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REMARKS

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1. On 24 July 1951, the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse, Schwerin (M 54/T 56), seemed to be less occupied than before. Personnel observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia.

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2. On 27 July, the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse quartered no less than 750 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. six batteries were quartered in the installation. The troops were inspected in the barracks yard by a general on 27 July. Six artillery pieces were seen on that occasion. Truck entered the installation. (2)

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3. The Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee quartered infantry and AAA units whose strength could not be determined. Two buildings of the installation were vacant on 26 July. A unit of 450 to 500 troops with machine guns and AT rifles marched out of the installation on 27 July while about 150 troops were assembling in the barracks yard.

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4. On 24 July, 12 rocket launchers were seen in the yard of the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse. At the Grosser Dresch post training field, T-34 tanks were seen on 26 July, and 4 artillery pieces of about 100 mm on 27 July. (4)

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5. The installations at Goerries airfield were occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on 30 July. Four artillery pieces of about 70 mm were seen at the airfield from a distance. Trucks each towing an artillery piece, were observed driving toward the airfield. One radio station each was seen on the south end of the runway, south of Rogahner Strasse, and at its north end, north of the fence. Each station consists of a wooden cabin and four masts forming a quadrangle. The masts were interconnected by wires, placed 2 to 3 meters from the corners of the cabins and were about 4.5 meters high. (5)

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6. On 30 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 150 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 80 percent of them were recruits. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] (4) 50X1-HUM

7. On 3 August, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse quartered about 200 troops who wore black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. The troops, about 80 percent of whom were recruits were engaged in individual training. Groups of from 6 to 8 soldiers practiced the stringing of telephone lines on Fauler Lake. [redacted]

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8. On 25 July, the Krueger Kaserne quartered about 300 troops, including about 80 percent recruits, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted]

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9. On 3 August, the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No recruits were seen among the troops. [redacted]

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10. On 3 August, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne quartered about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and included about 300 recruits who were engaged in basic drill. [redacted]

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11. Sentries in front of the headquarters in Schlossgarten Allee wore red epaulets. [redacted]

[redacted] Wreckers with hoists were seen through the open gates of the Marstall on Werder Strasse. [redacted] vehicles of SCC officers were kept there. (7) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

12. Six heavy tanks, rocket launchers [redacted] and 16 trucks with troops and equipment were loaded at the freight yard in Schwerin on 3 August. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

(1) The information in paragraphs 1 and 9 coincide. The units carried in the Moltke Kaserne are still believed to include the 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which, [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] may still have been bivouacking in the woods at Crivitz southeast of Schwerin. [redacted]. With one exception, the vehicle numbers mentioned in the present report belong to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

(2) The strength estimate given in paragraph 8 is believed to be too low because [redacted] the troops there in early July 1951 at 500 and, moreover [redacted] the present report reported as many as 750 troops in the Krueger Kaserne. [redacted]

[redacted] the Krueger Kaserne is believed to quarter the 115th How Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and artillery components of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, probably elements of the 136th Gun Arty Regt. [redacted]

(3) The information contained in paragraph 3 agrees with previous reports. The Adolf Hitler Kaserne is carried as quartering the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted] The 176th AAA Regt [redacted] of the same division may also be quartered there. [redacted]

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- (4) The information in paragraph 4 confirms the 10th Gds RL Bn or Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in the Hindenburg Kaserne. [redacted]. It has not been determined whether the unit is a battalion or a regiment because not more than 12 rocket launchers have ever been observed in the billeting area. A bridge construction unit, probably of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, which is also carried in the Hindenburg Kaserne, was probably still absent. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (5) The identity of the units at Goerries airfield cannot be determined on the basis of the present report. Previous information indicated that primarily artillery components of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and/or of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are stationed there. [redacted]. Another report also indicated the possibility that an engineer unit is stationed there. [redacted]. The trucks mentioned in the present report belong to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. 50X1-HUM
- (6) In addition to artillery units, the 159th Gds Sig Bn and the 107th Gds Engr Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are believed to be quartered in the Fritsch Kaserne. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (7) The Hq IX Mtz Rifle Corps is carried in the restricted area on Schlossgarten Allee, and motor vehicles maintenance units and motor transport units in the Marstall. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (8) [redacted] components of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were entrained. [redacted] specifies the rocket launchers as belonging to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, although the rocket launchers may actually belong to the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- The tanks probably belong to the 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. This as a whole indicates that the majority of the troops in the barracks installations were recruits. It is therefore concluded that most of the trained personnel of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the IX Mtz Rifle Corps were away from the post for field training.

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