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1. Gate guards at the barracks installation on the Potsdam (N 53/2 63)-Golm road wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on 2 December and between 18 and 20 December 1950. [Redacted] the installation quartered about 2,000 troops who wore artillery and signal insignia.

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2. [Redacted] the barracks installation at Wildpark-est was occupied by an artillery unit. [Redacted] the installation housed a high-echelon headquarters. It was also said that a large group of officers had marched into the installation about four weeks ago. Furniture was trucked to the billeting area about that same time. Trucks [Redacted] loaded with tree trunks, were seen en route from the rail-road station to the barracks installation. The road leading to the billeting area was blocked by a road barrier situated 800 meters west of the Nordtor forestry office; the barrier was guarded by two sentries. A board fence 2 meters high adjoined the barrier and extended in a southeasterly direction. The Teltow-Wildpark road at Werder near Kuhfort was also blocked by a barrier. A board fence 2 meters high prevented observation of the billeting area north of the road.

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[Redacted] left the billeting area on 19 December. On 20 December it was impossible to approach the installation from the direction of Werder, crossing the Havel River.

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- [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] 3. From 9:20 a.m. to 11 a.m. on 11 December, recruits in the Delius Kaserne were engaged in aiming practice with eight 122-mm guns and eight 152-mm guns, while the trained personnel did maintenance work. At 12 a.m. all troops left for firing practice. They were followed by trucks carrying practice targets. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] at about 7 am., recruits and some of the trained personnel had left the installation with 32 guns, allegedly going to Doeberitz for firing practice. Only a few soldiers were seen in the barracks yard. Sixteen dirty 122-mm guns and sixteen 152-mm guns stood in front of the gun sheds on 16 December. Starting at 9:30 a.m., all soldiers had to bathe. 50X1-HUM
4. An officers' meeting was scheduled to be held during the period from 11 to 13 December. At 8:10 a.m. on 11 December, buses [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] entered the Delius Kaserne, stopping in front of the headquarters building. Forty officers ranking from captain up to and including colonel descended from each bus. Officers of all branches of service, including airforce and navy, were seen. They were shown to billets in the officers' club. [redacted] for three days, additional meals for 252 officers had to be served. On the three days, the officers would take buses traveling toward Potsdam at 9:50 a.m. and return for dinner at 3:30 p.m. It was learned [redacted] that officers from the entire Soviet Zone of Germany held a conference in Potsdam. Buses [redacted] were seen at the Kriegsschule, entrance on Kirschallee, at 5:30 p.m. on 13 December. [redacted] the largest conference [redacted] observed was in progress for three days in the motion picture auditorium. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
5. Activities observed in the Delius Kaserne on 18 December included the following: from 9:30 to 11 a.m. gun drill of recruits with four 122-mm and four 152-mm guns, while the trained personnel did maintenance work; from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. individual training of recruits with rifles and submachine guns; and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. indoctrination for all troops. The activities on 19 and 20 December 1950 were similar to those observed on 18 December. From 9:20 to 11:20 a.m. on 21 December, recruits were instructed on trucks in the garages. At the same time six trucks, each occupied by 10 recruits, left the installation for driving practice. The morning routine was repeated by the recruits from 12 to 3 p.m. The trained personnel were employed in technical work, including the cleaning of guns and motor vehicles. From 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on 23 December, a fire drill was held for all troops in the Delius Kaserne. At 10 a.m. the soldiers went to take a bath and subsequently policed the barracks yard and quarters. At 8:20 a.m. on 18 December, two officers and 48 EM boarded trucks [redacted] and [redacted] left for the Wilopark railroad station. 50X1-HUM
6. A workman stated that the engineer unit in the Delius Kaserne received 70 recruits on 20 December. Personnel of the units had daily practice in the laying of mines at Bornstedter Field. 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] 7. On 15 December, the Kavallerieschule in Kramnitz was occupied to capacity and was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Basic training, formation drill, and firing practice were observed in the barracks yard. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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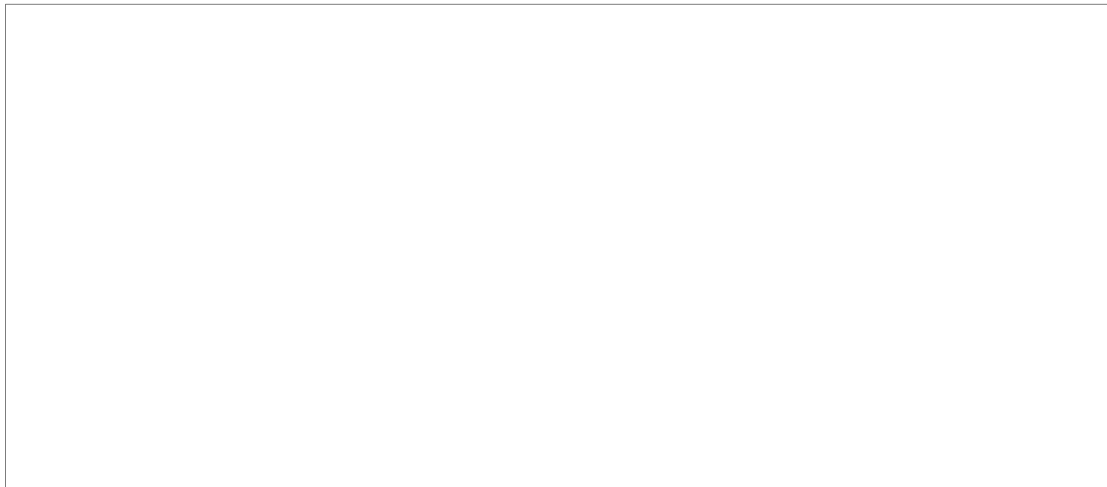
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10. Five trucks, including trucks [redacted] towing four guns, entered Potsdam on 20 December, coming from the direction of Werder. Two gun crews, each composed of one officer and eight EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, practiced with two 122-mm guns about 300 meters southwest of Fahrland on 29 December. Three prime movers [redacted] stood in a nearby clump of woods. The tracks of the guns led to the barracks installation in Neditz.

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12.

Lieutenant Colonel Zimmanov, (fnu), was chief, and Major Barbinin, (fnu), deputy chief of the Soviet kommandatura in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, Potsdam. (5)

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12. On 20 December, two units, each of 150 men, marched into the billeting area of the Offiziersakademie on Thaelmannstrasse, Babelsberg, coming from the direction of the Drewitz railroad station. The soldiers wore black epaulets with engineer insignia and carried rifles. (6)

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a daily total of 4,000 bread rolls, each weighing 100 grams, and 2,000 loaves of white bread, were delivered to the Kavallerieschule, Krampnitz, during the period from 19 to 27 December. The troops in the Kavallerieschule were commanded by Colonel Zimmerov, (phonetic spelling), (fnu), who was allegedly also commanding the units stationed in Gross Glienicke. (7)

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14. It was observed between 20 and 22 December that the Soviet dependents living on Ruinenbergstrasse either left for the U.S.S.R. or moved to Heessestrasse. Unmarried Soviet women moved to the Soviet quarters on Am Schragen.

15.

On 21 December, the Unteroffiziersschule on the east side of Jaegerallee quartered about 250 troops who wore black epaulets. The northern section of the installation was separated by a fence and was unguarded. Officers with their families were to be billeted there. Truck was parked in front of the Unteroffiziersschule. (8)

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Comments.

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- (1) There are three barracks installations in the area west of Potsdam: the first on the eastern perimeter of Eiche, northwest of the Neues Palais, which is called Unteroffiziersschule, or Polizeischule or Luftkriegsschule; the second between Eiche and Golm, which is called Luftnachrichten Kaserne or General Wever Kaserne; and the third in Wildpark-West, south of the Potsdam-Werder road, in the northwestern sector of the Wildpark, east and northeast of the Grosser Entenfaenger

The first two installations are located north of the Potsdam-Golm road. The barracks installation in Eiche quarters Volkspolizei personnel and the two other installation elements of the artillery division in Potsdam. The billeting area in Wildpark-West probably accommodates the artillery division headquarters, having housed the former German Air Force High Command during World War II.

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[Redacted] Senior Lieutenant Matveyev, (fnu), is probably  
Gds Lieutenant Matveyev, (fnu), who was repeatedly identified as  
supply officer of Hospital [Redacted] in Neufahrland, last in  
April 1950.

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(5) One Major Babinin, (fnu), was identified as deputy chief of the  
central kommandatura in Potsdam in September 1949. However, he  
allegedly returned to the U.S.S.R. in March 1950.

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(6) [Redacted] 600 infantry and engineer troops  
were quartered in the billeting area of Offiziersakademie.

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(7) Lieutenant Colonel G. Zimnov was identified as club officer in  
Kramnitz in September 1950. It is doubted that he should be the  
Colonel Zimmerov mentioned in the present report. The barracks in-  
stallation in Gross Glienicke as well as that in Kramnitz are believed  
to quarter component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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(8) [Redacted] the Unteroffiziersschule quartered 150  
troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 60 soldiers wearing  
signal insignia in late November 1950. Courses of instruction for about  
200 officers were held daily in the northeastern section of the in-  
stallation, which is located at 10-12 Jaegerallee.

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