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1. From 29 December 1952 to 14 January 1953, the Putlitz Kaserne on Memeler Strasse in Rostock was occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. The barracks buildings were 80 percent and the headquarters building was about 50 percent lighted at dusk. On 31 December, about 30 soldiers were seen practicing without weapons. An officer and 60 soldiers practiced on six 57-mm AT guns. Between 4 and 5 p.m. on 7 January, about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling. One 100-mm AT gun was noticed. On 13 January, coupling and uncoupling of four 76.2-mm AT guns to trucks [ ] observed at the Neue Rennbahn training field. The practices were inspected by officers. Sedan [ ] was seen there. On 14 January, five trucks [ ] towing guns which [ ] were AT guns were seen at the training area. The guns were being used for service of the piece drill.
2. Prior to 14 January, the barracks installation on Ulmen Strasse was occupied to capacity by an estimated 2,200 soldiers. About 500 of them were marines, the others were red-bordered black, black-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. The barracks buildings were about 80 percent lighted at dusk. There was much activity in the installation during the period of observation. No details were obtained. Motor vehicles [ ] were seen driving to the installation.
3. The settlement on Thuenen Strasse is bounded by Detharding Strasse, Ernst Heidemann Strasse (formerly Skagerrak Strasse), Thuenen Strasse and Rembrandt Strasse (formerly Norkus Strasse). A radio station was noticed on Heidemann Strasse. Radio truck [ ] and truck [ ] were seen there. Numerous other motor vehicles [ ] were seen in the area of the settlement.

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25X1 4. On 29 December, about 100 unarmed soldiers organized into groups received basic training in the Putlitz Kaserne. About 130 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines and submachine guns were observed leaving the installation toward the Rennbahn (race track). At 11:30 a.m. on 23 December, about 160 soldiers received training on eight 100-mm AT guns and about 90 soldiers on seven 57-mm AT guns. On 5 January, about 70 soldiers received training on nine 57-mm AT guns and about 140 soldiers on six 100-mm AT guns. Four 57-mm AT guns were parked at a garage. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen driving to the installation.

[redacted] 5. On 10 and 11 January, the Putlitz Kaserne was occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with AT artillery insignia on the upper left sleeve. About 2 p.m. on 11 January, 16 soldiers were engaged in aiming practices with two 100-mm AT guns. About 3:30 p.m., about 10 officers and 80 soldiers armed with carbines and carrying field packs, blankets, entrenching tools and sacks and, in a number of instances, baggage lined up. After laying down their equipment, the soldiers ran to the garages upon the command of an officer who timed them with a watch. The soldiers hauled 12 trucks and 12 AT guns from a shed which sheltered about 20 trucks and about 20 AT guns. The first of the trucks left the installation at 3:40 p.m., towing an AT gun and carrying an officer and six soldiers along with the equipment and baggage they had laid down. All the twelve trucks had left the installation at about 4 p.m. The AT guns had a caliber of 57-mm.

25X1 6. On 10 and 11 January, the barracks installation on Ulmen Strasse was occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and marines. No training activity was observed.

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Prior to mid-January 1953, the barracks installation on Ulmen Strasse and the Putlitz Kaserne were still occupied by units of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig. [redacted] The reference report had already indicated that the settlement on Thuener Strasse was occupied by an MGB unit or an SCC unit [redacted]

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