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TOPIC Military Information from Rostock

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1. Prior to 8 May 1953, the Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock was occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,700 troops. On 27 April, about 40 trucks and 24 x 57-mm AT guns were seen in front of the vehicle shed on Memelerstrasse. The vehicles and guns were being inspected by a commission. On 5 May, a total of about 48 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced loading on six 100-mm AT guns in the barracks yard. About 75 troops practiced aiming with 15 x 57-mm AT guns in front of the vehicle sheds on Memelerstrasse. About 25 to 30 soldiers were cleaning five 76.2-mm AT guns. About 60 soldiers practiced aiming with carbines. Twenty-five soldiers received instruction in the open. At about 11 a.m., a unit of about 90 men armed with carbines and carrying practice targets left the installation. Twenty-five soldiers were cleaning motor vehicles. On 8 May, about 500 troops were lined up in an open rectangle in the barracks yard. Truck [redacted] was seen in front of the installation. Trucks [redacted] were in front of the vehicle shed on Memelerstrasse. At 6 p.m. on 13 May, 150 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets; 6 x 57-mm AT guns, and trucks [redacted] were detained at the Rostock railroad station. The unit belonged to the Putlitz Kaserne.

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2. Prior to 7 May, the Ulmen Kaserne in Rostock was occupied as previously by about 1,700 troops of the army and 250 naval personnel. At about 11 a.m. on 7 May, about 80 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with carbines and submachine guns left the installation toward Rennbahn. The barracks installation was fully lighted at dusk.¹

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1. Comment. [redacted] the information confirms the known occupation of the installations by the 3d Cds AT Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps. [redacted] The information again confirms that the AT brigade has a uniform equipment as had already been stressed in the reference report. The unit of the brigade unloaded on 13 May, probably returned from a firing practice.

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