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1. On 13 January 1952, the barracks installation in Meissen (S 52/F 09)- Bohnitzsch, on the east side of Highway No 101, was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, usually with tank insignia. Local residents said that the troops there numbered about 2,000. On the occasion of a field exercise several days prior to 13 January, [redacted] about 50 heavy tanks moving through Bohnitzsch. Three tanks mounting 85-mm guns and 1 half-track armored personnel carrier were seen in the billeting area. [redacted]

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2. On 13 January, [redacted] the tank repair shop on Goethestrasse consisted of 3 large workshop buildings and 1 guardhouse, but apparently contained no billeting facilities. A half-track armored personnel carrier mounting a 20-mm gun was seen standing beside the guardhouse; numerous men wearing coveralls and 4 officers were observed in front of the workshops. A local resident said tanks drove from the shop to the railroad station and were loaded for shipment almost every day. *

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* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the observation of medium tanks indicate that the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch still quartered the 95th Tank Part of the 9th Tank Div which was last confirmed [redacted] in Meissen on 25 October 1951. However, the estimated number of troops specified in the present report is too high to constitute the personnel of one regiment. The 560th Tank Repair Bn and/or the 6th Ordnance Bn of the First Gds Mecz Army are carried in the tank repair shop on Goethestrasse in the borough of Niederfashro. It has not been determined where the personnel from the tank repair shop are billeted. They might be quartered in the barracks installation at Bohnitzsch which is the nearest military installation known. [redacted]

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