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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT NO. <u>[REDACTED]</u>
TOPIC <u>General Military Information from Grimma</u>	
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EVALUATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>
DATE OF CONTENT <u>[REDACTED]</u>	25X1 25X1
DATE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>	DATE PREPARED <u>17 November 1953</u>
REFERENCES <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
PAGES <u>2</u> ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
REMARKS <u>[REDACTED]</u>	

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- 1.. On 9 October 1953, 3 armored personnel carriers, sedan [REDACTED] an unde- 25X1  
 termined number of trucks [REDACTED] 25X1  
 25X1 [REDACTED] and signal truck [REDACTED] were unloaded from cars 25X1  
 at the upper railroad station in Grimma and left toward Elsner Kaserne.  
 On 9 October, an unidentified number of trucks and signal trucks [REDACTED] 25X1  
 25X1 [REDACTED] marched back toward the installations. On 11 October,  
 two 76.2-mm AT guns, eight armored personnel carriers [REDACTED] 25X1  
 25X1 [REDACTED] and an unidentified number of half-track vehicles,  
 trucks and motorcycles were unloaded from cars at the upper railroad station.

- 2.. From 14 to 23 October, the Strasburg Kaserne, south of Leipziger Strasse,  
 quartered an estimated 300 to 900 enlisted men wearing red-bordered black  
 epaulets with tank insignia. At 9 a.m. on 15 October, about 140 men wearing  
 red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia performed individual drill  
 with rifles in the barracks yard. On 17 October, about 80 men did maintenance work on  
 trucks. On Sunday, 18 October, about 120 enlisted men wearing red-bordered  
 black epaulets with tank insignia, who were off duty, left the barracks in-  
 stallation toward the city within a period of 30 minutes. [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED] 25X1

- 3.. During the time of observation, the Elsner Kaserne on Franz Mehring Strasse  
 quartered about 1,000 to 1,200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with  
 artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 15 October, about 120  
 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia trained with  
 eight 120-mm mortars. On 17 October, a roll call in the barracks yard involved  
 about 1,000 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and  
 motor transport insignia and about 50 officers. The soldiers belonged to seven  
 units which formed a square. They were reported to a colonel wearing red-  
 bordered gold epaulets without insignia, who subsequently made a speech and  
 at about 11 a.m., left the barracks installation toward the city [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED]

- 4.. During the time of observation, the Nagema quartered a command agency. At  
 6 p.m. on 14 October, numerous officers wearing artillery, tank and signal  
 insignia were seen between the Nagema and the Strasburg Kaserne and Elsner Ka-  
 serne. At 3 p.m. on 22 October, [REDACTED] 25X1

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[redacted] came from the direction of Leipzig, entered the gasoline depot at the rear of the Magara. At 5:30 p.m., drained tank trucks left toward Leipzig.

5. At 9 a.m. on 15 October, five T-34/85 tanks practiced record firing on the training ground at the Harpenberg hill. The tanks, which were in shelter pits on the reverse slope, individually rushed to a firing position on the ridge and, after firing one or two rounds, hastily returned to their shelters. About 300 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, partially with signal insignia, received training near the tanks. They carried rifles and light equipment and included some soldiers who constructed a light field telephone line.

6. At 9 a.m. on 21 October, about 450 enlisted men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia fired with live ammunition at practice targets at a distance of 150 to 200 meters. [redacted]

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[redacted] of the barracks installations. The roll call mentioned in paragraph 3 may have involved either discharges or recruits. A previous report [redacted] stated that about 500 men and 60 women were discharged on 6 October. [redacted]

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