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Perleberg. 25X1C

- On 14 November 1951, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were observed at Perleberg (M 54/T 70) airfield. [Redacted] was identified at the field. Captain Khamikov (fnu), supply officer of the installation, audited bills for the airfield and the ammunition depot in Spiegelhagen. Bills for the Artillerie Kaserne, Perleberg, were audited by Senior Lieutenant Prikaschikov (fnu), supply officer, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. One model ZIS-3 x 76.2-mm artillery piece was seen in the billeting area. (1) The last bills for the officers' billets of the engineer battalion previously quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne had not been paid to date. Senior Lieutenant Prikaschikov (fnu), the supply officer, said that the battalion had moved to Ludwigslust, and that Major Leposhkin (fnu), Ludwigslust, would settle the matter. (2)
- Major Marchenko (fnu) seemed to be supply officer of the Soviet komendantura at 8 Lindenstrasse, Perleberg. A Soviet Army post office was located at 11 Reetzerstrasse. The commercial section No 12, which was in charge of providing foodstuffs and other items of supply for the troops at the Perleberg post, was located at 5 Ernst Thaelmannstrasse. The commissary for Soviet dependents was located at 4 Ernst Thaelmannstrasse. Officers of the units at Perleberg airfield were billeted at 20 Franz Grunickstrasse. A Soviet Army polyclinic was located at 25/26 Franz Grunickstrasse. (1)

Ludwigslust.

- When inquiring at the Ludwigslust (M 54/T 53) komendantura for the engineer battalion which had been transferred to that post, source was told on 15 November to contact Major Leposhkin in the barracks installation at the Marstall (ducal stables). The bills for the engineer battalion were finally audited by Lieutenant Colonel Goncharov (fnu), its commanding officer. Twenty-eight trucks, including two carrying pontoons and the rest with bodies designed to carry pontoons, were seen in the billeting area. (2)

Soviet Border Guard Detachments.

- On 15 November, source observed a river checkpoint and a border guard detachment which was stationed in Cumlosen, 7 km northwest of Wittenberge. The checkpoint, under the command of Captain Kornovalov (fnu), who wore civilian clothes, was in charge of con-

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trolling shipping on the Elbe River. It had at its disposal: 1 motorboat; and 1 boat for quartering about 30 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets; and 1 boat which quartered about 30 VPs. The border guard detachment in Gumlosen consisted of about 30 soldiers, who also wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, and was commanded by a Lieutenant who refused to sign a bill, instructing source to contact Senior Lieutenant Kholodilov (fnu) in Lenzen. Kholodilov audited the bill and also accepted a bill for the border guard detachment in Wootz, 8 km southwest of Lenzen. This detachment had [REDACTED] and consisted of about 30 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets under the command of Lieutenant Zalindkov (fnu).

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5. The border guard detachments in Gaarz, 5 km southwest of Doemitz, consisted of about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and was commanded by a Lieutenant who instructed source to contact Captain Krotki in Doemitz in order to have 25X1C bills audited. Captain Krotki lived in house No 19/20, Doemitz, and had [REDACTED]. The house had a wooden platform which was occupied by a sentry with fieldglasses. This sentry and a sentry, with machine gun near the house, wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.
6. On 15 November, source delivered the audited bills to Major Isakov (fnu), of the Kech office on Schlueterufer, Schwerin. The major wore black-bordered black epaulets. (3)

Schoenwalde Airfield.

7. An acquaintance of source who had a similar function in the Oranienburg area, asked source on 16 November, to contact the artillery unit under Lieutenant Colonel Chesnokov (fnu), which was transferred from the Weisse Stadt settlement, Oranienburg, to Schoenwalde airfield, because this unit still had not paid bills of September and early October. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) Since reports prior to the 1951 summer training period indicated that the Hq 18th Mecz Div was located at Perleberg airfield, it is believed that the signal troops mentioned in the present report belong to the unidentified signal battalion of this division. The artillery troops observed may belong to the division's unidentified AAA regiment which is tentatively carried at Perleberg airfield. See [REDACTED] 25X1A Components of the 58th Mecz Regt are probably quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne.
- (2) The information confirms the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mecz Div under Lieutenant Colonel Goncharov (fnu) in Ludwigslust until 15 November 1951, and supplements a previous report by the same source, according to which an engineer unit was to move 25X1A from Perleberg to Ludwigslust in October 1951. See [REDACTED]. Major Leposhkin (fnu), who was also mentioned in a previous report, is believed to be deputy commander of the engineer battalion. Major Marchenko (fnu), mentioned in paragraph 1, is known to belong to the komendantura in Perleberg.
- 25X1C (3) [REDACTED] confirms the 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Hagenow until 15 November 1951. The information confirms a report by another source who stated that the regiment was assigned to border control in the zonal border area.
- 25X1A See [REDACTED]. Major Isakov (fnu) was identified by another source as head of the Soviet construction bureau in Schwerin.
- (4) The information confirms the previously reported transfer of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army under Lieutenant Colonel Chesnokov (fnu) from Oranienburg to Schoenwalde. See [REDACTED]. 25X1A

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