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REMARKS



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1. Prior to 12 September 1951, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Schwerin (M 54/T 46) quartered 500 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Intensive training involving up to 200 soldiers was observed daily in the barracks yard. Two platoons, each including 2 light machine guns, and 2 telephone sections, were seen leaving the billeting area on 12 September. The platoons were followed by 10 officers, including 1 lieutenant colonel and 1 major with artillery insignia. Four rocket launchers, each with a crew of six men, were also seen leaving the installation.

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2. Prior to 13 September, the Fritsch Kaserne quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Training activity outside the installation included practices with field telephones.

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3. Prior to 11 September, the Moltke Kaserne was occupied by about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Local residents said that about 20 trucks with 12 artillery pieces left the installation toward Crivitz on 7 September.

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4. Prior to 11 September, the Krueger Kaserne quartered 500 to 600 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A railroadman said that about 20 tanks and SP guns were loaded at the Sternbuchholz railroad station and dispatched toward Wittenberge in early September. Eight P-34/85 tanks practiced driving at the Grosser Dresch training field on 11 September.

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5. Prior to 14 September, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was about 50 percent occupied, by approximately 1,200 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. As many as 600 troops were seen practicing

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in the barracks yard and the adjoining training area. Five heavy mortars were observed with them. V at the installation were numbered:

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6. Prior to 13 September, the headquarters in the former DAF (German Labor Front) building on Hagenower Strasse was occupied by 150 to 200 officers and men. The sentries wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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7. The headquarters on Schlossgarten Allee was guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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8. On 19 September, only rear details were observed in the Moltke Kaserne, the Krueger Kaserne, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, the Fritsch Kaserne and at Goerries airfield. Local residents said that the units from the installations were engaged in field exercises in the area south of Sternbuchholz. Rear details only were also observed in Hagenow on 17 September. *

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* Comment. Prior to about the middle of September 1951, no changes were noticed in the occupation of the Schwerin military post since a report of late August 1951

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except for the departure of an artillery and a tank unit in early September. In addition, an AAA unit, probably the 176th AAA Regt or Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, leaving the Adolf Hitler Kaserne and entraining on 13 September 1951. See KGL-15405. The present report indicates that the units of both the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the IX Mtz Rifle Corps left the Schwerin military post between 14 and 19 September 1951, for joint field exercises probably in the Buchholz Forest south of Schwerin. It is possible that the 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Hagenow participated in these exercises.

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