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- Between 14 June and 25 July 1954, the Kavallerie Schule (2161) in Kramnitz appeared to be occupied to capacity. Soldiers observed entering and leaving the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. A civilian who previously accompanied the units to a summer camp stated that they would not transfer to a summer camp this year and that he would move to Thuringia in 1955, rather than Letzling Heath as previously. ¹ Trucks and tanks engaged in driving practices on the road and in the terrain north of the

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- 19 June. T-34 tanks [Redacted]
- 20 June. Four JSU-122 guns [Redacted]
- 22 June. Six tanks, presumably JS-3s, [Redacted]
- 22 June. Six T-34/85 tanks [Redacted]

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- Between 19 and 24 June, the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz was occupied as previously by 6,000 to 7,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 27 June and 14 July, the strength figure of the installation could not be determined. Only a few windows in the east section of the installation were lit at dusk. Elements of the units stationed there appeared to be at the Doeberitz troop training grounds for exercises and training in the installation decreased considerably. ³ Basic training of 30 to 40 soldiers was observed west and north of the installation on a few days. On 12 July, about 12 trucks and 5 six-wheel armored personnel carriers were seen in the area on Bullenwinkel. The vehicles carried a total

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of about 300 soldiers with full field equipment. After a short halt, the column went north. Between 19 and 22 July, the installation was apparently again occupied to capacity. On 23 June, about 40 soldiers unloaded 1 motorboat, 9 pontoons and boards from about 12 trucks at the north shore of Krampnitz Lake. On 25 June, about 30 soldiers constructed a pontoon ferry there. On 26 June about 30 soldiers conducted an exercise with pontoons and motorboats on Krampnitz Lake. The engineer equipment was no longer observed at the shore on 4 July.

4. Between 19 June and 22 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) in Potsdam was occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers and, on 14 July, by about 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. No training other than physical training was observed in the barracks yard.

5. Between 4 June and 20 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne appeared to be occupied by a tank and an artillery unit. Sentries observed wore either tank or artillery insignia.

6. Between 12 June and 21 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by 300 to 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A sentry wore tank insignia. Soldiers were observed engaging in physical training and drill. Driving school trucks were repeatedly seen leaving the installation for the town.

On 16 June, 4 guns, probably 57-mm AT guns, were seen in the yard; they were no longer observed there on 21 June.

7. Between 12 and 23 June, the Kriegsschule (2288) in Potsdam was occupied to capacity. Between 1 and 21 July, the installation was only partially occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. In July, the installation was occupied by an estimated 800 to 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Between 16 and 19 June, about 80 trucks and about 50 mortars were still stored in the yard. On 21 June, 5 guns, presumably of 76 mm caliber and, on 22 June, numerous trucks and guns of the same caliber were seen in new sheds. The trucks and mortars parked in the yard were no longer there. During the first half of July, about 90 trucks and 40 to 50 guns, including 122-mm field howitzers were seen in the new sheds.

8. Between 4 and 20 June, the Kriegsschule in Potsdam was occupied as previously by a mortar unit. Trucks and mortars of the unit were parked along the fence. On 4 June, 3 canvas-covered T-34 tanks were seen in new open sheds. Beginning on 22 June, it was the impression that, in addition to the mortar unit, the installation housed an artillery and a tank unit. After that day, mortars and trucks were sheltered in one of the new sheds which had been built on Pappelallee. After 22 June, about 30 trucks, each with a gun, were seen in another shed.

In late June, 1 or 2 T-34 tanks were almost daily observed in the barracks yard. The distribution of trucks and guns in the individual sheds did not change prior to 20 July. The guns could not yet be identified.

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9. Between 24 June and 22 July, the Kriegsschule in Potsdam was occupied by 800 to 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. No training was observed in the yard during the period of observation. On 22 June, the 120-mm mortars and trucks, which until then had been parked in the barracks area, were observed in three newly erected sheds on the east side of the installation. At noon on 8 July, about 15 of the trucks with guns were absent. ⁵ On 14 July, it was determined that the sheds were fenced in and could no longer be observed. On 22 July numerous fresh imprints of tracks led from the gate on Kirschallee toward Bornstedt. ⁴

1. Comment. The information on a transfer to Thuringia of the 10th Gds Tank Div in 1955 is forwarded with great reserve. The indication of the abandonment of the summer camp of the division near Colbitz in the southern portion of the Letzling Heath is reported for the first time.
2. [REDACTED]
3. Comment. According to previous information, tank units from the Kavallerie Schule transferred to the south section of the Doeberitz troop training grounds for exercises in late June. [REDACTED]
4. Comment. After the winter of 1953/54, the two installations have been carried occupied as follows: the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) by the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div, and a driving school unit of rear services of the GSFG; and the Kriegsschule (2288) by the 299th Gds Mort Regt and the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div. The present information does not indicate any changes in the occupation of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne prior to the summer of 1954. [REDACTED]

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The occupation of Kriegsschule appears to have changed. The 359th Gds AAA Regt believed stationed there has not been confirmed there since the winter of 1953/54. It presumably transferred to the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz. In addition to the continually confirmed 299th Gds Mort Regt, the installation apparently also houses the unidentified artillery regiment of the 10th Gds Tank Div. This assumption is supported by the observation there of field howitzers. Small elements of the 63d Gds Tank Regt may also be stationed there.

5.  Comment. On 8 July, elements of the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div moved from Satz Korn to Altengrabow. They stayed at the training area until 22 July.

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