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1. Richthofen Kaserne

10 March. The temporary quarters in buildings Nos 15 and 16 of Richthofen Kaserne in Doeberitz were occupied by a new unit of about 300 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 20 soldiers wore flying suits. About 20 trucks of the unit were parked in the yard of the installation. All of the motor vehicle numbers were covered except for No C 1-22-15. No weapons were seen with the unit. About 120 officers, 1,250 EM and 35 women wearing uniforms were counted while marching to the messhall on 11 and 12 March.

20 March. The new unit was no longer observed. Its present whereabouts was not known. About 20 air force officers arrived in the barracks installation for the first time. 25X1

30 March. About 250 soldiers including about 30 officers, all wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, arrived. Various fellow workers who were employed in the installation for years recognized many soldiers who had apparently been quartered in the barracks installation 2 or 3 years before.

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2. NSKK Kaserne

[redacted] no new personnel had arrived in the NSKK Kaserne which was allegedly occupied by almost 3,000 men. Around 30 March [redacted] about 250 men had arrived.¹

3. Observations made at Doeberitz airfield

Between 14 and 19 March 1955. about 36 Il-10s were stationed at the field. The aircraft had allegedly arrived by air from the direction of Nauen. They had blue propeller hubs, a blue stripe on the rudder assembly, [redacted]

[redacted] An ambulance [redacted] belonged to the unit. Formation flying was practiced daily by approximately 27 aircraft which flew in 3 squadrons of 9 aircraft each. The formations mostly headed [redacted]

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west and returned approximately after 1 hour. After the flights, the aircraft were parked in U-shaped revetments surrounded by earthen walls about 3 meters high. There were 35 to 40 such revetments mostly in the northern and eastern sections of the field. During air activity, a large radio truck with a rod antenna, about 6 meters high, on its roof was observed in the southeastern corner of the field.

Between 28 March and 3 April, no air activity was conducted nor were any aircraft observed at the field. 2

4. AA

Between 14 and 18 March, during the air activity by Il-10s, about 12 light AA guns on 4-wheel undercarriages were observed at the field. No details could be noticed from a distance.

On 19 March, the AA guns were no longer observed at the field.

5. Air force units in Doeberitz

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Major Zaothkin (fnu) and Captain Panfilov (fnu) of Unit Vasilyev were in the headquarters room in building No 59 at about 1400 on 5 April and at about 0830 on 6 April. Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fnu) was observed in building No 19 on 4 April. Kraiyevoi (fnu), chief of the workshops was not present on 4 April. He was replaced by Major Bobrov (fnu) who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The quartering buildings south of Herold Platz still belonged to the workshops. 3

6. Observations made at Doeberitz airfield

4 April. At about 1320, 45 IL-10s [redacted] were parked in, in front of, and between the revetments on the northern edge of the field. There was a 10/10 overcast and good visibility. No tactical symbols were noted. 25X1

At about 1330, EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were engaged in erecting a radio installation on a meadow about 400 meters northeast of Hoppenrad, on the eastern side of the road to Wustermark. Five trucks with equipment, 1 generator, 1 medium tent and 1 steel mast were observed on the meadow. Personnel were laying a branch line from the overhead line. The detail belonged to Doeberitz.

6 April. A sizeable number of IL-10s was observed at the field. Major Krazavitski (fnu) was responsible for the new radio installation in Hoppenrade.

1. Comment. The arrival of personnel in Richthofen Kaserne and NSKK Kaserne is connected with the transfer of the GA Regt from Brandenburg-Briest to Doeberitz. The unit with black-bordered crimson epaulets which was temporarily stationed in Richthofen Kaserne is unknown. 25X1

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2. Comment. During the exercises by the 1st Mech Div, aircraft of the GA Regt in Stendal (blue tactical symbols) and of the GA Regt in Brandenburg-Briest (yellow tactical symbols) were located in Doeberitz. The information that Major Krazavitski is responsible for the radio installation near Hoppenrade supports the assumption that the GA Regt from Brandenburg-Briest is located in Doeberitz. Krazavitski is known as commander of the OATB which was previously located in Brandenburg-Briest.
3. Comment. The names and assignments of the officers mentioned were reported previously.

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