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1. On 24 April 1953, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen was occupied by about 2,500 troops. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets. There was still intensive training activity in the barracks yard and on the Kobitzschwalde training grounds. At about 3 p.m. on 21 April, 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying light machine guns, and machine guns and 50 men carrying gas masks entered the barracks installation, coming from the Kobitzschwalde drill grounds.

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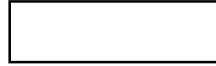
2. On 25 April, the Koenig Georg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 1,000 to 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with motor transport insignia. There was intensive training activity. At about 11 a.m. on 24 April, troops practiced with 2 x 57-mm AT guns in the yard. On 21 April, 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying field telephones and entrenching tools entered the installation, coming from the drill grounds.
3. On 7 April, the hospital quartered 200 to 300 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the soldiers there were convalescents who performed light duty. About 200 soldiers were regularly seen leaving for the Kobitzschwalde drill grounds, equipped with rifles and practice targets.
4. On 25 April, the Kirchbach Kaserne was occupied by 200 to 300 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and signal insignia. On 6 April, about 80 men engaged in drill and received instruction on the sand table in the rear section of the barracks yard. A radio truck was still seen there. The roof of the damaged quarters facing Zwoschwitz was under repair. A large classroom was situated in the basement of this building.
5. After 10 April, the radio station on the former airfield near Plauen was no longer in operation.
6. Between 17 and 20 April, the strength of troops in Plauen military post remained the same. No signs indicated that the troops were soon to leave for a summer camp. On 17 April, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers mounting troops with red-bordered black epaulets and gas masks left the installation. Between 11 and 29 March, soldiers in the Hindenburg Kaserne were repeatedly seen at training with 2 AA machine guns. The practiced aiming at a model aircraft fixed to a moving target.

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 Comment. The report tends to indicate that the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were still at the post by the end of April 1953.

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