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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Vienna X and in Traiskirchen 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Officers and enlisted personnel seen leaving and entering the Trost Kaserne in Vienna X wore artillery, tank, signal and motor transport insignia on 7 March. A group of 15 soldiers practiced displacing with 3 x 50-mm mortars under the supervision of an officer at the training field of the Trost Kaserne. An additional 30 men with 1 senior lieutenant were engaged in aiming practice with 122-mm mortars. About 20 men received instruction from an officer on the 45-mm AT gun, while a group of 36 men under the supervision of 2 captains and 1 lieutenant practiced with 6 x 76-mm AT guns. Trucks seen parking in front of the Trost Kaserne [Redacted] carried personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [Redacted] truck carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets were seen. Trucks [Redacted] both carrying personnel with red-bordered black epaulets, were engaged in driving practice. Seven motor vehicles, [Redacted] mounting a tank stood in the garages of the tank dump of the Trost Kaserne. * No personnel or vehicular traffic was observed during the morning at a house opposite of the Trost Kaserne.

2. About 25 motor vehicles were in the garage on Alxingerstrasse. Sentries there wore red-bordered black epaulets.

3. About 25 motor vehicles, of which 16 were counted and included trucks [Redacted] were seen standing in and in front of the garage on Fernerstorferstrasse. Sentries there wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

4. Ambulance [Redacted] and truck [Redacted] were seen parking in front of the hospital on Leibnizgasse. The sentry wore red-bordered black epaulets. **

5. On 11 March 1952, seven field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen at the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt in Traiskirchen (O 49/Y 37). Four AT guns without muzzle brakes and 52 trucks, [Redacted]

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with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen entering the installation. Truck [] carrying personnel with red-bordered black epaulets returned from the direction of Blumau (O 46/C 36) at noon. This truck carried 1 officer, about 20 men armed with rifles. Four 82-mm mortars were fitted to the rear wall of the cab. Reports were heard in the morning from the direction of Blumau. Armored reconnaissance car [] entered the installation at the same time. ***

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[] Comment. The information confirms that in early March 1952 units of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div were still quartered in the Trost Kaserne. The six 76-mm artillery pieces referred to as AT guns probably were artillery pieces of the light artillery battalion of the regiment. These are ZIS-3 type field guns, they are the standard equipment of light artillery units and may be used as AT guns. AT companies of the rifle battalions of mechanized regiments are usually equipped with four 57-mm AT guns. The motor vehicles observed in front of the garage on Pernerstorferstrasse also belonged to the 44th Gds Mecz Regt.

[] Comment. The motor vehicles observed in front of the hospital on Leibnizgasse belong to the 106th Medical Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div. Vehicles of this battalion were frequently seen in Moedling.

[] Comment. The information from Traiskirchen confirms the units of the 45th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div to be stationed in that town. A drill ground and firing range near Blumau is used by the 45th Gds Mecz Regt for training purposes.

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