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1. Prior to the spring of 1954, the barracks installations on the southern perimeter of Osterode (Q 54/E 25), on the west side of the road toward Buchwalde (Q 54/E 350, now ul. Sikorskiego, quartered Polish army troops who wore khaki uniforms with red service color. The bright-stuccoed buildings of the installation which were also called Weisse Kaserne by the population and had apparently suffered no war damages were occupied to capacity by soldiers on active service. In the summer of 1953, the troops were located at the Muschaken (R 54/E 71) troop training grounds. When the troops returned to the station in the fall of 1953, all soldiers marched on foot. Only some trucks which towed light guns were observed. A military band was also located in the installation. 1
2. Prior to the spring of 1954, the barracks installation on the southeastern perimeter of the city on the northeast side of the Hohenstein (Q 54/E 53) road, now ul. Swierczewskiego, also quartered Polish troops who wore khaki uniforms and red service color. In the fall of 1953, the troops located in this installation came back from the troop training grounds jointly with the troops stationed at the Weisse Kaserne. In view of its red brick buildings, the installation on ul. Swierczewskiego was also called the Rote Kaserne by the population. It was noted that officers of the troops in this installation were still mounted. Horse-drawn vehicles were frequently observed leaving the installation. Trucks were also available. When the troops returned to the station in the fall of 1953, no heavy weapons other than the light guns were noted. 1 + 2
3. Prior to the spring of 1954, the office of the Military District Headquarters (RKW) was located in the elevated barracks installation in the northern sector of the city, north of the Allenstein (R 54/E 66) road and not far from the former Hindenburg School. The installation, which was badly damaged during the war and not reconstructed, was called the Berg Kaserne. It was no longer used for the quartering of troops.

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4. The training area of the Polish troops at the station was located west and northwest of Tierberg (Q 54/E 23). A new target range of the armed forces was allegedly constructed in recent years in the woods north of the Waldau estate, 2.5 kilometers northwest of the Osterode railroad station. The conditions at the former German Army target range were unknown.

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5. Prior to the spring of 1954, government-controlled building enterprises constructed a major fuel depot near Thyrau (Q 54/E 24) southwest of the city. Large tanks were buried at the site. The depot was located northeast of the town between the railroad line to Deutsch Eylau (Q 54/E 04) and the Thyrau - Osterode road, presumably in the area 1 kilometer northwest of Thyrau.

1. [Redacted] Comment. An infantry regiment of the 15th Inf Div is known to be in Osterode.

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2. [Redacted] Comment. According to a previous report dating [Redacted] the barracks installation on the Hohenstein road has been occupied by an officer candidate school. It is believed that it also quarters component units of the infantry regiment.

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