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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Information from Neuruppin

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 15 June 1951

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19 July 1951

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Prior to 15 June 1951, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne in Neuruppin (N 53/2 49) quartered about 1,400 troops, exclusively members of the signal unit which had not yet returned to the installation. [redacted] 25X1B

25X1B [redacted] About 80 soldiers practiced aiming with 10x112-mm howitzers in the barracks yard, while 64 soldiers, organized into four units, received basic training on that day. [redacted] 25X1B

25X1B [redacted] each towing a large van-like trailer, moved from the barracks installation to the railroad station and were loaded on four flatcars. Two boxcars coupled to the flatcars were each loaded with about 20 soldiers. The departure of the shipment was not observed. (1)

25X1A 2. Between 1 and 15 June, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Friedrich Kaserne, and troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets arrived there. The total number of troops in the installation remained constant. On 11 June, 2 armored reconnaissance cars and 8 sidecar motorcycles, each occupied by three soldiers, left the installation. Two units of about 60 soldiers each subsequently marched through another barracks gate toward the athletic field. The soldiers wore black-bordered red epaulets and were engaged in rifle drill. Between 9 and 12 a.m. on 13 June, [redacted] 21 sidecar motorcycles, 1 armored personnel carrier, [redacted] The trucks 25X1B carried about 100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (2)

25X1B 3. Until 15 June, the Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops. Six T-34/85 tanks left the installation on 7 June and were subsequently loaded at the railroad station. [redacted]

25X1B 4. On 1 June, a convoy of about 40 trucks with 2 field kitchens passed through Neuruppin, coming from the direction of Neustadt on the Dosse River and heading toward Altruppin. Each truck was occupied by 4 to 6 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the trucks were loaded with medical soldiers. [redacted]

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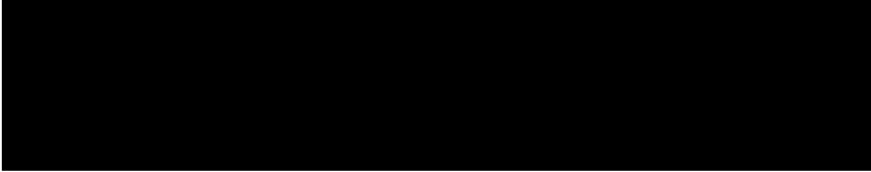
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5. On 1 June, from 300 to 400 soldiers, organized into three units, conducted practice attack over a medium distance against a newly erected target village at the Kuhburgsberg training area. Mutual fire support was particularly stressed during the exercise. The attack was frequently interrupted and the troops ordered to resume their jump-off positions. No heavy weapons were involved in the exercise.

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Comments.

(1) The occupation of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne appears to have remained unchanged.

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In addition, the division's unidentified AAA regiment and its unidentified guards signal battalion are believed to be stationed there.

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(2) Discharges probably departed from, and recruits arrived at, the installation. Since motorcycles have been repeatedly observed in the installation, it is possible that, besides tank units, the unidentified reconnaissance battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div is stationed there. The truck numbers mentioned in the present report belong to the division's unidentified AAA regiment and tank units.

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(3) See Kaserne as quartering tank units and the 226th Mort Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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The tanks may have been shipped to a repair shop for general overhauling.

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(4) The truck convoy which carried materiel, belonged to the 25th Tank Div, with the exception of one vehicle of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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