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1. On 5 February 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, 2 km west of Oschatz (N 52/E 71), was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. A unit of 1 lieutenant and 30 men with red-bordered black epaulets was engaged in throwing practice hand grenades on 4 February. Troops with 10 light machine guns, lined up in a row at the target range just west of the main guardhouse, were seen firing at practice targets under the supervision of three officers on 5 February. About 30 to 40 soldiers with rifles were engaged in combat practice near the Lampersdorf-Collm road. JS-2 tanks [redacted] were seen moving from the Infanterie Kaserne to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. Vehicles observed at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne [redacted]

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2. On 4 February, the Infanterie Kaserne on Dresdenerstrasse quartered about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. About 60 officers were observed among the troops. No training activity was noticed in and around the billeting area at the end of January, but about 180 troops, including some with tank insignia, were observed engaged in field training with rifles in the municipal forest south of the city on 4 February. The troops were supervised by 1 captain and 5 lieutenants, all of whom wore tank insignia on their epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] at the Infanterie Kaserne.

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3. Four model BA-64 armored reconnaissance cars were seen driving from the direction of Oschatz toward Grimma (N 52/E 40) on 2 February. *

25X1 * [redacted] Comment. The information confirms previous conclusions regarding the identity of the troops in the barracks installations of Oschatz. The tank [redacted] belong to the 9th Tank Div. The periodic strength estimates of the troops in the individual installations cannot be checked because of the lack of information by other sources. It therefore remains undetermined whether headquarters troops of the First Gds Meccz Army are stationed in Oschatz in addition to the components of the 9th Tank Div that are carried there. [redacted]

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