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1. Floha (K-76): Some 1,000 fresh Russian troops are rumored to have arrived at Floha [redacted] however, there was only a Kommandatura of 100 men there on 16 September 1947. 25X1
2. Dresden:
  - a. [redacted] 25X1
  - b. The SS barracks have been occupied since 18 August 1947 by six companies (each of 120 men) of technicians and by six infantry companies, each of about 100 men. They were still there on 13 September 1947. The technical units consist of three engineer companies and three signal companies. They wear black shoulder boards with red piping; the signals troops also have a silver lightning flash. Their class [redacted] is 1923-25. The infantry companies wear brick-red shoulder boards with blue piping. They belong to the 1923-25 class. 25X1
  - c. The troops which previously occupied the SS barracks moved to the training ground at Konigsbruck on 16 August 1947.
  - d. The Commandant of Dresden is Colonel Sergei Assanov [redacted] 25X1
3. Konigsbruck (A-31): The tanks previously reported at the Neues Lager were still there as of 13 September 1947.
4. Lausnitzer Heide and District (A-21):
  - a. Several infantry units were camping on the Lausnitzer Heide in September 1947. There were estimated to be at least 3,000 troops there, belonging to the 1922-25 Classes; they wore brick-red shoulder boards piped in blue.
  - b. In Lausnitz itself were some 400 shabby-looking signals troops of the 1921-25 classes; they wore black shoulder-boards with red piping and silver lightning flashes.

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- c. In Kleinmannsdorf were three motorized units numbering about 300 men of the 1923-24 classes. They had eleven American three-axled trucks [REDACTED] As of mid-August 1947, the larger farms have been evacuated.
- d. In Krakau there were 2,860 men belonging to infantry units, wearing brick-red shoulder boards piped in blue. They belonged to the 1922-23 classes and looked shabby. They trained in mixed groups.
5. Bautzen (A-60): The eighty tanks which were in Bautzen during the summer of 1947 have left with the troops then quartered there. Fresh troops have arrived but no details are available. The Regional Komendatura in the Thälmannstrasse is being gradually dissolved; it is apparently being split up between Görlitz and Dresden.
6. Pirna (F-38):
- a. Airborne troops, which are said to have been previously quartered in Pirna, moved to Copitz (F-38) by early September 1947. Some 735 men of a parachute unit are quartered in Zatzschke (F-38). They wear dark-blue shoulder-boards with light-blue piping, belong to the 1920-25 classes, and present a good appearance. They engage in a great deal of PT, jumping exercises from heights, and mountain sports in the Sächsische Schweiz.
- b. Although no Red Army units are permanently stationed in Kreis Pirna, a regiment of armored cars passed through Pirna northwards along the right bank of the Elbe on 2 September 1947. These armored cars were about eighty in number. Forty of them were modern eight-wheeled models, mounting a 37 mm gun and a machine gun. Another thirty were older models, mainly Fords, while ten were six-wheelers of German origin, mounting a 20 mm Flak 38 gun.
7. Zeithain Maneuver Area (E-31): Three armored divisions were engaged in exercises here early in September 1947. The maneuvers frequently took place at night. The presence of strong enemy air support is always presupposed. All formations have extremely strong AA protection.
8. Hockrehna (E-53): Just south of the railway line at Hockrehna is an ammunition dump, guarded by troops wearing black shoulder straps with red piping. [REDACTED]

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