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Annaberg.

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1. In early April 1951, it was learned that the MVD troops in the Annaberg (N 51/K 73)-Schwarzenberg area were subordinate to General M.M. Maltsov, who was stationed in Chemnitz (N 51/K 66). The general built a house in Oberwiesenthal. Col. Colonel Menov (fnu) inspected the troops in Annaberg in late March. He has been stationed in that area since the end of the war. (1)
2. Troops observed in Annaberg in early April wore red-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered green epaulets. About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen engaged in firing and hand grenade practice on 30 March, and about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets were seen marching to the local motion picture theater on 31 March. (2)
3. A freight train carrying about 600 soldiers of undetermined branch of service and seven [redacted] four-wheel armored reconnaissance cars passed through Annaberg toward Zwickau on 24 March. The troops were very young and of strikingly small stature.
4. On 4 April, the Soviet office at 1 Herrmannstrasse was still guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered green epaulets.

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Chemnitz.

5. The 400 to 600 troops in the western section of the barracks installation on Leninstrasse in Chemnitz, who previously wore red-bordered green epaulets, were observed to wear black-bordered crimson epaulets at the end of March. [redacted]

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Cottbus.

6. Troops observed in the Sachsenhof Kaserno, Cottbus (N 52/A 57) on 11 April wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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saw officers of both sexes who wore green ribbons on their caps.

Dresden.

7. Until 30 March 1951, the Bucher Kaserne in Dresden (N 52/F 29) quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets. Intensive training activity and vehicular traffic was observed. Military personnel wearing red-bordered green epaulets were seen on vehicles [redacted]

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8. The Koenig -Friedrich-August Kaserne on the east side of Marienallee quartered from 1,000 to 1,500 MVD troops. A colonel and personnel wearing red-bordered green epaulets were observed in addition to intensive traffic of motor vehicles [redacted]. One hundred men were seen marching to the target range. [redacted] they displayed excellent military bearing. (4)

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9. The number of troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets in the Luftkriegsschule, Dresden-Klotzsche, was still estimated at 200 on 3 April. The unit had 50 to 80 trained dogs. Units of company strength conducted practice attacks, equipped with heavy machine guns, three medium mortars, and an undetermined number of heavy mortars. [redacted]

Halle.

10. The about 250 troops in the barracks installation on Reilstrasse, Halle (N 52/D 92), who previously wore red-bordered green epaulets, were observed to wear black-bordered red epaulets on several days during the period from 5 to 13 April. Only four trucks were seen in the garages. The dogs of the unit were kept in a kennel. (6)

Kamenz.

11. An MGB office was no longer observed on Hutberg in Kamenz (N 52/A 41).

Naumburg.

12. On 8 April, the MGB personnel in Naumburg (N 52/J 89) arrested several youths on the grounds of sabotage and espionage.

Riesa.

13. Numerous officers of all branches of service and a few officers wearing green color patches and cap ribbons were seen at the Soviet office on August Bebelstrasse, Riesa (N 52/E 81), on 10 April. (7)

Comments.

- (1) Major General Maltsev, probably **Mikhail** Mitrofanovich Maltsev, a member of the MVD/MGB, has been known as chief of the Wismut Corporation in Chemnitz since 1948.
- (2) Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets have been quartered in the boys' school since the beginning of March 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The present report indicates that the former Lehnert Factory and the barracks installation on Leninstrasse are [redacted] occupied by troops wearing 50X1-HUM red-bordered green epaulets.

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(4) The Bucher Kaserne, which has quartered an MVD unit for a long time, is, according to the present report, located on the east side of Marienallee. It is situated opposite the former German officer candidate school and housed part of the school prior to World War II. The name of the installation was probably derived from the Bucher Haus which is located in the billeting area of the so-called Bucher Kaserne. Since the same installation has been also referred to as Koenig-Friedrich-August Kaserne, it is believed that the MVD units mentioned in the present report as being quartered in the Bucher Kaserne and the Koenig-Friedrich-August Kaserne are identical. The barracks installation on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, which is called Maschinengewehr Kaserne, has also been referred to as Bucher Kaserne [Redacted]

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- (6) The troops, who still wore red-bordered green epaulets in March 1951, probably switched to black-bordered red in early April 1951, as was observed with other MVD units. 50X1-HUM
- (7) Probably the Hq 9th Tank Div.

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