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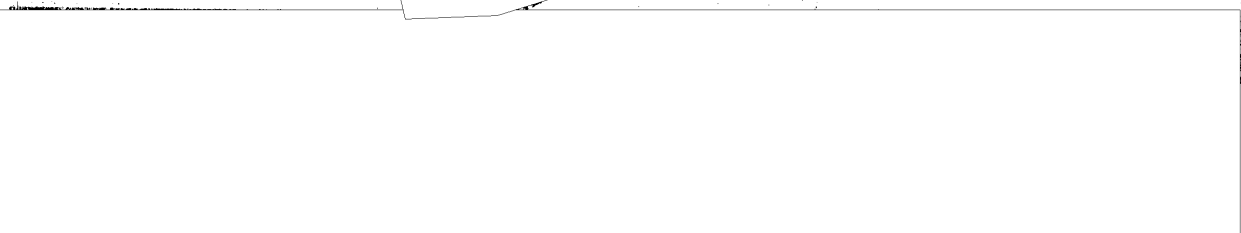
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_____ a school for officers and officer candidates has been located in the Hindenburg Kaserne in Wuensdorf-Zossen (N 53/Z 91), on the east side of Highway No 96 since the beginning of October 1951. The trainees of the school practiced with tanks and other weapons. Building No 139 contained the offices of an unidentified general; Major Vamenkov (fnu), Koch officer of the Hindenburg Kaserne; and Lieutenant Colonel Boledshev (fnu), Vamenkov's commanding officer. The eastern section of the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by an unidentified unit which did not belong to the school. Building No 133 housed the Koch office for the entire military post of Wuensdorf.

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2. In October, an unidentified infantry unit was quartered in Camp Zossen, 1 km southeast of Zossen; two tank units in the Lutz Kaserne on the east side of Highway No 96; an experimental unit with heavy artillery pieces in the Panzertruppen Schule at the intersection of Highway No 96 and Zehrendorferstrasse; and an infantry unit in the Cambrai Kaserne southeast of the Hindenburg Kaserne. General Chuikov was billeted in the Hindenburg Kaserne during the fall maneuvers.

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3. About 50 percent of those entering or leaving the Hindenburg Kaserne on 12 October were Soviet officers; about 25 percent, enlisted personnel with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets; and the remainder, Russian women wearing civilian clothing. Trucks _____ driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, entered the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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4. On 12 October, the Cambrai Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Many officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were seen walking from the installation to the Hindenburg Kaserne. The officers' billets on the west side of Highway No 96 seemed to be occupied to capacity. Vehicles which, driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the Cambrai Kaserne _____

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5. On the evening of 16 November, all windows of Camp Zossen, the Lutz Kaserne, the Cambrai Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne were lighted. However, the billeting area of the Panzertruppen Schule was dark except for two buildings which were partially lighted.

6. On 29 October, three detached, vacant sheds and two watchtowers with several guards were observed about 1 km south of Zehrendorf, 25 km east of the Wuensdorf railroad station. *

* Comment. The transfer of the officers' courses from Doeberitz to Wuensdorf was previously reported. The present report indicates that primarily courses of the GDFG and the pertaining instruction units are quartered in the barracks installations at the Zossen-Wuensdorf post. It is possible that an experimental heavy artillery battalion may actually be stationed in the Panzertruppen Schule.

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One Major Pomenko (fnu) was reported to have been the auditor of bills of an artillery officers' course in Wuensdorf. He is probably the Major Vamenkov (fnu) who is mentioned in the present report.

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