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REMARKS

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1. On 24 June 1952, the Soviet quarters on the premises of the Arado Plant, Wittenberg (N 52/E 37), Dresdener Strasse, quartered about 20 officers, 80 NCOs and 320 young soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Fourteen T-34 tanks, 1 JS-2 tanks and 8 SP guns covered with canvas were observed in the billeting area. About 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in maintenance duty on tanks. \*

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2. On 24 June, 250 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia and, a few, with signal insignia, were quartered in a tent camp with a barracks on the Elbe River south of the Arado Plant. Bridge building equipment was piled near the camp. Eight pontoons came together and 12 individual pontoons were on the bank of the Elbe River. \*\*

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3. During the period from 6 to 14 June, about 400 men fell in for roll call every morning in the Taunitzien Kaserne on Berliner Strasse. The troops included engineer personnel. Except for telephone construction practice, no training activity was held.

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4. During the time from 6 to 14 June, the Plak Kaserne in the suburb of Trajahn was occupied by about 500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Bridge-building equipment was piled up in the billeting area.

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5. During the period from 6 to 14 June, The Arado Kaserne on Dresdener Strasse quartered about 250 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Eight T-34/85 tanks were daily seen leaving the installation toward Teuchel.

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6. During the period from 6 to 14 June, the Meseler Kaserne on Teucheler Weg was vacant.

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\* [ ] Comment. It is of interest that the quarters in the Arado Plant, the Tauentzien Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne are relatively heavily occupied, although the elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div permanently stationed there were confirmed at the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds until 18 June. The present report tends to indicate that the tank training battalion of the 6th Gds Tank Div is stationed on the premises of the Arado Plant. [ ]

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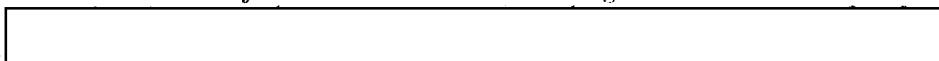
[ ] The fact that the Tauentzien Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne are more heavily occupied than the Meseler Kaserne is probably due to the concentration of engineer units of the Third Gds Wehr Army for practices on the Elbe River in Wittenberg. [ ]

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\*\* [ ] Comment. The engineer troops on the Elbe River and the engineer equipment piled up there are indicative of the engineer practices of the Third Gds Wehr Army in the area near Wittenberg.

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