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1. Only a guard detail of about 20 men was seen in the headquarters building of the Tauntzien Kaserne on Lutherstrasse, Wittenberg (N 52/E 37), on 8 and 9 August 1950. The windows of the building were closed. About 100 soldiers, including about 50 recruits, wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and with tank, artillery and signal insignia, occupied the EM quarters. The recruits held basic drill in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen.

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2. On 9 August 1950 the Beseler Kaserne housed about 80 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Truck [redacted] was being repaired in the yard.

3. The Flak Kaserne on Tschairowskistrasse housed about 150 men. About 40 percent of them wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; about 40 percent red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; about 10 percent red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia; about 5 percent red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia; and about 5 percent black epaulets. Truck [redacted] stood in front of the barracks gate.

4. On 8 and 9 August 1950 the residential quarters on Berlinerstrasse were occupied by only about 25 officers. The other apartments were vacant.

5. The equipment depot on Berlinerstrasse was guarded by a detail of 30 to 40 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

[redacted] Comment. The report indicates that the elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div in Wittenberg were still at the Werder-Markendorf maneuver area on 9 August 1950.

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