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[redacted] 1. From 8 to 22 April 1953, the Putlitz Kaserne on Memeler Strasse, Rostock, quartered an estimated 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At 6 p.m. on 21 April, about 150 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises. [redacted]

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2. From 8 to 22 April, the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse was occupied by about 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery or signal insignia. In addition, 17 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and naval soldiers were seen. The naval soldiers were quartered in one wing of the front building. On 17 April, about 40 officers, 1 military band, 12 soldiers and about 250 more soldiers marched into the installation, with the soldiers being equipped with submachine guns and rifles at an equal rate. On 19 April, two trucks towing guns, presumably 76.2-mm AT guns, entered the installation. [redacted]

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[redacted] 3. On 10 April, the Putlitz Kaserne was about 80 percent occupied. At 7:30 a.m. on 11 April, 10 prime movers, each occupied by 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, moved out of the barracks installation toward Doberan. Each truck towed a 100-mm AT gun. About 40 soldiers cleaned 10 x 57-mm AT guns, about 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets drilled with 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns and about 70 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises while 6 groups each of 15 soldiers received instruction in the billeting area. Trucks [redacted] entered the barracks installation. Artillery pieces [redacted] include 20 x 76.2-mm and 15 x 57-mm AT guns on 13 March and 12 x 100-mm AT guns on 14 March. 1

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1.  Comment. The units of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig appear to have been at their quarters in the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse and in the Fuhlitz Kaserne until 22 April. The equipment of a brigade as indicated in paragraph 3 of the report corresponds to that of an AT brigade with two medium and 1 heavy AT regiment, as they are still in existence with the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps. In 1952, when the brigade was reassigned from the Third Shock Army to the IV Arty Corps, the brigade probably exchanged for AT guns the field howitzers with which it had been equipped at that time and, thus, confirmed with the requirements of the IV Arty Corps which already had an artillery division equipped with high-angle weapons.

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