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TOPIC Quartering Area of the 10th Gds Tank Div

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1. On 16 June 1954, the Kriegsschule (2233), Potsdam, was occupied by about 600 to 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 12 June, about 40 trucks and about 40 x 120-mm mortars were seen in the barracks area. The vehicles were being serviced by about 50 soldiers. Another 50 soldiers engaged in leveling work near the three new sheds east of the installation. 25X1

2. On 17 June, the Kriegsschule was occupied as previously by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. The new vehicle sheds, which had a capacity of 30 to 40 vehicles each, had been completed. About 40 to 50 trucks towing 160-mm mortars, and 40 to 50 tank trucks were parked in the yard as previously. 25X1

[redacted] Between 28 May and 5 June, there was almost no training. [redacted] 25X1

3. On 26 May, the Kriegsschule was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 22 and 26 May, about 35 x 120-mm mortars and about 45 trucks were being serviced by about 30 soldiers in the barracks area. About 40 soldiers armed with carbines and carrying practice targets left the installation toward Katharinenholz. About 25 soldiers engaged in physical training in the barracks yard. Three new sheds were seen east of the installation. [redacted] 25X1

4. On 2 June, the Kriegsschule was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The mortar unit was still stationed in the installation. Some of the trucks were on blocks [redacted] On 20 and 24 May, an undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on 3 to 5 x 120-mm mortars on Bornstedter Feld and, on 28 May, T-34 tanks [redacted] and 1 armored personnel carrier entered the installation from the firing ranges on Amundsen Strasse. Three T-34 tanks were seen in the open sheds. 25X1

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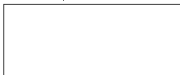
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6. On 16 June, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287), Potsdam, was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Three trucks towing 57-mm AT guns were seen in the barracks yard. No training other than physical training was observed.
7. On 17 June, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied as previously by about 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia and, a few officers, with artillery insignia. Between 20 and 25 June, the previously observed personnel carriers and trucks were no longer seen. Between 20 May and 5 June, about 30 soldiers were repeatedly seen firing with live ammunition at the Bornstedt firing ranges. Trucks [redacted] engaged in driving practices. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. 25X1
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8. On 26 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. On 25 May, about 60 soldiers engaged in physical training and about 40 soldiers received basic training in the barracks yard. About 60 soldiers with carbines and practice targets marched toward Katharinenholz (woods). On 26 May, a T-34/85 tanks was seen in the barracks area. Three T-34/85 tanks practiced driving at Bornstedter Feld. Trucks [redacted] were parked in front of the installation. 25X1
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9. On 2 June, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Two T-34 tanks were observed in the yard. An undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on a 76.2-mm field gun at the athletic field. On 2 June, 6 trucks towing 76.2-mm field guns were seen in the barracks yard, ready for departure.
10. On 17 June, the Kavallerieschule Krampnitz (2161) was occupied by 6,000 to 7,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 12 June, about 80 soldiers received basic training and about 20 soldiers received instruction on 2 guns, presumably 122-mm field howitzers in the western portion of the barracks area. On 14 June, 10 trucks carrying 9 pontoons, 1 motorboat, beams and logs left the quartering area for the northern shore of Krampnitz Lake, where the trucks were unloaded. [redacted] At about 1900, troops started at the construction of a pontoon bridge. On 16 June, at least 800 soldiers fired with live ammunition in the Bullenwinkel area. [redacted] 25X1
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11. On 12 June, the Kavallerieschule Krampnitz was occupied by 10,000 to 12,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. Training in the barracks yard and the training area was very intensive. There were no indications of a transfer of the units. Between 1 and 10 June, about 100 to 200 soldiers repeatedly received field training in the training area north of the installation. On 3 June, driving school trucks [redacted] left the installation. At about 1100, a unit of about battalion strength was seen in a simulated attack against a hill about 2,500 meters east of the former village of Ferbits. Twelve T-34/85 tanks, about 300 infantry men and several guns participated in the exercise. About 80 to 100 soldiers were observed in positions on the hill. On 4 June, 7 new armored personnel carriers [redacted] entered 25X1

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the installation from the direction of Kartzow. On 6 June, 2 trucks, each occupied by 25 soldiers [redacted] left the installation toward the training area near Ferbitz. Between 8 and 12 June, 3 to 8 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were repeatedly seen at driving practice in terrain. Supply vehicles seen en route between the Satzborn railroad station and Kavallerieschule Krampnitz [redacted]

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13. On 3 June, the Kavallerieschule Krampnitz was occupied by 2,500 to 3,000 soldiers. Training concentrated on advanced combat practices in the training area. Between 1 and 2 June, a night exercise was conducted. The exercise involved T-34 tanks [redacted] three armored personnel carriers and trucks [redacted] towing 57-mm AT guns. On 21 May, 6 AA guns were still in the previously observed emplacement on Reiterdamm. A T-34 tank and 1 JS-3 tank left the sheds on Reiterdamm. Between 21 May and 1 June, 200 to 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets repeatedly left for advanced combat practices. Eleven driving school trucks left the quartering area. Between 25 and 28 May, the individual buildings of the installation were occupied as follows:

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- building No 13 by 120 to 150 artillery men;
- building No 1a by about 200 soldiers of the tank training battalion;
- building No 15 by 200 to 250 soldiers of a motor transport unit;
- building No 51 (south wing) by about 200 tank troopers and (north wing) 80 signal soldiers of a light tank unit;
- building No 52 (south wing) by about 200 tank troopers of a light tank unit;
- building No 50 by 100 to 150 soldiers of a heavy tank SP gun unit; and
- buildings Nos 4 and 7 possibly also by soldiers of this unit.

Trucks [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation.?

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1. Comment. These are the first 160-mm mortars reported with the 299th Gds Mort Regt in the Kriegsschule, Potsdam. The equipping of this unit with 160-mm mortars appears possible.

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2. Comment. 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Potsdam until 22 March 1954.

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3. Comment. The departure of a unit of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div was previously observed.

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4. Comment. 29th Gds lftz Rifle Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 3 May 1954. 61st Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 9 April 1954.

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5. Comment. The occupation strength of this installation appears to be considerably underestimated.

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6. Comment. 62d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 22 April 1954. 61st Gds Tank Div of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 24 April 1954;

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Arty Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 18 May 1954; Tank Tng Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 28 May 1954; and 152d (?) Gds Sig Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 18 March 1954.

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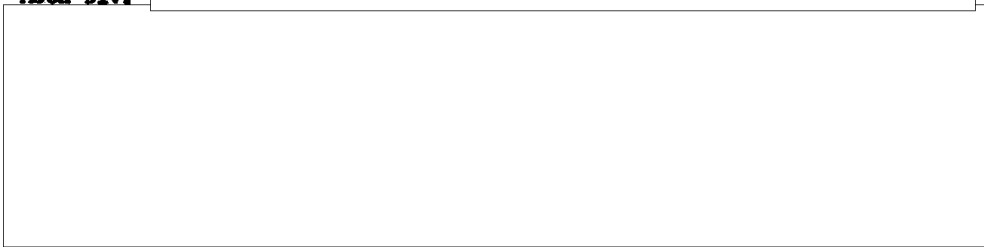
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7. Comment. The information indicates that units of the 10th Gds Tank Div concentrated on formation drill at the post training area and, according to training schedule started night exercises of mixed units at the Lieberose training area at about the same time as units of the 7th Gds Mech Div.

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