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1. On 20 January 1954, the Polizei Kaserne, Potsdam, was occupied by about 450 troops. Between 18 and 20 January. [REDACTED]

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2. On 20 January, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and motor transport insignia. On 20 January, about 60 troops received basic training in the barracks yard and 2 T-34/85 tanks were seen in the barracks area. [REDACTED]

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3. On 20 January, the Kriegsschule was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. Source was not able to determine the strength of the troops stationed there. On 18 January, about 25 trucks carrying billeting equipment were seen in the barracks yard. Other trucks, also carrying billeting equipment [REDACTED]

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At about noon, about 35 troops unloaded the trucks. On 20 January, about 65 trucks, including some which had already been unloaded, were observed in the barracks yard. At about noon, 50 troops continued to unload the trucks. About 30 of these trucks towed mortars. [REDACTED]

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4. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 19 January, a column of 45 prime movers, including about 35 towing each one gun howitzer and the others towing trailers, each occupied by about 25 troops, passed through Potsdam, coming from the direction of Amundsen Strasse and proceeding toward Saarland via Kaulbeer Allee and Rehbrücke. [REDACTED]

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The column was directed through the town by traffic control posts, which were withdrawn at about 11 a.m. 3

5. On 12 January, the south section of the Leibgarde Husaren Kaserne was occupied by about 100 troops. Sentries observed wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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6. On 12 January, the NCO school was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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7. On 12 January, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 350 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets.

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8. On 18 January, the Kavallerie Schule in Kranpnitz was occupied by about 6,000 to 7,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia; and, a few, blue-bordered black epaulets. On 11 January, 3 T-34/85 tanks and 60 troops were seen in the Bullenwinkel area, while 12 trucks were observed at driving school practice in the Giebfelena area.

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On 13 January, about 120 troops, equipped with axes, saws, shovels and spades, left the installation toward, and 6 T-34/85 tanks had taken position at, Bullenwinkel.

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Four 152-mm guns and about 25 troops were seen in the area east of Grosser Siegbundberg. About 12 troops constructed a telephone line from there toward Kranpnitz-west. On 15 January, 2 T-34/85 tanks were seen in the Bullenwinkel area, as well as about 150 troops engaged in entrenching work, while a column of 18 trucks, each towing a 160-mm mortar, drove up in front of the ammunition depot. The trucks carried ammunition, in addition to billeting equipment. The mortars were being detached in front of the depot and the trucks subsequently entered the installation.

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On 18 January, after a prolonged period of interruption that the quarters in the west section of Kavallerie Schule were lighted as previously.

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9. On 12 January, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Between 3 and 12 January, only individual trucks, [redacted] engaged in driving school practice. 25X1

10. On 12 January, the Delius Kaserne was occupied by a total of about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, [redacted] did not observe any training activity. 25X1

11. On 12 January, the Soviet-occupied section of the Leibgarde Husaren Kaserne was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. 1

12. On 22 January, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by about 10,000 to 12,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 11 January, 12 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] engaged in driving practice in the training area north of the installation. On 15 January, armored personnel carrier [redacted] was seen in the same area. On 17 January, trucks [redacted] loaded with ration supplies passed through Fahrland, coming from the direction of the Satzborn railroad station and proceeding toward Krampnitz. On 19 January, 10 tanks proceeded toward Marquard, coming from the direction of Kavallerie Schule; at about 9:30 a.m., they were followed by 10 T-34/85 tanks including [redacted] and truck [redacted]. On the same day, about 200 troops were seen drilling in the east section of the installation. On 22 January, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and truck [redacted] left the installation toward Kartzow. At about 7 p.m., trucks [redacted] went in the same direction. 4 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the installations mentioned. According to motor vehicle [redacted] mentioned in paragraph 7 of the present report and the black-bordered red epaulets observed, the occupation of the Polizei Kaserne may include MVD units. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The observation confirms information [redacted] according to which the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div moved into the Kriegsschule. 25X1

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[redacted] According to this information, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz [redacted]. The unidentified artillery regiment of the 10th Gds Tank Div is confirmed in the installation by weapons observed. The mortars mentioned in paragraph 8 are fairly definitely believed to belong to the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the division which, after its transfer from Brandenburg to the Kriegsschule in Potsdam, probably turned in ammunition at the ammunition Depot of the division.

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