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1. On 28 May 1951, a German female kitchen helper employed at the Kriegsschule in Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) said that three-month officer training courses were being conducted there. The trainees were organized into instruction groups of lieutenants, senior lieutenants, captains and field-grade officers. There were about 200 officers in each instruction group. The Kriegsschule was guarded by a company of soldiers with crimson epaulets. Motor vehicles entering the installation on 23 May [REDACTED]

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2. On 28 May, the former EM quarters of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne housed a high-echelon headquarters. Except for small sections used for the storage of army supplies, the headquarters buildings of the installation were destroyed. A German female kitchen helper stated that the officers' mess there catered to 200 officers of the headquarters, [REDACTED]

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3. On 31 May, about 200 recruits were seen in the yard of the northern section of the Delius Kaserne. A prime mover towing a 152-mm gun left the installation. Soldiers practiced with another 152-mm gun in the area opposite the barracks installation. Sentries in the southern barracks section wore black epaulets with engineer insignia. In the yard of this section, there were soldiers constructing a footbridge across a new trench. [REDACTED]

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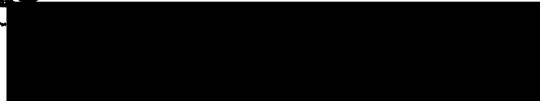
4. On 31 May, the Hohenloche Kaserne quartered about 400 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery

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insignia. Some of the soldiers observed there wore tank insignia. About 20 recruits, led by a lieutenant marched into the installation.

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5. On 31 May, the three large EM quarters of the Ludendorff Kaserne were occupied by about 600 young soldiers who had their hair closely cropped. The gate to the barracks installation was closed, with the traffic being channeled through the gate of the Hohenlohe Kaserne. Two tanks and several trucks were seen in the garages of the Ludendorff Kaserne. Sedan [redacted] came from Potsdam on 31 May and drove from one barracks installation to the other. It was occupied by a lieutenant carrying a large map pouch, who stayed about 10 minutes at each installation before proceeding toward Krampnitz. (4)

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6. On 31 May, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered an engineer unit which, according to a female kitchen helper there, numbered 500 to 600 men. Elements of the unit were at the Koenigswald, and drew supplies from the installation. On 5 June, 60 soldiers, apparently recruits, who wore black epaulets marched out of the installation toward Koenigswald.

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[redacted] the Koenigswald, carrying billeting equipment. Thirty horses seen grazing behind the installation belonged to the engineer unit. (3)

7. On 5 June, 150 to 200 men were seen in the northern section of the Delius Kaserne. Everything was quiet at the quarters and, contrary to previous observations, no soldiers were seen in the windows. (3)

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8. On 31 May, the occupation of the Hohenlohe Kaserne had increased. About 30 soldiers practiced with a 37-mm AA gun. On 5 June, about 120 troops assembled in the barracks yard, with a 12-piece band at their right. The troops were addressed by an officer. Recruits, about 18 years of age, with closely-cropped hair were seen at the installation. (4) A fragment of a letter found at the garbage dump of the installation was addressed to a soldier of [redacted] and postmarked 12 May 1951. (5)

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9. On 1 June, buildings No 5 and 6 on Hessestrasse were vacated by the German occupants and, according to rumors, were to be converted into a Soviet hotel. The houses contain a total of about 90 rooms.

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10. On 31 May, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered an engineer unit. Sixty-three engineer troops and truck [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment, were seen moving into the installation. The northern barracks section was occupied by an artillery unit. Three 152-mm artillery pieces

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were parked in the barracks yard. Troops practiced with a 122-mm gun and a 76.2-mm gun in the area opposite the installation. (3)

11. On 31 May, little activity was observed at the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz. Sentries wore black epaulets with engineer insignia. A saw frame and truck [redacted] hauling tree trunks, were seen in the billeting area. 25X1C 2C

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12. Activity of the artillery unit in the Delius Kaserne between 31 May and 5 June was described as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recruits</u>	<u>Trained personnel</u>
31 May	individual rifle and submachine gun drill from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guns and ammunition instruction with visual aid charts from 1 to 3 p.m.	Rest from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Departure of the troops with caterpillar tractors, artillery pieces and trucks toward Wildpark during the night. At about 1 a.m., 8 field kitchens and 4 trucks with ration supplies followed the troops. Return of the unit at 5:30 a.m.
1 June	Telephone line construction practice from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instruction on 76.2-mm AT guns with visual aid charts from 1 to 3 p.m.	Same as on 31 May
2 and 4 June	Same as on 1 June	Same as on 31 May
5 June	Telephone training at Bornstedterfeld at 9:20 a.m. Mending of cables in the barracks yard from 1:20 to 3:20 p.m.	Same as on 31 May

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At about 3:20 a.m. on 6 June, all troops, including those who had practiced all night, went through a fire drill. A colonel and two majors of the kommandantura in Potsdam arrived in sedan [redacted] to witness the fire drill which ended at about 10 a.m. A sergeant said that the colonel had criticized the practice as proceeding too slowly. The trained personnel went back to bed while the recruits cleaned the fire fighting equipment. Seven of the eight recruits who deserted on 26 May had been caught. (3)

13. A friend of source working in the hohlenlohe Kaserne stated that 80 infantrymen arrived there recently for special AAA training. (4)

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14. A letter found at the entrance of the Soviet dental hospital in Potsdam on 22 May was addressed to Boris Orehov of Unit

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[REDACTED], dated 4 April 1951, examined by Censorship Office and mailed from the Bashkir A.S.S.R. Orekhov seemed to be an officer since the letter mentioned his wife and daughter who were living with him. (5)

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15. On 28 May, four trailers with telescopic masts, including [REDACTED] were loaded at the Drewitz railroad station and, according to a railroadman, dispatched to Magdeburg. (6)

16. On 28 May, nine AT guns were loaded at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station. [REDACTED] guns. (7)

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[REDACTED] Comments.

(1) Another source previously reported that 10-week officer training courses were conducted in the Kriegsschule. See [REDACTED].

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(2) Same source reported in mid-April 1951 that the mess catered to only 100 persons.

(3) Four sources confirmed the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig as staying in the northern section of the Delius Kaserne and the unidentified engineer regiment in the southern section until the beginning of June 1951. The statement in paragraph 7 that everything was quiet in the installation on 5 June is probably accounted for by the fact that, according to paragraph 12, the trained personnel slept during the day and the recruits received telephone training at Bornstedter Feld. The reoccupation of Camp Koenigswald by elements of the engineer regiment in the Delius Kaserne was reported by the same source as early as mid-May 1951. See [REDACTED]

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(4) There have been no reports to date indicating that tanks were also stationed in the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne. Elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div are believed to be quartered there. However, motor vehicle [REDACTED] of the 10th Gds Tank Div and the 1st Recz Div were previously reported from there.

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25X1C (5) [REDACTED] belongs to an element of the 2d Gds AAA Div in Potsdam, [REDACTED] a component of the 123d Tank Repair Shop of the GDFG in Kirchmoeser, which was confirmed there until 30 May 1951.

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(6) The vehicle belongs to a headquarters unit of the Third Gds Recz Army. According to a rough sketch provided by source, the vehicle is of the same type as that shown on a sketch attached to a previous report by another source. See [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED]. In the sketch of the reference report, the mast was extended to 10 meters when in operation and was telescoped down to 3 meters and folded forward when the vehicle was traveling.

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The [REDACTED] belongs to the GDFG. Since individual vehicles [REDACTED] have appeared also at Wuensdorf, there is a vague possibility that the nine AT guns located at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station may have belonged to the AT artillery unit of the GDFG in the Cambrai Kaserne, Wuensdorf.

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