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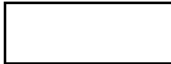
REMARKS

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- 25X1 [redacted] 1. On 11 April 1953, Damm Fliegerhorst was occupied by 600 to 650 troops. On 21 April, about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying light equipment and heavy equipment engaged in field training and firing with live ammunition on the target range at the training grounds. On 23 April, from 650 to 700 troops with rifles and machine guns and including 300 troops from the Fuchsberg Kaserne were seen at field exercises. Eight 76-mm guns were at the firing range. On 25 April, about 120 soldiers engaged in repair work on dummies and about 50 to 60 soldiers in gun maintenance. Truck [redacted] left the installation.<sup>1</sup>
- 25X1 2. On 11 April, the Fuchsberg Kaserne was occupied by 450 to 500 troops. On 28 April, 12 trucks loaded with furniture entered the installation. The trucks came from the direction of Wittenberg. On 22 April, about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying full pack engaged in field exercises in the wooded area near the barracks installation, while about 120 other soldiers engaged in callisthenics in the billeting area. On 23 April, 300 troops with red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward the Damm training grounds. At 7 a.m. on 24 April, 200 to 250 soldiers were at physical exercises between the quarters and, at about 8 a.m., about 150 soldiers engaged in close-order drill in the barracks yard.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 3. On 11 April, the Neues Lager was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 24 April, 20 sidecar motorcycles and 4 BA-64 armored scout cars [redacted] moved out of the installation toward the tank training site. About 200 men equipped with rifles and submachine guns were seen engaged in field exercises in the wooded area south of the barracks installation. About 80 soldiers were at physical exercises at the athletic field, while other soldiers were at maintenance duty on 30 to 35 sidecar motorcycles in front of the garages.<sup>3</sup>
- 25X1 [redacted] 4. On 19 April, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers were seen in prepared positions about 300 meters southeast of the Forst Zinna railroad station.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. Between 20 and 25 April, about 20 soldiers were daily seen leaving the Fuchsberg Kaserne in Jueterbog. The troops would proceed toward the slaughter house or Millionen Bruecke. About 20 other soldiers engaged in athletic exercises. On 21 April, small groups of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rucksacks and suitcases arrived at the post; they reported to the headquarters and were subsequently assigned to their units. New officers were also seen on 21 April. Two shoemakers and two barbers who had been housed in officer building No 3 were discharged, because the rooms were needed otherwise. Throughout the day on 23 April,

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troops engaged in training on the engineer training site. On 24 April a new colonel wearing a beige-colored uniform of a cut other than previously observed left his quarters. At about 4 p.m. on 24 April, 20 to 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced the throwing of hand grenades on the engineer training site.<sup>2</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. Damm airfield appears to have still been occupied by the 47th Gds Mecz Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] elements of the 148th Engr Bn (US) of the 14th Gds Mecz Div from the Fuchsberg Kaserne were loaded on 13 April 1953, allegedly for shipment toward Brandenburg. [redacted]

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[redacted] artillery units from the Fuchsberg Kaserne transferred to Damm Fliegerhorst. [redacted] This information could not be confirmed. [redacted]

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It is the impression that, at least, elements of the Fuchsberg Kaserne were vacated by the 14th Gds Mecz Div for units of the 6th Gds Tank Div which are continuously transferred from Wittenberg to Jueterbog. As the majority of the 6th Gds Tank Div transferred to the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds for summer training at the same time, it is not yet discernible which units exchanged their post.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The information is considered a vague confirmation of the 50th Mtrcl Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army carried in Neues Lager.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The report refers either to units engaged in training or to AAA batteries of the 62d AAA Div (US) which were assigned to the protection of the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army in this area.

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