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1. An officer and 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived on truck [redacted] in Grimmen (N 55/P 42) on 27 May 1952. They occupied the house adjoining the Landratsamt at the corner of Wilhelmstrasse which had been vacated the preceding day. An officer and a Soviet woman wearing the uniform of an officer and personnel of the SED office in Grimmen inspected the building of the Landratsamt in the afternoon on 27 May. Soldiers cleaned and reconditioned the apartment of the Landrat during the following days. This building was not occupied.
2. A detachment of 3 officers and about 20 men arrived in Anklam (N 54/U 99) during the night of 28 May. This detachment was quartered in a building on Wetzlinger Strasse which had been used as headquarters in 1947. There were rumors the kommandatura would be stationed in the former Internat (Boarding School) which is located at the corner of Demminerstrasse on Leipziger Allee. A major is chief of the kommandatura. The detachment arrived with a truck, a sedan and 2 armored scout cars and had no billeting equipment.
3. [redacted] between 60 and 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia moved into the buildings on Loons Strasse, Greifswald (N 55/P 72), which were vacant. Three armored scout cars and 3 canvas-covered guns, which source believed were AT guns, were parked at a square nearby.
4. [redacted] new town headquarters were established in numerous buildings south of Berlin which had not been occupied by kommandaturas for a long time. [redacted] new kommandaturas were established in Dabendorf (N 53/Z 81), Blankenfelde (N 53/Z 82), and Mangsdorf (N 53/Z 82).
5. On 2 June, [redacted] all buildings on Roebeler Strasse, which leads to the airfield, and on Groeper Strasse, which leads to the hospital, had to be vacated by the civilian population in Wittstock (N 54/U 11). These buildings were to be occupied by Soviets. The Soviet kommandatura was transferred to the Amtshof near the jail in late May.
6. A town kommandatura was reestablished in Fuerstenberg/Orde (N 54/U 52) in early June. Residents stated that the kommandatura was staffed by 1 officer and 10 soldiers. They were quartered in the LVD restricted area. Source learned that a large railroad building would be requisitioned for a major kommandatura.

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7. On 7 June, the Landratsamt in Tolmirstedt (U 53/Y 61), which had been vacated several weeks previously, was occupied by 2 officers and about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Five trucks, including truck [redacted] shipped billeting equipment to this building.

8. During the night of 8 June, the komandatura in Altengrabow (U 53/Z 09) was transferred to Burg (U 53/Y 81). Its personnel was increased. The Altengrabow komandatura was reoccupied at the same time.

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[redacted] Comment. It is not possible to draw any definite conclusions from this information on the establishment, both actual or scheduled, of komandaturas. Some were established immediately after the war. It is believed that they were established in conjunction with measures such as the partial withdrawal of Soviet troops from still occupied military posts etc. However, further information is needed to determine the character of these measures.

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