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1. At about 1 p.m. on 8 February, a convoy of 10 tank trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, came from the direction of Perleberg airfield and proceeded toward Crabow.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. [redacted] 73 railroad carloads with lumber were to arrive at Dallgow railroad station during the following days and that the lumber was for the enlargement of the summer camp, i.e. the Hasenheidenberg barracks installation.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. Prior to 22 February, the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Firing practice was observed almost daily. Driving practice was no longer observed. No changes were observed at the engineer water training site. Motor vehicles [redacted] were determined in traffic to and from the installation.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
4. At 9 a.m. on 21 February, about 250 troops, 20 x 37-mm AA guns, radio truck [redacted] and about 40 trucks were detained at the Eberswalde railroad station and subsequently marched to camp Britz in the woods. [redacted] 25X1
5. On 17 February, the eastern section of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Schwerin quartered tank units. Sixteen T-34/85 tanks were observed. The western section quartered an infantry unit of undetermined strength. On 20 February, four 122-mm field howitzers were observed in the Moltke Kaserne for the first time, in addition to the tanks previously seen there. 25X1
6. On 18 and 19 February, the Fritsch Kaserne, Moltke Kaserne, Krueger Kaserne and Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Schwerin were only partially occupied. No training activity was noticed. No heavy weapons were observed.<sup>3</sup>

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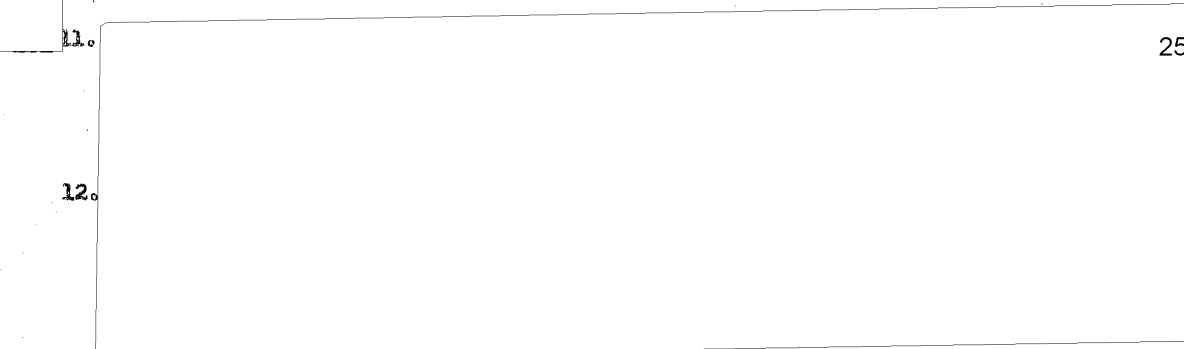
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- 7. From 11 to 21 February, the three Wald Kasernen in Rathenow were only lightly occupied. Only three busses were seen in the Kraftfahrzeug Kaserne. [redacted] the troops were out for maneuvers. At 5 p.m. on 17 February, 15 trucks towing guns and each truck carrying 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets drove from the Pionier Kaserne to the Nordbahnhof for entrainment. [redacted] The vehicles were dispatched toward Neustadt on the Dosse River in the evening. Eight trucks towing mortars of allegedly 120-mm caliber stood at the loading ramp on 18 February.<sup>6</sup> 25X1
- 8. At 11:40 a.m. on 18 February, 6 trucks towing 5 x 76.2-mm AT guns came from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeded toward the Finowfurt autobahn. Motor vehicle [redacted] was identified.<sup>7</sup> 25X1
- 9. On 21 February, a train consisting of 12 converted boxcars with troops and an [redacted] number of gondola cars with 20 trucks including [redacted] and 20 x 76.2-mm guns stood at the Malchin railroad station, facing in a northerly direction. On 23 February, a train which, for the most part, carried artillery pieces was at the Neustrelitz railroad station, facing toward Berlin. [redacted] 25X1
- 10. From 2:30 to 3:30 a.m. on 25 February, motorized columns moved toward a northerly direction, coming from the direction of the Anger Kaserne and the Herrenkrug Kaserne in Magdeburg and driving via the Herrenkrug Bridge. After 2:50 a.m., [redacted] 40 trucks, with AT guns and 120-mm mortars respectively, with billeting equipment and ammunition boxes, 2 tank trucks and 2 ambulances. Vehicles [redacted] were determined. Prior to 24 February, the Nachrichten Kaserne and the Seeckt Kaserne were occupied to capacity.<sup>9</sup> 25X1



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- 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the tank trucks belong to the 18th Mecz Div. 25X1
- 2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Hasenheidenberg barracks installation was last used in the summer of 1951. The camp is located about 1,000 meters south of Dallgow village. 25X1
- 3. [redacted] Comment. The Panzer Kaserne appears to have been occupied [redacted] The engineer water training site is located on the northern tip of Tollense Lake and it is used only during the summer. 25X1
- 4. [redacted] Comment. Return from Fourth Gde Mecz Army exercises northeast of Rathenow of units of the 63d AAA Div (US). [redacted] 25X1

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5. Comment. Elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from the above mentioned barracks installations were probably involved in field exercises of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in the area of Schwerin-Wittstock from 10 to 14 February. [redacted] As the troops had not returned by 19 February, it is possible that they used the return movement for small exercises, such as winter bivouacks, practice marches, etc. No comments can be made for the tanks in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. Possibly, several T-34s belong to the 236th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the above mentioned division. The appearance of a large tank unit in the installation is plausible only during the field exercises;

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6. Comment. Units of the 6th Arty Div from the three Wald Kasernen have been rotated to various winter exercises in East Germany since 9 February. The installations are believed to have therefore been only partially occupied since that time.

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7. Comment. [redacted] the AT artillery column belongs to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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8. Comment. [redacted] the shipment at Malchin railroad station probably carried AT artillery units of the Third Shock Army. Possibly, the train was bound for Schwerin. The train at the Neustrelitz railroad station presumably carried artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div which, [redacted] went to Luckenwalde for combat firing practice

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9. Comment. [redacted] units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div from the Herrenkrug-Anger Kaserne moved out on 25 February, presumably for winter exercises. The present report tends to indicate that the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the division from the Nachrichten Kaserne and the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GDFG from the Seeckt Kaserne were at their quarters on 24 February 1953.

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