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1. All troops in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau (N 53/E 96), assembled in the yard for a ceremony on 23 February 1951. Fourteen units of 20 to 100 soldiers each, with a color guard in front of each unit, were observed, besides a military band. The troops were addressed by an officer. Motor vehicles _____

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were observed in the installation. Fourteen artillery pieces were still parked in the billeting area. _____

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2. The houses in the restricted area on Karl Marxstrasse quartered Soviet families rather than a military headquarters. Motor vehicles observed there _____

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3. On 23 and 24 February, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne still quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. One lieutenant colonel, three captains and several lieutenants were observed to wear tank insignia. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area on 23 February included two model BA-64 armored reconnaissance cars; 10 trucks in a garage; about 15 trucks _____

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_____ and five trailers between two garages; 20 to 25 trucks, _____ in another garage; and 30 to 50 more trucks dispersed over the billeting area. _____

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_____ Sixteen 76.2-mm AT guns and five one-axle, rubber-tired ammunition trailers stood beside the garages. _____

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- 4. Sentries at the restricted area on Weinbergstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed there. Telephone lines were strung from the restricted area to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne.
- 5. A motor vehicle repair shop seemed to be located in the Soviet-occupied premises on Angergang. A truck motor was removed by a crane. The sound of work was heard from the shops. Military personnel observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] were parked in the yard. ***
- 6. All military motor vehicles observed in Bernau had black-out covers over their headlights, with the exception of some vehicles whose headlights were taped up in a makeshift manner, leaving only a small slot in the center.

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* [redacted] Comment. The approximately 1,400 troops counted during the ceremony corresponds with the strength of a mechanized regiment.

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[redacted] However, since the installation fairly definitely also quarters the 676th How Arty Regt, the 22nd Gds Engr Bn, the 240th Gds Mort Regt and, possibly, the 33d Gds Sig Bn, constituting an aggregate number of not less than 3,000 troops, [redacted] the [redacted] report probably observed only the assembling of one regiment.

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** [redacted] Comment. The restricted area on Karl Lankstrasse and that on Weinbergstrasse probably constitute one collective area [redacted]

*** [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

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it is fairly definite that a motor vehicle repair shop for component units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div is located there.

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