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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [redacted]

TOPIC Reconnaissance Battalion of the Mechanized Division Eggesin 25X1

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 5 February and 5 April 1954, the reconnaissance battalion was subordinate to the Mechanized Division Eggesin was quartered along with an artillery regiment in a new installation in Karpin. Personnel wore blue service color and officers wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The battalion was organized in a headquarters with headquarters platoon, 1 tank company, consisting of 3 platoons each of 3 squads; 2 motorcycle rifleman companies, each of 3 platoons; 1 armored personnel carrier company of 2 platoons; and 1 training company. On 5 April, the battalion numbered an estimated 45 officers, 52 NCOs and 290 personnel and the tank company 5 officers, 7 NCOs and 40 personnel. Senior Lieutenant Dietrich, [redacted] was battalion commander; and Senior Lieutenant Dobner, [redacted] was commanding officer of the tank company, which was equipped with 10 T-34/85 tanks.

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2. During the second half of March, source learned that the unit possibly was to be employed during the East German Whitsun rally, allegedly along the sector boundaries.

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