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Gardelegen and Stendal

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1. COTTBUS (A57), 21-22 November 1949

a. Sachsendorf Kaserne: Estimated strength, 5,000 men, seventy percent of whom are young, and some of whom wear armored or artillery insignia. [redacted] sheds (outside observation range) held over 100 tanks, but [redacted] only four JS-1. Both armored and artillery troops were drilling in the yard, where signal personnel were unrolling and repairing telephone cables. [redacted]

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b. Hermann Löns Kaserne: Estimated strength, 1,500 armored troops. Many cables running to this installation and heavy traffic between it, other COTTBUS barracks and SPREMBERG, suggest that it is a main headquarters.

c. Dissenchen Kaserne: About 1,200 armored and artillery troops, all very young. No tanks were seen. There was no vehicle traffic.

2. SPREMBERG (A55), 22-23 November 1949

a. A former German barracks on the Forster Landstrasse consists of one building for officers and four for EM. These are 75-80 percent occupied, strength being about 1,100 men. Some older men wore armored insignia, but the majority of youngsters wore black shoulder straps/red piping.

b. Seven garages are said to contain tanks, but only five JS-1 and two armored reconnaissance cars were in view. Approximately 38 trucks parked outside sheds at night, [redacted] tanks had only recently arrived.

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3. GARDELEGEN (Y44), 23 November 1949

a. Barracks located in a woods two kilometers northeast of town hold about 1,200 men, variously wearing black straps/red piping and green straps/black piping. One vehicle observed [redacted]

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b. Local statements: there are 60 tanks in sheds and "considerable groups" of older EM have gone on furlough during the last few days.

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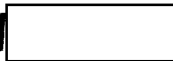
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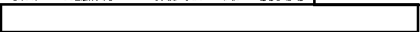
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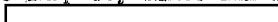
a. Most troops are young, without branch insignia. Many older troops have gone on furlough. Vehicle traffic is slight. Little training is taking place.

b. Osterburgerstrasse Kaserne: Five buildings hold about 2,500 men. Sentries and BM drilling wore green shoulder straps/black piping. § On observation dates, some troops made excavations between the enclosure and the railroad line. Some sheds were shut, others open and filled with trucks. 

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 there are no tanks at this barracks.

c. Uenlingertor Kaserne: Difficult to inspect, since all avenues in the vicinity have been barricaded, but  the three troop billets contain about 2,500 men. Both all red straps as well as black straps with red piping were seen. There was no vehicle traffic.

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d. Salzedelerstrasse Kaserne: Five buildings holding approximately 2,200 men variously wearing black straps/red piping and green straps/black piping. There are four large garages, but no armor, weapons or vehicles were seen. §

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