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REMARKS

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1. On 3 September 1951, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne in Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) was occupied by about 150 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. No training activity was observed in the billeting area. The northern section of the installation quartered about 700 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and signal insignia. Soldiers were seen servicing motor vehicles. (1)

2. No changes in the occupation of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne were observed prior to 3 September. Officers of all branches of service, including naval officers, were seen entering or leaving the installation.

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3. On 3 September, the Ludendorff Kaserne was 75 to 80 percent occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Six groups of eight recruits each were seen drilling in the barracks yard. One truck, coupled to a 37-mm AA gun, was seen in front of one garage, while trucks were parked at the barracks gate. (3)

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4. On 3 September, the western section of the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, quartered about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, while the eastern section of the installation was occupied by only a guard detachment of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Three platoons, each of 1 officer and 21 men, were seen marching out of the installation toward Gross Glienicke. Truck was seen leaving the billeting area. (4)

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5. Vehicles which were seen heading toward the loading ramp in Wildpark on 10 September included about 40 trucks coming from the direction of Nedlitz, and 8 prime movers with 152-mm artillery pieces coming from the direction of Heerstrasse. A train observed at the Wildpark railroad station on 11 September carried an undetermined number of motor vehicles.

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Twenty-seven trucks arrived at the Wildpark railroad station from the direction of Nedlitz on the same day. Eighteen empty boxcars and 8 loaded flatcars stood at the Wildpark railroad station on 12 September. (1)

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6. On 4 September, the southern section of the Döllus Kaserne was occupied by 120 to 150 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. No systematic routine duties were noticed. Trucks [redacted] were identified at the installation. (1) 50X1-HUM
7. On 4 September, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was about 50 percent occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Ambulance [redacted] was seen leaving the installation. (3) 50X1-HUM
8. On 4 September, the Ludendorff Kaserne quartered about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. About 80 recruits were seen drilling in the barracks yard. One officer and 10 soldiers wearing blankets around their necks were seen standing at a truck to which a 37-mm AA gun was coupled. (3) 50X1-HUM
9. Three units of about 500 unarmed soldiers each were seen marching out from the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, on 4 September. Trucks [redacted] and [redacted] were seen leaving the western gate of the installation area, while a convoy of empty trucks [redacted] was observed driving from Hellitz toward Krampnitz. (4) 50X1-HUM
10. Materiel loaded at the Wildpark railroad station on 10 September included 12 prime movers towing 122-mm artillery pieces; 8 prime movers towing 152-mm artillery pieces; and 15 trucks, 6 of which towed 76-mm guns [redacted]. Troops were seen in 8 boxcars at the station while from 30 to 40 officers and about 350 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia were observed in the station area. Six trucks [redacted] were entrained on 11 September, while 8 prime movers towing 122-mm artillery pieces were ready to be loaded. (1) 50X1-HUM
11. On 5 September, it was determined that an agency controlling Soviet dining establishments in the restricted Babelsberg area was located near the Grietnitzsee railroad station. The agency [redacted] was headed by Senior Lieutenant Tovshevt (fnu). The restricted Babelsberg area contained the headquarters of the Soviet troop units in the Soviet Zone of Germany. (5) 50X1-HUM
12. On 5 September, six AA guns were observed to be emplaced at the railroad underpass along the Drewitz-Heizig line. (6)
13. Twelve 37-mm AA guns and 17 trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Potsdam freight yard on 30 August. Light 85-mm AA guns and 23 trucks, [redacted] were detrained at the Potsdam railroad station on 2 September. (7) 50X1-HUM
14. On 2 September, it was determined that the barracks installation in Potsdam-Liche was about 90 percent destroyed. One building in the center of the ruined barracks buildings was inhabited by German families. The northwestern section of the installation, which was intact, appeared to house a Soviet supply depot. It was surrounded by a board fence about 25 meters high. Two sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The fence was floodlit by seven arc lamps at night. The fenced area was dark. (8)

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