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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] troops were unloaded in Schwerin (M 54/T 46) every night during the period from 5 to 9 November 1950. Twelve tanks and 24 artillery pieces were unloaded during the night of 6 November, six light armored scout cars and 30 troops on 21 November and signal equipment and clothing on 24 November. The last shipment of equipment was hauled off on trucks [redacted] *

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2. At 7 a.m. on 21 November, trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 20 soldiers, were seen leaving the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrowerstrasse. Four of the trucks towed AT guns of about 57 mm and four towed AT guns of about 85 mm. About half an hour later, three platoons, presumably making up one company, left the barracks installation toward Guestrow. The march column consisted of 2 officers, the first platoon of 4 officers and 27 EM, the second platoon of 3 officers and 33 EM, and the third platoon also of 3 officers and 33 EM. The EM carried rifles, entrenching tools, and gas masks.

3. The two gates of the Fritsch Kaserne on Johannes Stellingstrasse were guarded by soldiers with signal insignia on 23 November. Basic drill was observed in the barracks yard. Motor [redacted]

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4. Gate guards at the Brueger Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse wore artillery insignia. [redacted]

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5. Gate guards at the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse were tank troopers. Twenty-four tanks were seen in front of the open garages of the installation on 24 November. About 10 of the tanks were of type JS and 12-14 of type T-34. [redacted]

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6. The gates of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse were guarded by infantrymen. About 300 troops were engaged in basic drill in the barracks yard.

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7. The sentry in front of the former DAF (German Labor Front) building on Hagenowerstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets.

8. a corps headquarters was located in a building bordering on Schlossgartenallee, Parkweg, and Am Tannenhof. The streets were blocked by road barriers and guarded by sentries. The headquarters building was surrounded by a wooden fence. Numerous officers, among them many field-grade officers, were observed there.

9. a division headquarters was located in Lieschstrasse. No motor traffic was observed there. **

10. All barracks installations in Schwerin were occupied to capacity by those troops who had been previously stationed at the post. *

11. The engineer unit which had been observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrowerstrasse in August 1950 had moved to the Fritsch Kaserne. ***

Comment. The troops unloaded in Schwerin in early November were presumably elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which returned to their billets from field exercises outside the post.

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the 74th (?) Tank Bn Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div left the post on 19 October, going to the Wittstock area for field exercises. The information that units left for exercises as late as the second half of October is considered credible, because the components of the division conducted their summer training at or near the post instead of going to a troop training grounds.

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** Comment.

it is believed that most of the troops stationed in Schwerin, namely headquarters units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and components of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, were at the post about 20 November. According to previous information, the Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is believed to be located in the former DAF building on Hagenowerstrasse.

** Comment. An engineer unit was among other units observed to be quartered in the Hindenburg Kaserne the engineer unit was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Simon, (fnu).

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