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25X1 1. During the period from 23 August to 3 September 1952, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse, Schwerin, (W 54/T 6), was occupied by about 2,500 soldiers including 1,250 recruits. Most of them wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, 25X1 signal or motor transport insignia. The young soldiers received basic drill. Training with six M-13 rocket launchers was noticed.

25X1 2. During the period from 23 August to 3 September, the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, 25X1 signal or motor transport insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. On 3 September, 4 T-34 tanks and truck 25X1 left the installation toward the west. Intensive training activity was conducted in the barracks yard and in front of the installation.

25X1 3. During the period from 23 August to 3 September, the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, 25X1 motor transport or signal insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets. 25X1 Infantry training and intensive rifle firing with live ammunition. Three 100-mm AT guns and 3 x 57-mm AT guns were in the barracks yard.

25X1 4. During the period from 23 August to 3 September, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee was occupied by about 3,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal or motor transport insignia and uniformed women wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About one fourth of the soldiers were recruits. Intensive drilling and combat training was conducted in the barracks yard and area, and in the adjoining Buchholz woods.

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5. During the period from 28 August to 3 September, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse was occupied by a headquarters of about 1,000 soldiers. Truck [REDACTED] entered the installation. 25X1
 6. In early August, the DAF building at the intersection of Hagenower Strasse and Ludwigsluster Strasse including the adjoining buildings of the Pnesser Krug was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. About 1,500 soldiers were in this installation during the period from 22 August to 3 September. [REDACTED] (1) 25X1
 7. During the period from 28 August to 3 September, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Goerri's southwest of Schwerin was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers. There was much traffic of pedestrians and motor vehicles. [REDACTED] 25X1
 8. At 11:30 a.m. on 21 August, a column of 20 trucks [REDACTED] towing 12 x 57-mm AT guns and field kitchen truck [REDACTED] passed the town heading south toward the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse. All trucks were occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and a small number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. At 10 a.m. on 23 August, a column of 10 T-34/35 tanks [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] passed the town heading south. (2) 25X1
 9. During the period from 15 to 23 August, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Two M-13 rocket launchers were in the barracks yard. About 150 soldiers were drilling on 23 August. [REDACTED] 25X1
 10. During the period from 15 to 23 August, the south section of the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse was occupied by a headquarters and the north section of the installation quartered about 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets; a few soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training activity was noticed during the period of observation. [REDACTED] 25X1
 11. During the period from 15 to 23 August, the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied almost to capacity by about 1,000 soldiers. On 23 August, about 300 soldiers armed with rifles drilled at platoon level in the barracks yard. [REDACTED] 25X1
 12. On 23 August, the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 soldiers. Almost no activity had been noticed in the buildings of the installation during the preceding days. On 23 August, about 400 soldiers, either unarmed or armed with rifles and organized into groups of 50 to 60 men, received intensive training. [REDACTED] 25X1

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- 25X1 13. On 19 August, [redacted] the DAF building at the intersection of Hagenower Strasse and Ludwigsluster Strasse including the buildings of the Fuessler Krug was being reoccupied. 25X1 [redacted] numerous cots in the lower stories of the buildings and concluded that a headquarters would not move in. On 23 August, the buildings quartered about 500 soldiers wearing either red-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered crimson epaulets. (1)
14. During the period from 9 to 16 August, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse was occupied by between 600 and 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 10 August, two trucks towing 85-mm AT guns entered the installation. Four trucks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] each occupied by 15 soldiers left the installation toward Sternbuchholz. [redacted] 25X1
15. On 25 August, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee was occupied by about 500 soldiers who mostly wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] about 1,000 soldiers had 25X1 left the installation during the preceding days. About 250 25X1 soldiers were engaged in drill and field training in the adjoining [redacted]
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16. During the period from 21 to 24 August, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse was occupied by an artillery unit of about 500 soldiers. Young soldiers with closely cropped hair were seen in two buildings. At 5:30 p.m. on 21 August, a column of 25X1 four rocket launchers [redacted] and six trucks including 25X1 [redacted] entered the installation. About 120 recruits were drilling at squad level on several days of observation. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] 25X1
17. At 5 a.m. on 11 August, a unit with 7 T-34 tanks and 10 trucks [redacted] and a large number of personnel was entrained at the Schwerin freight station. The unit had arrived in Schwerin at 4 a.m. on the same day, coming from the direction of Ludwigslust (C 54/T 53). The train departed toward Berlin at 6:30 a.m. (3)
18. During the period from 19 to 29 August, the Moltke Kaserne and Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse were occupied to capacity by a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. All windows of the installations were lighted at dusk. Eight T-34 [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] left the installation toward Ludwigslust on seven 25X1 different days. [redacted] they practiced driving. Eight 122-mm field howitzers were seen in the barracks yard. [redacted]

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19. At 6:30 a.m. on 23 August, a column consisting of 4 prime movers [redacted] towing 100-mm AT guns and 4 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] occupied by personnel passed through Ludwigsluster Strasse heading south. (4)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) [redacted] an inspection of the DAF building by 15 Soviet officers on 5 August. The present report indicates that the installation including the buildings of the adjoining Puesser Krug was reoccupied by troops. [redacted] probably belongs to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, there is reason to believe that components of this division reoccupied the installation. (2) The AT column observed on 21 August probably belongs to a corps artillery unit of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in the Krueger Kaserne. The tanks [redacted] probably were 10 tanks of the 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from the Moltke Kaserne. (3) [redacted] the entrained tanks may belong to the 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt. (4) The information on the occupation of the barracks installations in Schwerin indicates no major changes over previous reports [redacted]. Deviations by [redacted] on the strength are believed to be caused by the temporary absence of units for practices and/or errors in estimating.

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