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REMARKS [REDACTED]

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 14 December 1953, the Britz cantonment, Eberswalde, was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At about 2 p.m. on 11 December, a column of about 12 trucks towing 4 AA guns entered the installation. Some of the trucks carried baggage, while others were occupied by troops and Soviet women [REDACTED]

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2. On 14 December, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 to 2,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. Between 6 and 14 December, 300 to 400 troops almost daily received drill and training in firing in the barracks area and engaged in the construction of field fortifications in the terrain. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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3. On 14 December, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 to 2,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Between 6 and 14 December, 2 T-34 tanks engaged in driving practice and about 200 troops in drill and training in firing in the quartering area. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] which included 2 radio cars, were observed.

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4. On 14 December, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets. Source did not observe any training activity. Vehicle sheds were under construction and telephone equipment was stored there.

5. On 7 January, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied by about 150 to 200 troops. On 23 December, truck [REDACTED] occupied by about 20 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with special signal communications insignia entered the camp. The truck also carried telephone or telegraph poles. At about 11:30 a.m., the truck left the camp toward the town. On 4 January, truck [REDACTED] occupied by about 25 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with special signal communications insignia; and carrying [REDACTED] poles and 2 cable reels was seen entering the camp. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the installation.

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6. At 12:45 p.m. on 31 December, 12 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 4 trucks and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded on 4 boxcars and 1 coach at the Eberswalde railroad station. Numbers of rocket launchers and trucks were covered.

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- 25X1X* 7. On 9 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 4 January, armored personnel carrier [] was seen proceeding toward Artillerie Kaserne, coming from Schuetzen Kaserne. On 4, 5 and 8 January, source did not observe any training activity in the barracks area. Motor vehicles []

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8. On 9 January, the east section of the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Source was not able to determine the occupation of the northwest section of the installation. Normal interior duty was observed in the east section of the installation. On 4 January, about 30 officers, including majors and lieutenant colonels wearing black-bordered black epaulets; and about 15 to 20 Soviet women in civilian clothes were observed en route between the installation on Memel Strasse, also referred to as Ostende installation and the northern gate of the Schuetzen Kaserne. Motor vehicles [] were seen.

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9. On 9 January, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied by about 120 to 140 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. About 15 trucks and 1 radio truck were seen in the newly completed vehicle sheds. Source did not observe any training activity. 1
10. At about 10 a.m. on 9 January, 12 flatcars carrying a total of 23 x 85-mm AT guns and escorted by 3 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the middle of a freight train which, with the engine under steam and headed toward Bernau, was standing on a siding at the Eberswalde railroad station. 3
11. On 28 December, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied as previously. On 18 December, an undetermined number of radio trucks, [] were seen in the yard and about 50 troops engaged in maintenance work in the vehicle sheds and the ordnance shop. On 21 December, 5 unnumbered armored personnel carriers were seen en route to the Artillerie Kaserne, coming from the Schuetzen Kaserne and, on 23 December, about 120 to 150 troops, presumably recruits, engaged in drill and marksmanship training at the firing range. On 28 December, about 270 troops were observed at the firing range and about 350 troops were halting on the tank road, with the column headed toward Trampe. Intensive noise of tank engines was heard from the Trampe training area.
12. On 28 December, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied as previously. On 20 December, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia; and a military band were seen leaving the installation toward the town. The unit returned at about noon. On 23 December, 10 T-34 tanks were seen en route to the installation, coming from the Trampe tank training area via the tank road.
13. On 28 December, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied as previously. Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets. About 25 to 30 trucks, with about 15 soldiers were seen in front of the sheds in the yard. 1

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- 25X1A1. [] Comment. Similar observations on the occupation of the installations had been made in early December, []. Recently, varying strength estimates for the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse had repeatedly been noted. It is believed that the mean value comes near to the actual occupation strength. Motor vehicle [] belong to the 118th Sig Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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- 25X1A2. [] Comment. A battalion of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army possibly transferred to Templin for firing practices.

- 25X1A3. [] Comment. It can be assumed that the 71st Light Arty Brig (US) in Bernau was to receive 85-mm AT guns in connection with the known reequipment. []

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