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REMARKS				
This is UNEVALUATED Information				

- On 23 March 1955, a sedan and 3 trucks were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiessstatt Ring in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). The building was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Sedan [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets and truck [redacted] with a civilian driver were observed departing from the site. A 37-mm AA gun with which soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed training was seen in front of the garage west of the former Kreisgericht building. Two more 37-mm AA guns and the radiators of 4 motor vehicles were also observed. Five soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia entered the area of the Eugen Kaserne. About 40 soldiers drilled with rifles in the area of the Rainer Kaserne where 36 motor vehicles were parked in front of the open doors of the garages. Eighteen soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed at physical training in the area of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Three boxcars were observed in the area of the former mill at 88 Wiener Strasse, while trucks [redacted] which were loaded with ration boxes and were driven by soldiers departed from the site. A medical corps major who wore red-bordered green epaulets entered the former Altersheim (home for the old-aged) on Franz Binder Strasse. Van-like motor vehicle [redacted] was observed in the park of the Altersheim. Truck [redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the area of Viehofen Castle. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne included sedan [redacted] motor vehicles [redacted] truck [redacted] and [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; truck [redacted] sedans [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and jeep [redacted]. The Kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Two T 34/85 tanks, 6 trucks and 3 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the area of Camp Spratzern which was exclusively guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the camp included driving-school truck [redacted] van-like motor vehicles [redacted] jeeps [redacted] trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>1</sup>

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- At about noon on 21 March 1955, 60 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried rifles, 6 soldiers who carried light machine guns, and 3 soldiers who carried weapons which were presumably recoilless rifles

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returned to the former convent in Garing (O 48/W 45), apparently from a field exercise. They were followed by truck [ ] with driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The driver's cab of this vehicle was occupied by 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying aiming silhouettes were observed in the bed of the vehicle. Four trucks and a van-like motor vehicle were observed in the area of the convent. Truck [ ] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets departed from the site.

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3. On 22 March 1955, the reports of guns were heard in Allentsteig (O 49/R 53) from the direction of the troop training grounds. A lieutenant colonel and 2 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the komendatura. Sedan [ ] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was parked in front of the komendatura. Motor vehicles observed in the area of the town included van-like motor vehicle [ ] trucks [ ] and jeep [ ] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [ ] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and truck [ ] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets. According to local residents, several shipments had departed from Allentsteig recently.

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1. [ ] Comment. The present report confirms previous information on the occupation of St. Poelten. All motor vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to units stationed at St. Poelten.

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2. [ ] Comment. The present report from Garing and Allentsteig confirms previous information.

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