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1. On 25 November 1953, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 50 to 60 recruits were repeatedly engaged in individual training in the barracks yard. Up to 10 tank trucks were frequently parked in the yard. Between 19 and 25 November, driving practice was conducted with 10 to 12 trucks.

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2. On 25 November, the north and south section of the Delius Kaserne quartered a total of about 1,500 to 1,600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Troops engaged in individual training and driving practice.

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3. On 25 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops some wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and some with black-bordered black epaulets.

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4. On 25 November, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. Vehicular traffic was light.

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5. On 25 November, the NCO school quartered about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. the KVP was transferred to the Luftschiff-fahrhafen. Between 19 and 25 November, several columns of about 60 soldiers were daily seen leaving the quarters toward Nedlitz for training in the terrain.

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6. On 25 November, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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7. On 18 November, the south section of the Leibgarde-Husaren Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and the other sections by about 400 to 500 KVP personnel. 2

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8. On 21 November, the Kavallerie Schule was occupied by about 6,000 to 7,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets. On 10 and 12 November, 45 soldiers left the billeting area, heading toward the ammunition dump.

Truck [redacted] towing a gun and a truck column [redacted]

[redacted] moved out of the installation toward Potsdam at about 10:30 a.m. On 14 November, about 30 unarmed soldiers left the quarters toward Bullenwinkel. On 20 November, about 250 soldiers engaged in clearing work at a ruinous building in the training area north of the billeting area. Three T-34/85 tanks were seen in the vicinity of the damaged building.

9. On 21 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and artillery insignia. On 13 November, about 20 soldiers re-reeled cables in the barracks yard and 20 soldiers spray-painted bedsteads. About 120 soldiers assembled for roll call on 21 November.

10. On 21 November, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. No training activity was observed between 9 and 21 November. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to and from the Hohenlohe Kaserne [redacted]

11. On 21 November, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 10 November, about 60 soldiers engaged in individual training in the yard. Truck [redacted] was parked in front of the entrance.

12. On 21 November, the south section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 9 November, about 80 soldiers assembled in the barracks yard and 60 soldiers engaged in cleaning work. Motor vehicles [redacted] moved out of the barracks installation.

13. On 21 November, the NCO school quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed between 13 and 21 November.

14. On 21 November, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed during the period of observation. [redacted]

15. On 21 November, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne quartered about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. Training activity was light. On 16 and 21 November, 25 to 40 soldiers each received instruction in the barracks yard while about 30 other soldiers engaged in athletic exercises. 1

16. On 21 November, the Kriegsschule quartered about 650 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Between 13 and 21 November, about 30 soldiers received basic infantry training in the barracks yard; about 40 other soldiers carrying carbines and dummy soldiers marched out of the installation toward Bornstedter Feld.

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17. On 21 November, the barracks installation in Wildpark West was occupied. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area. [redacted]

18. On 23 November, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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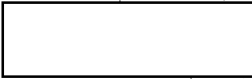
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19. On 28 November, the Kavallerie Schule was occupied as was observed previously. Several buildings in the west section of the installation were vacant. Residents said that soldiers from this section of the installation were transferred to the Doeberitz troop training grounds during the first days of November. Between 17 and 28 November, about 200 to 250 soldiers engaged in close-order drill in the barracks yard almost daily, while about 50 to 60 soldiers practiced carbine firing at the target range. On 17 November, an armored personnel carrier moved out of the installation toward Doeberitz. Trucks [redacted] each occupied by 25 soldiers without arms and luggage entered the barracks installation, coming from the direction of ^{the} Sätzkorn railroad station on 20 November. On 22 November, about 60 recruits trained with 2 SP guns in the west section of the barracks installation. On 23 November, truck [redacted] occupied by 25 men with carbines and submachine guns moved out of the billeting area toward Sätzkorn railroad station. On 27 November, 3 armored personnel carriers entered the barracks installation from the Doeberitz training grounds. 3
20. On 6 November, 86 trucks including 80 occupied each by 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 6 carrying luggage and towing an artillery piece moved along Nedlitzer Strasse in Potsdam toward north.
21. On 24 November, the Kavallerie Schule was occupied by 4,000 to 5,000 troops. Thirty uniformed women were transferred from the officers' settlement to house No 15 between 13 and 24 November. On 19 November, about 80 to 100 soldiers engaged in basic infantry training on the athletic field on Reiterdamm. T-34 tank [redacted] and two other T-34s and a JS-1 tank were parked in the tank repair shop. On 20 November, 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets equipped with spades and shovels left the billeting area. On 21 November, about 120 troops left building No 3, heading for the tank garages on Reiterdamm. The unit, presumably a motorcycle unit, apparently returned during the last days, as building No 3 had quartered only a few soldiers prior to that time. Building No 2 quartered 80 to 100 soldiers who wore motor transport insignia.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
23. On 12 November, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by not less than 500 troops of a tank unit. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Numerous soldiers were seen at the windows in the quarters and in the yard. On 12 November, 5 canvas-covered tanks, 1 tank truck and 5 tank truck trailers stood in the yard. On 10 November, trucks [redacted] entered the installation. 1

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] it is still believed that the Adolf Hitler Kaser-
ne quarters the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Except for fluctuations regarding the strengths of personnel
which, in some instances, were underestimated, no changes are discernible
in the occupation of the barracks installations mentioned. [redacted]
[redacted] the signal unit of
the GDFG which has previously been carried as being stationed in the barracks
installation in Wildpark West is vaguely confirmed. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. Report tends to indicate that no changes occurred in the
occupation of the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz. [redacted]
[redacted] probably refers to the 7th Gds
Mtrcl Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div, the battalion can be considered confirmed
in its quarters until 21 November. [redacted]

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4. [redacted]

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