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1. On 27 January 1954, the Ludendorff Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed.

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2. On 27 January, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 20 January, no training activity was noticed in the installation. Truck _____ drove into the billeting area.

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3. On 27 January, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 20 January, no training activity was noticed in the billeting area.

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4. On 27 January, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. On 20 January, 5 prime movers, each towing a 152-mm gun howitzer left the installation toward Bornstedter Feld. At about 8:15 a.m., 11 trucks carrying a total of about 150 soldiers and towing 2 x 76.2-mm guns were seen in Potsdam driving toward Rehbruecke

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The convoy was followed by 6 prime movers each of which towed a 152-mm gun howitzer. On 21 and 27 January, two of the barracks buildings were two thirds lighted. 1

5. On 27 January, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by about 6,000 to 7,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 22 January, 5 trucks towing three 76.2-mm field guns entered the ammunition dump. About 120 soldiers carrying carbines and dummy soldiers left the installation toward the training area north of the barracks installation in the morning. Sixty soldiers excavated trenches and fox holes in the training area. Seven T-34/85 tanks were parked in the sheds on the training grounds.

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6. On 29 January, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. On 28 January about 60 soldiers engaged in basic infantry training in the barracks area. [REDACTED] 2 25X1
7. On 29 January, the Kriegsschule quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. On 26 January, about 30 soldiers trained in the barracks yard where about 25 trucks were parked. Carbine firing was heard from Bornstedter Feld. On 29 January, about 120 soldiers fell in for roll call in the barracks yard. Twenty-five trucks and 2 x 76.2-mm guns were parked nearby. 3
8. On 29 January, no training activity was noticed in the barracks installation in Wildpark West. [REDACTED] 25X1
9. On 27 January, the southern section of the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne was occupied by about 100 soldiers. Sentries observed wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training activity was noticed in the barracks area. [REDACTED] 25X1
10. On 26 January, the Unteroffizier Schule was occupied by about 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area. [REDACTED] 25X1
11. On 26 January, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 350 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [REDACTED] 25X1
12. On 28 January the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was still occupied as was observed before. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. [REDACTED] trucks brought foodstuff and coal from the Satzkorn railroad station to the Kavallerie Schule on 27 and 28 January [REDACTED] 25X1
1. [REDACTED] Comment. The barracks installations still quartered units of the 34th Arty Div [REDACTED] except for some units of the division which were absent for firing practice. [REDACTED] Paragraph 4 of the present report tends to indicate that, on 20 January, more units of the division went by road to Justerboz for firing practice. [REDACTED] 25X1 according to the weapons, the units must have belonged to the artillery division.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Report indicates that no changes occurred in the occupation of these barracks installations. [REDACTED] 25X1


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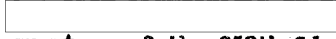
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3.  Comment. It is believed that, since mid-January 1954, the Kriegs Schule has been occupied by the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Brandenburg in addition to the officers' school of the GOFG.

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 No information has yet been received on the quarters of the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the division from Brandenburg which departed toward Potsdam at the same time. If the aforementioned field guns, which were observed at the installation for the first time, were medium AAA guns, it would indicate that the regiment is quartered in the Kriegsschule.

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