

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Plauen 25X1

EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1 [redacted]

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REFERENCES [redacted] 25X1

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. Prior to 16 February 1952, the Hindenburg Kaserne on the north side of Neuendorfer strasse, Plauen (M 51/K 12), quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] there were about 3,500 troops. The informant also
- 25X1 said that the garages of the installation contained 15 SP guns and 12 tanks. It
- 25X1 was almost impossible to see into the billeting area from the outside, and the only
- 25X1 troops source observed were receiving physical training, either wearing athletic
- 25X1 dress or full field equipment and gas masks. Two trucks [redacted] were
- 25X1 seen leaving the installation on 11 February. Each truck towed a 35-mm AT gun and
- 25X1 carried 10 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
- 25X1 2. Prior to 16 February, [redacted] the Koenig Georg Kaserne
- 25X1 on the south side of Neuendorferstrasse was occupied by about 1,500 troops. About
- 25X1 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery
- 25X1 insignia were seen returning to the installation from a motion picture theater on
- 25X1 29 January.



* [redacted] Comment. The heavy weapons observed [redacted]

25X1 confirm the previous situation at the military post. The 112th Gds Itz Rifle Regt

25X1 and the 87th Gun Arty Regt, both of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div, were confirmed in

25X1 Plauen by a report on rail movements up to the middle of January 1952. The estimate

25X1 in the present report of the troops in the Hindenburg Kaserne appears exaggerated.

25X1 [redacted] the troops there at from 1,500 to 2,000 in January 1952,

25X1 while [redacted] estimated them at between 800 and 1,500 in early 1951. The

25X1 assignment of the 12 tanks mentioned in the present report cannot be determined.

