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1. On 6 August 1953, jeep [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] occupied by drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and a ration supply depot in the former factory in Gneppritz (O 49/R 64). Motor vehicles

[REDACTED] and sedan [REDACTED] all occupied by drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and jeep [REDACTED] the driver of which wore black-bordered black epaulets.

2. On 6 August, 20 soldiers, followed by 12 soldiers, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns, were seen in Allentsteig (O 49/R 53), marching toward the troop training grounds. Motor vehicles seen in the town included: jeeps [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] all of the drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [REDACTED] truck [REDACTED] driver black-bordered black epaulets; and jeep [REDACTED] the driver of which wore black-bordered red epaulets. 25X1

3. On 3 August, engineer trucks [REDACTED] carrying bridge sections and driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and truck [REDACTED] with a special trailer for a motorboat entered the Eugen Kaserne in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88), coming from a westerly direction. [REDACTED] a bridge, about 15 meters long, had been built immediately southwest of the Eugen Kaserne. Radio truck [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] were seen in the Franz Josef Kaserne. Trucks [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [REDACTED] the driver of which wore black-bordered red epaulets, passed the barrier near the Franz Josef Kaserne. Sentries seen there wore black-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

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4. On 3 August, 5 trucks, 2 weapon carriers and 4 jeeps but no weapons were seen in Camp Spratzern (O 49/W 88), which was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen entering the camp included sedan [REDACTED] occupied by a colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and trucks [REDACTED] driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and vehicles seen leaving the installation included trucks [REDACTED] driven by soldiers 25X1

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wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [redacted] without driver was in front of the middle gate. [redacted] sedan driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered red epaulets and en route to the barracks installations on Schiesstattring on 18 June 1953. Soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia were observed for the first time.²

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

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The troops who wore blue-bordered black epaulets may have been engineers or signal troops.

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