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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Bernburg 25X1A

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1. On 18 December 1951, troops with black epaulets were seen in the barracks installation, Bernburg (M 52/D 76), while several officers with tank insignia were seen in the streets of the town. Intensive firing was in progress on the target ranges. [REDACTED]

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2. On 12 January 1952, the barracks installation in Bernburg was occupied by an engineer unit from Potsdam and a tank unit from an undetermined post. A railroadman said that the tank unit received a shipment of 10 tanks by rail in early January. The unit allegedly had 16 tanks when it arrived at the post. [REDACTED] However, source himself observed no tanks up to 12 January, although he saw officers and men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia in the barracks installation as well as in the streets of the post. The aforementioned railroadman said that the engineer unit received a shipment of 20 to 30 new pontoons at the end of December 1951. [REDACTED] He added that the officers of the two units allegedly went to Magdeburg and Potsdam twice a week for indoctrination. [REDACTED]

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\* Comment. The report confirms the barracks installation in Bernburg as quartering components of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GDFC. See [REDACTED] The identity of the tank unit mentioned in the present report has not been determined, but the two sources fairly definitely confirm a tank unit stationed in the installation. Another source reported that an advance party of a tank unit was in the installation in mid-September 1951. A report on rail movements in late December 1951 and early January 1952 mentioned shipments of new tanks from the U.S.S.R. going to Bernburg. One of these shipments, conveyed in early January 1952, consisted of 10 tanks. [REDACTED]

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