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COUNTRY

KVP Post Spremberg

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 4 September 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 28 July and 10 August 1953, the KVP unit stationed in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg was engaged in basic training activity and received instructions. Vehicular traffic at the installation included:

Trucks	Jeep	Sedans	Ambulance
[Redacted]			

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2. [Redacted] about 250 officers and EM of the KVP in Spremberg were said to have been discharged. Major Brandis (fnu), commanding officer of the tank battalion, Major Petschke (fnu) and Captain Winter (fnu) were mentioned in this connection.¹
3. On 31 July there was unusually intensive traffic at the registration office in Spremberg. Several KVP soldiers with blue service color brought young men between 17 and 19 years of age from the barracks installation to the office. Some of the civilians were not accompanied by soldiers.²
4. The KVP units were alerted on 1 August. Patrols of 2 to 3 soldiers with rifles and headed by an officer ordered all soldiers in town to return

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to the barracks installation. Soviet patrols of 1 officer and 2 men each with submachine gun and red arm bands were also seen in the afternoon. The reason for the alert was not known.

1. Comment. The tank training of the TV is stationed in Spremberg. The discharge of Major Brandis (fnu), the former commanding officer, may be in connection with the fact that he refused to carry out orders between 17 and 19 June 1953. As the strength of the regiment in mid-June 1953 can be carried with about 1,500 men, the number of 250 discharges corresponds to the quota of 15 to 20 percent previously mentioned.

2. Comment. The civilians are believed to have been discharges.

3. Comment. The reason for the alert did not become known. It shows however, that there is still the fear of new disturbances.

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