers received instruction on the guns.

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4. On 6 January, source determined a unit of an estimated 120 to 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, at Karl Marx Platz (square). [redacted]

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5. On 6 January, the Flak Kaserne, west of Tschalkovsky Strasse and north of Nordend Strasse, in the Trajahn suburb, was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. Source heard the noise of tank engines from the installation.

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6. From 8 January to 5 February, the Beseler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia, and including 150 officers who were quartered in the restricted area opposite the installation. About 40 tanks, which source believed were T-34 tanks, were seen through the open doors of the Nordhallen (sheds). On several days, 10 T-34/85 tanks, and columns of about 50 soldiers left the installation toward the Teuchel training area. The soldiers were equipped with submachine guns and targets. During the morning, about 200 troops were drilling in the barracks yard. Four tank trucks were stored at the fuel dump in the south-west

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7. On 5 February, the Tauentzien Kaserne was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and a number of officers wearing red-bordered green and black-bordered black epaulets. From 24 January to 5 February, a second radio mast, 3 meters high, was determined on the roof of a shed on the south side of the installation. About 120 troops were once observed at formation drill. On several days, up to 120 soldiers with practice targets marched to the Teuchel Kaserne training

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8. On 5 February, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by much more than 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Up to 300 troops supported by four T-34/85 tanks were seen in simulated attacks in the adjoining training area. From 24 January to 5 February, rifle firing was repeatedly

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9. On 5 February, the Arado installation was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Three tanks, which source believed were T-34/85 tanks, 2 tank trucks and about 16 tank truck trailers were in the barracks area. At about 5 p.m. on 3 February, SP gun which source believed was a SU-249 gun, entered the Arado installation, coming from the Flak Kaserne or the Beseler Kaserne.

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10. On 5 February, the installation at Karl Marx Platz was occupied by about 150 to 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Individual pontoons and iron T-girders were stored in the installation.

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11. From 24 January to 5 February, about 15 low wooden buildings, which source believed were used for the storage of material, were determined in the cantonment on Nordend Strasse, east of Berliner Chaussee. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Six tank trucks were seen in the cantonment.

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12. On 6 February, the Reseler Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 270 men with tank insignia, and the recruits without branch of service insignia. On 25 January, T-34/85 [redacted]

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between the tank sheds in the north of the installation. At about noon, about 100 soldiers with machine guns and submachine guns marched into the barracks building on Teucheler Weg. At about 12:30 p.m., T-34/85 [redacted] the installation, coming from the direction of Teuchel. On 27 January, about 150 troops were drilling in the barracks yard. At about 3:30 p.m. on 29 January, 29 soldiers practiced marksmanship with carbines in the north section of the installation. At about 4 p.m., T-34/85 [redacted] the installation, coming from the training area. At about 3 p.m. on 30 January, T-34/85 [redacted] were seen entering the installation and, on 2 February, T-34/85 tanks Nos 200 and 201 were maintained by three soldiers in front of the tank sheds in the southwest corner of the installation. On 4 February, a JSU-122 gun left the installation toward the Arado installation. On 6 February, T-34/85 [redacted] the installation, coming from [redacted]

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13. On 6 February, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 750 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 26 January, 50 soldiers were drilling in the training area east of the installation; On 28 January, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] of the main gate of the installation; and, on 3 February, 22 soldiers practiced marksmanship in the training area. [redacted]

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14. On 4 February, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 to 4,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including about 1,600 troops with tank insignia and about 400 troops with artillery insignia. On 26 January, 15 soldiers received instruction on three 37-mm AA guns and 9 soldiers received instruction on mortars, in the barracks area. About 300 troops received field training at the obstacle course outside of the installation. On 28 January, about 50 soldiers practiced marksmanship at the barracks firing range and [redacted]

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of Friedrichstadt. On 2 February, a BA-64 armored scout car was in [redacted]

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19. On 7 February, the Tauntzien Kaserne was occupied by about 700 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. At about 7 a.m. on 28 January, about 500 to 600 troops were assembled in the barracks yard; and, between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m., about 600 to 650 troops armed with carbines and submachine guns left the installation in 11 columns. At the same time, about 40 soldiers were drilled in the barracks yard. At about 9:30 a.m. on 7 February, about 150 soldiers entered the installation, coming from the direction of the town. About 80 percent of these troops were recruits. They carried bags and blanket rolls. Source believed that they were newly arrived replacements. [REDACTED] were observed.

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20. On 17 December, officers determined in Wittenberg included: Colonel Nosul with the headquarters on Luther Strasse, Lieutenant Colonels Zezov and Shmieglov in the Beseler Kaserne; and Lieutenant Colonels Krazilnikov and Kolvokov in the Flek Kaserne. (All phonetic spelling and fnu).

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