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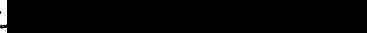
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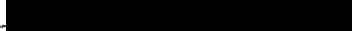
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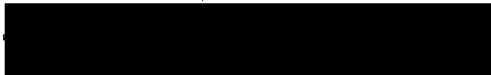
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The following observations were made in Stendal (M 53/Y 85):

1. a. Tauntzien Kaserne on Osterburgerstrasse: Occupied on 12 January 1950 by about 1,200 troops allegedly belonging to the following units:

- (1) Unit with red-bordered black epaulets
- (2) Unit with light-red epaulets
- (3) Unit with red-bordered black epaulets (tank company).

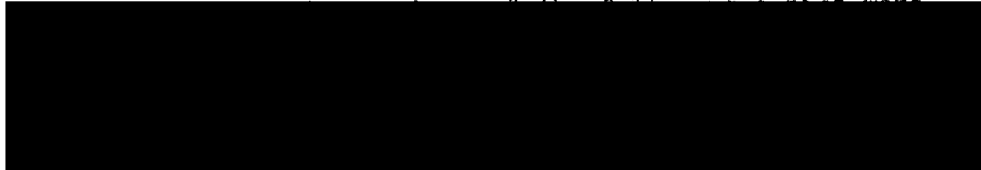
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c. Hindenburg Kaserne on Schillerstrasse:

(1) Occupied on 22 January 1950 by about 2,000 troops allegedly belonging to the following units:

- (a) Unit with red-bordered black epaulets
- (b) Unit with light-red epaulets
- (c) Light artillery unit.

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(3) Several convoys of trucks, carrying pontoons and pneumatic floats, left the Kaserne toward Arnim (M 53/Y 85) between 25 and 27 January 1950.

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d. Albrecht der Baer Kaserne, including the Russenviertel (Soviet residential area):

(1) Occupied on 22 January 1950 by about 5,000 troops, allegedly belonging to the following units:

(a) High unit headquarters (presumably the headquarters of an army corps)

(b) Tank unit

(c) Light artillery unit

(d) Headquarters unit

(e) MVL unit of about 200 men.

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(3) About 120 25 or 26-year-old soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and **marksmanship** badges, arrived on the regular express train from Lugsburg on 13 January 1950. They were transferred to the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne by [redacted], operating in shuttle traffic.

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e. The Soviet kommandatura on Moltkestrasse was vacated between 23 and 28 January 1950 and the apartments placed at the disposal of the German housing office.

f. Rumors were that the Soviet troops would leave for maneuvers in March 1950 and would not return to the military post after that.

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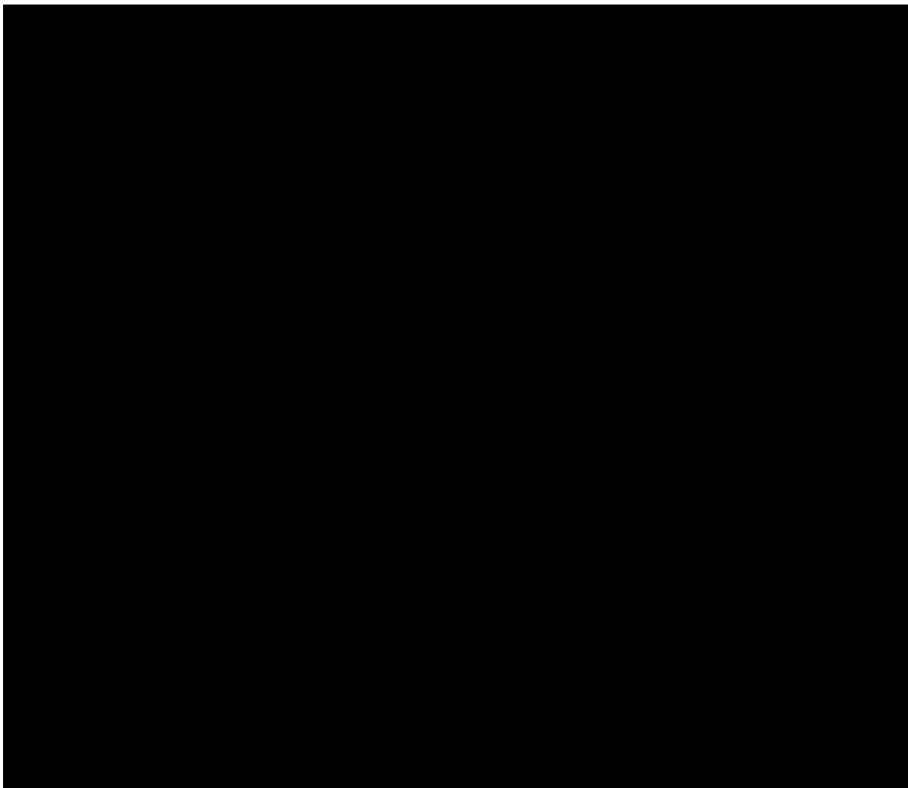
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2. Fifteen JS tanks were seen at the drill area near Staats (M 53/Y 64) on 19 January 1950. Another tank, presumably having engine trouble, was standing on the concrete road about 2 km south of Staats. Judging from the tank tracks, the tanks came from Stendal.

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