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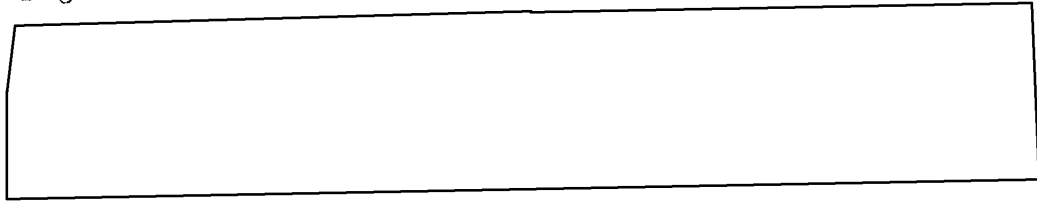
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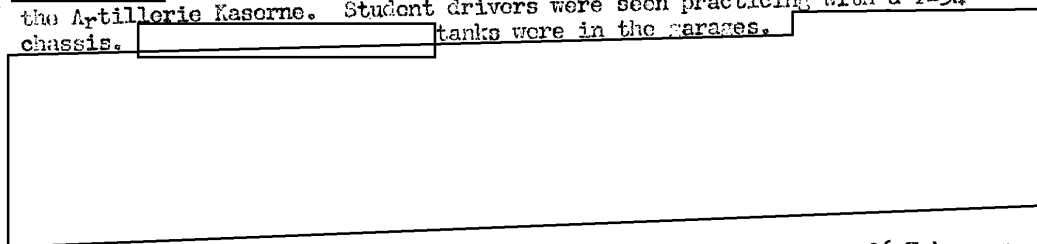
[redacted] 1. Until 1 March 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse, Perleberg (H 5h/T 70), was occupied by an estimated 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 1,200 sheets were washed monthly for the Artillerie Kaserne. Small units were often seen marching to the training field during the time of observation. On 17 February, 62 troops carrying 8 AT rifles and 5 light machine guns were seen, and 4 officers and 32 MM, carrying 4 AT rifles and 1 commander's telescope on 25 February. Individual training with 82-mm mortars, 76.2-mm field guns of model 43 and artillery pieces of about 150-mm was seen daily during the period from 20 February to 1 March. A band of 24 men and about 200 soldiers on 23 February passed in review before an officer who had two large stars and a gold ribbon round his cap.

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2. Prior to 26 February 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by approximately 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] more sheets were washed for the Fliegerhorst Kaserne than for the Artillerie Kaserne. Student drivers were seen practicing with a T-34 chassis. [redacted] tanks were in the garages.



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3. All houses in the restricted area at Bayerteich were occupied on 26 February. [redacted] 6 or 7 officers' families were billeted there. Three

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physicians were assigned to the hospital. Five officers wearing green caps and green collar patches were seen entering and leaving the restricted area.

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[redacted] On 17 February, the switchboard had vacated the building on Reetzer Strasse. The building was cleaned and reconditioned by civilians. Four new two-wire circuits connected the restricted area at Bayerteich with the barracks installation via the athletic field and Hopfenstrasse. New poles carrying eight two-wire circuits were set up from the barracks installation in the direction of Putlitz. Clothing and ration supplies of all sorts were stored in the depot on Ernst-Thaelmann-Strasse. The depot was supplied by the central distribution point in Magdeburg. Two boxcarloads and 12 or 13 tons brought by truck arrived per week and were issued to the units in the barracks installation, at the airfield and in the restricted Bayerteich area. The monthly turn-over exceeded 120,000 eastmarks. \*

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4. Prior to 29 February 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Two 76.2-mm artillery pieces and 6 T-34/85 tanks being washed were seen in the barracks yard.

5. In the afternoon of 29 February, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne did not appear to be fully occupied. [redacted] saw imprints of tank treads and believed that the troops had left for exercises. T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard.

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6. Colonel Barabash (fnu), commanding officer of the Artillerie Kaserne, had not returned to the installation on 22 February 1952. Lieutenant Colonel Salain (fnu) acted as his deputy. Groups of from 30 to 50 men, totaling up to 300, daily marched to the post training field. They were equipped with AT rifles, light and heavy machine guns and 50-mm mortars.

They were followed by truck [redacted] which towed a 120-mm mortar. On 19 February, 122-mm howitzers were seen for the first time leaving the installation individually. The interpreter of the construction bureau said on 21 February that 2,900 men ate daily in the installation. The switchboard at 61 Reetzer Strasse moved to Building No 2 of the Artillerie Kaserne on 16 February.

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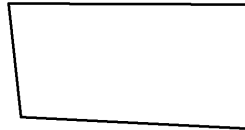
The switchboard was still under the command of Senior Lieutenant Stankov (fnu) who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.

7. General Inauri (fnu) was still absent on 22 February 1952. The units stationed at the airfield are still under the command of Colonel Ananyev (fnu). Major Zorokin's unit was taken over by the Major Volkov (fnu). Lieutenant Colonel Pichenkin (fnu) is no longer at the post. His present whereabouts and his successor are not known. Lieutenant Colonel Drapachenko (fnu)

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received materiel [redacted] from the construction bureau on 21 February.

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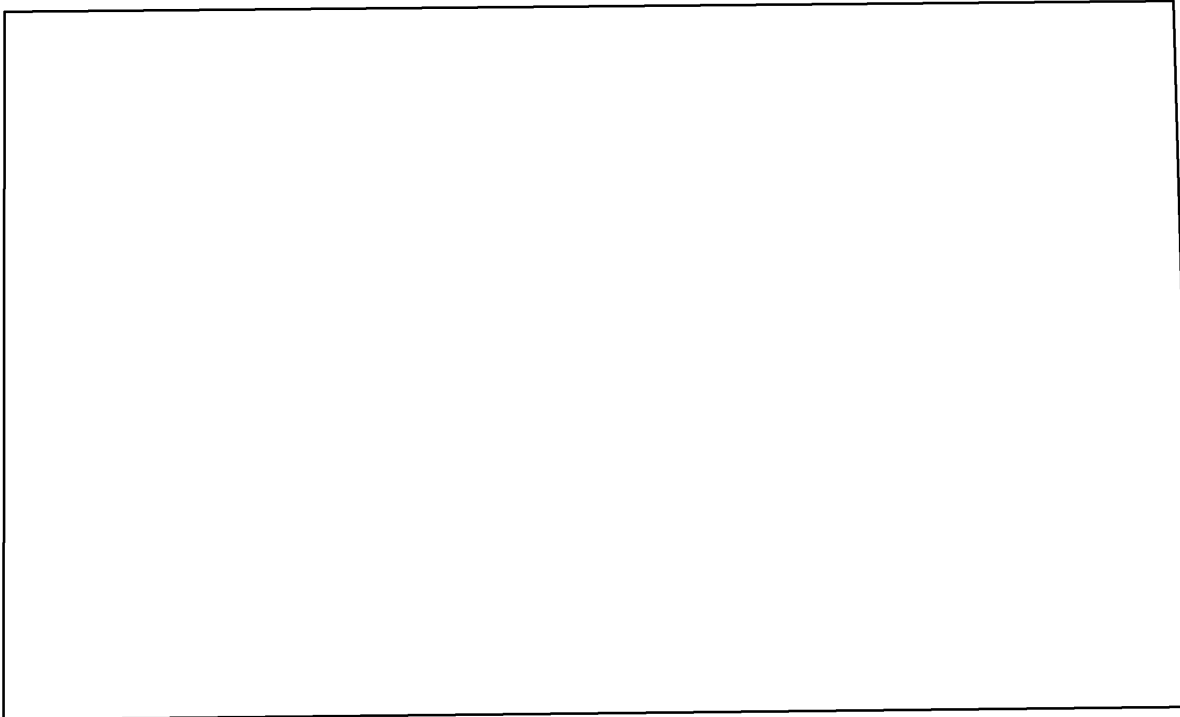
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[redacted] Captain Khamitov (fnu), previously reported as Khanikov (fnu), is an administrative officer who was made responsible for the airfield at Perleberg by the Kech office in Schwerin. He also has some connection with units in Ludwigslust and Parchin.\*\*

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2. When at the field on 27 February, [redacted] An armored reconnaissance car of type BA-64 was seen at the airfield. Two majors, one wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and the other wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia, were seen at the guardhouse. The signal unit which had been billeted at 61 Reetzer Strasse was transferred to Building No 2 of the barracks installation. The bill for electric light was given to an interpreter with the remark that he was to pass it on to Senior Lieutenant Stankov (fnu). \*\*

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\* [redacted] Comment. In addition to the units of the 58th Meez Regt of the 18th Meez Div stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne, 122-mm or 152-mm artillery pieces were also observed there.

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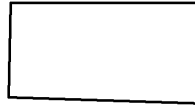
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[redacted] It is possible that components of the 105th How Arty Regt of the 18th Meez Div which is believed to be stationed in Ludwigslust may be located in Perleberg. The ration strength mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present report does not appear to be exaggerated as, on the basis of the T/R, the mechanized regiment alone may number about 2,500 men. The movement of the switchboard from Reetzer Strasse to the Artillerie Kaserne has been previously reported. [redacted] The officers are known. The restricted area at Bayertzen is known from previous information. See [redacted]

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25X1 \*\* [redacted] Comment. The presence of mortars at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne,  
Perleberg, is reported for the first time since the fall of 1951.  
25X1 Mortars of 160-mm have never been observed there previously. It  
25X1 remains to be determined whether they belong to components of the  
25X1 unidentified mortar regiment of the 18th Mecz Div believed to be  
stationed in Ludwigslust. [redacted]

[redacted] an artillery unit of  
25X1 a Major Vasilev (fnu) at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, with components  
25X1 apparently stationed in Ludwigslust. [redacted]  
25X1 Perleberg is the fourth post where 160-mm mortars were reported in  
conjunction with tank and mechanized divisions in this year. Neuruppin,  
Neustrelitz and Magdeburg are the other three. [redacted]

