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1. Present Russian strength at Rostock is 1,000 to 1,500 men, billeted at the former Adolf Hitler Barracks and the Artillery Barracks. Two other barracks in the town have been cleared of troops.
2. In the grounds of the Artillery Barracks approximately sixty tanks are parked. They are an improved type of T-34 and are termed T-42, T-43 or T-44.
3. The average age of troops at Rostock is seventeen to twenty-one years. Many of them appear to be raw recruits; only the non-commissioned officers have a proper military bearing.
4. In general the uniforms of the men are noticeably shabby and worn and a well turned out soldier is rarely seen. Morale is low and the desertion rate high. The MVD, assisted by the [redacted] police, makes frequent razzias for deserters. The civilian population has been sternly warned of the penalties for harboring or helping deserters. 50X1-HUM
5. On 17 January 1947 a railway train left Rostock with thirty-eight tanks of the improved type of T-34. [redacted] the destination was Vladivostock. 50X1-HUM
6. There is an Officers' School in the former Adolf Hitler Barracks. Based upon observations of changes in officer personnel, it is assumed that the courses last from six to eight weeks.
7. Besides the soldiers noted above, there are about 700 marines in the town. According to local rumor, all soldiers are to be withdrawn and replaced by 5,000 naval personnel.
8. The camp of Vlassov now is cleared of internees. All inmates were shipped by rail to Russia in mid-December 1946.
9. The political commandant of Rostock is a Major Kumerov, who has his office in the same house as the MVD on the Stephanstrasse.

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