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1. On 12 November 1951, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam (N 53/2 63) was occupied by a headquarters and about 120 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. All officers entering the billeting area had to show their passes to the officer on guard. About 25 percent of the officers observed were of company grade, another 25 percent were majors, and about 50 percent were lieutenant colonels, and colonels. Enlisted men were entering the installation in the company of officers. Numerous men in civilian clothes were among the persons leaving [redacted] after office hours between 5 and 6 p.m. Several officers [redacted] billeted in nearby private houses. [redacted] 25X1

2. On 24 November, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne on Stalin Allee was about 60 percent occupied by a motor transport unit of about 300 men. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. A service station with eight fuel pumps was located at the barracks gate on Behlertstrasse. [redacted] 25X1

3. On 24 November, the Leibgarde Husaren Kaserne on the east side of Stalinallee was occupied by about 100 Soviet troops, apparently of a supply unit, and an undetermined number of German Volkspolizei. Military supplies were stored in the installation. Sentries wore black-bordered red epaulets. [redacted] 25X1

4. On 12 November, 72 uniformed women were billeted at 97 Stahnsdorfer Strasse. [redacted] (1) Some of these women stated that they came from Siberia and would stay in [redacted] years. An envelope found at the quarters of these women was addressed to one Lyudmila Blinova [redacted] dated 30 October 1951, [redacted] and mailed from the Molotov Oblast. (2) Four canvas-covered AA guns of 70-mm to 80-mm were emplaced north of Stahnsdorfer Strasse, a short distance from the railroad overpass. 25X1

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- 5. On 16 November, 24 officers and 3 units of about 120 men each were seen passing in review before a high-ranking officer in the billeting area of the Polizei Kaserne on the west side of Jaeger Allee.
- 6. On 28 November, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. [Redacted] About 40 soldiers were seen servicing 14 trucks, 2 sedans and 5 prime movers which stood in front of the garages on 23 November. Another 40 soldiers policed the barracks yard, while about 150 soldiers received theoretical instruction. Four 122-mm artillery pieces stood in front of one garage. About 25 x 200-liter gasoline barrels were lying on a new, second ramp in the gasoline dump southeast of the officers' billets. Eight 122-mm field guns were seen standing before a garage in the Delius Kaserne on 26 November. On 28 November, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered about 450 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. [Redacted] A fuel dump was being established along the northeast edge of the billeting area. About 30 x 200-liter gasoline barrels were seen lying on two ramps. (3)

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- 7. On 28 November, the Hohenlohe Kaserne quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. As the troops were primarily restricted to the rear section of the billeting area, the installation appeared to be only lightly occupied when observed from the street. A radio truck with a rod antenna 4 to 5 meters high was in front of one garage of the installation on 28 November. About 120 soldiers were singing while marching around the barracks yard, while 40 other soldiers assembled in front of one barracks building on 26 November. [Redacted]

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- 8. On 28 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne quartered about 300 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Fourteen 37-mm AA guns and four range finders were seen standing in front of the garages on 23 November. About 120 soldiers practiced singing in the barracks yard, while more troops were seen in the quarters on 26 November. [Redacted] entered the billeting area. (4)

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- 9. On 28 November, the Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz was occupied beyond capacity by about 8,000 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and motor transport insignia, and some of the troops seen entering or leaving the billeting area wore tank insignia. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] the troops in the billeting area were all those who had been staying in Camp Colbitz near Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60). About 10,000 troops of tank and artillery units had allegedly been quartered there. Some of the basements and attics of the Kavallerieschule were also occupied by soldiers. On 28 November, a group of 1 NCO and 16 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying tools was seen marching to the Bullenwinkel, where a wooden tower mounting a platform, about 15 meters high, was being constructed. Five officers, 223 recruits wearing red-bordered crimson epaulets and some escort troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia were seen marching from the southern railroad station to Krampnitz at about 3 p.m. on 20 November. The Fahrland-Krampnitz road [Redacted] such a way that the settlement south of the barracks install [Redacted] d into the billeting area. [Redacted]

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10. On 23 November, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 26 November, [redacted] hauled gasoline barrels to the fuel dump west of the installation. On 27 November, a unit of 1 NCO and 45 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying tools were seen marching to the target butt on Bornstedterfeld. The northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 450 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 30 soldiers were seen drilling with two artillery pieces of 122-mm and 152-mm in the barracks yard on 16 November. Three wooden sheds, each measuring about 20 x 8 x 5 meters, were being erected on the northeastern corner of the billeting area. They were subsequently banked with earth up to about half their height. About 20 officers from the northern section departed toward Potsdam at about 9:15 a.m. on 27 November. [redacted] Four groups of about 12 soldiers each were seen constructing gun emplacements on Bornstedterfeld on 28 November. [redacted] was seen leaving the northern section of the Delius Kaserne. (3)

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11. The Hohenlohe Kaserne quartered only about 200 troops on 28 November, although all windows of the installation were lighted at nightfall. All troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Three NCOs and 12 EM with baggage arrived at the installation from the direction of Potsdam on 27 November. The EM were were not believed to be recruits. [redacted]

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12. On 23 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 20 soldiers were seen drilling with a 37-mm AA gun while 45 soldiers practiced singing while marching around the barracks yard on 27 November. Eight officers and 130 EM assembled in the barracks yard on 28 November. Fifteen 37-mm AA guns were parked in front of the garages. [redacted]

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13. On 5 December, the General Wever Kaserne quartered about 450 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with [redacted] insignia, and about 50 air force officers and EM. The northern section of the installation still quartered German Volkspolizei. [redacted] were under construction in this section. [redacted] The garages on the east side of the billeting area were used as an armory. Two model 37 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 1 gun without barrel and 4 x 76.2-mm field guns were seen on 3 December. A total of 24 soldiers practiced with two 152-mm guns in front of the garages in the northern section of the General Wever Kaserne. [redacted]

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- B-2 14. On 5 December, the barracks installation at Wildpark-West quartered not more than 70 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with branch-of-service insignia. No heavy weapons or motor vehicles were noticed. Eight soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets and with signal insignia and 16 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen practicing stringing wires in the area south of the installation. (7)
15. On 5 December, source learned that ammunition was stored in the largely destroyed Heeresunteroffiziersschule in Potsdam-Eiche. One of the destroyed barracks buildings was being reconstructed. The brick wall along the street was being mended and, in one section, replaced by a board fence. [redacted]

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Field Comments.

(1) Stahnsdorfer Strasse constitutes the southern part of the restricted area of Babelsberg. The billets of the personnel were first reported for the first time.

[Redacted] a supply [Redacted] Potsdam.

[Redacted] artillery brigade are carried in the [Redacted] Kaserne, and components of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig in the northern section of the installation. The estimates by the two sources regarding the number of troops there are substantially below those made by other sources in early November 1951 and are therefore considered too low. [Redacted] The sheds erected in the northeastern corner of the northern section of the billeting area are probably for storing ammunition.

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(2) Components of the 2d Gds AAA Div are carried in the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne. [Redacted] The estimates by the two sources regarding the number of troops there do not agree but the statements in paragraph 7 and 8 of the present report are more probable. The relatively light occupation of the two installations may be explained by the fact that the two sources observed only light AA guns in the billeting area. Some of the units with heavy AA guns were probably manning emplacements in Potsdam. See paragraph 4 of the present report

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(5) The information confirms the Kavallerieschule, Krampnitz, as quartering the 10th Gds Tank Div, including the 81st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt which was probably transferred from Gross Glienicke to Krampnitz, but excluding the 63d Gds Tank Regt. This hypothesis is strengthened by the strength estimates given in the present report which approximately equal the T/O strength of the division. [Redacted]

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(6) A report of late October 1951 by the same source indicated that the General Wever Kaserne quartered components of the unidentified artillery division from Potsdam. [Redacted] The present report indicates that an army may actually be located in the billeting area. The fact that German Volkspolizei are quartered there is known from previous reports.

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(7) Only rear details have been observed in the barracks installation in Wildpark-West since the beginning of the 1951 summer training period and the movement of the components of the unidentified gun artillery brigade from there to the Delius Kaserne. A report of mid-September 1951 by [Redacted] also stated that the installation quartered some signal [Redacted] belong to the GOFG and to the nearby telephone exchange [Redacted]

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