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1. At 9:30 a.m. on 21 October 1952, 45 trucks [Redacted] 4 boxcarloads with 7 officers, and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 2 boxcarloads of ammunition were unloaded at the Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) railroad station. 25X1

2. The Ludendorff Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse was about 80 percent lighted in the evening of 14 October. [Redacted] the installation had been reoccupied during the night of 12 October. [Redacted] entered the installation. The Hohenlohe Kaserne south of the Ludendorff Kaserne was lighted about 70 percent. [Redacted] believed this installation to have been reoccupied during the same night. 25X1

3. [Redacted]

4. On 22 October, the Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz near Potsdam was occupied almost to capacity by 5,000 to 6,000 troops. [Redacted] assumed that all troops had returned from the maneuver area by that time. House [Redacted] quartered the division headquarters and 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. The field bakery in house [Redacted] has been in operation since mid-October. On 7 October, two AA emplacements with canvas-covered guns and an observation post were seen in the area north of kitchen [Redacted]. From 100 to 120 motorcycles with sidecars were parked in front of the tank sheds between Reiterdamm and Weststrasse on 8 October. On 9 October, 40 officers and 350 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia marched from houses [Redacted] to the tank sheds. A military band led the column. Trucks which, since 9 October, were 25X1

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daily seen hauling potatoes to the barracks installation, were on the athletic field on 16 October.



_____ were seen in the tank sheds on Nordstrasse. Thirty officers and 300 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia fell in on the athletic field on Heiterdamm on 17 October. A major with tank insignia, in charge of this group, reported to a lieutenant colonel with tank insignia. Several soldiers were given new epaulets by the lieutenant colonel. Eight rocket launchers were noticed in the garages farthest to the west of Husarenstrasse. Truck _____ carried winter clothing from kitchen _____ to the quarters of the heavy tank unit in houses _____. On 18 October, 30 to 40 officers and about 300 EM from houses _____, and a military band fell in on the athletic field. Twenty-two master sergeants and NCOs, each holding a paper in their hands, stood in front of them. The unit subsequently marched in review past the sergeants and NCOs, was dismissed and again fell in, equipped with baggage. A short time later, the soldiers boarded 33 trucks _____.

_____ A military band played while the troops left the barracks installation. A soldier told _____ that these EM had completed their three-year term of service and that they were going back to the U.S.S.R.. He further stated that replacements had already arrived on 16 October. On 20 October, rocket launchers and, chiefly, JS-1, JS-2 and JS-3 tanks were seen in the tank sheds on both sides of Husarenstrasse. On 21 October, tank parts for demonstration purposes and demonstration charts on the T-34 tank were seen in house _____ and two model 37 mortars of 82-mm and an aiming device in a tin box were seen on the floor of house _____.

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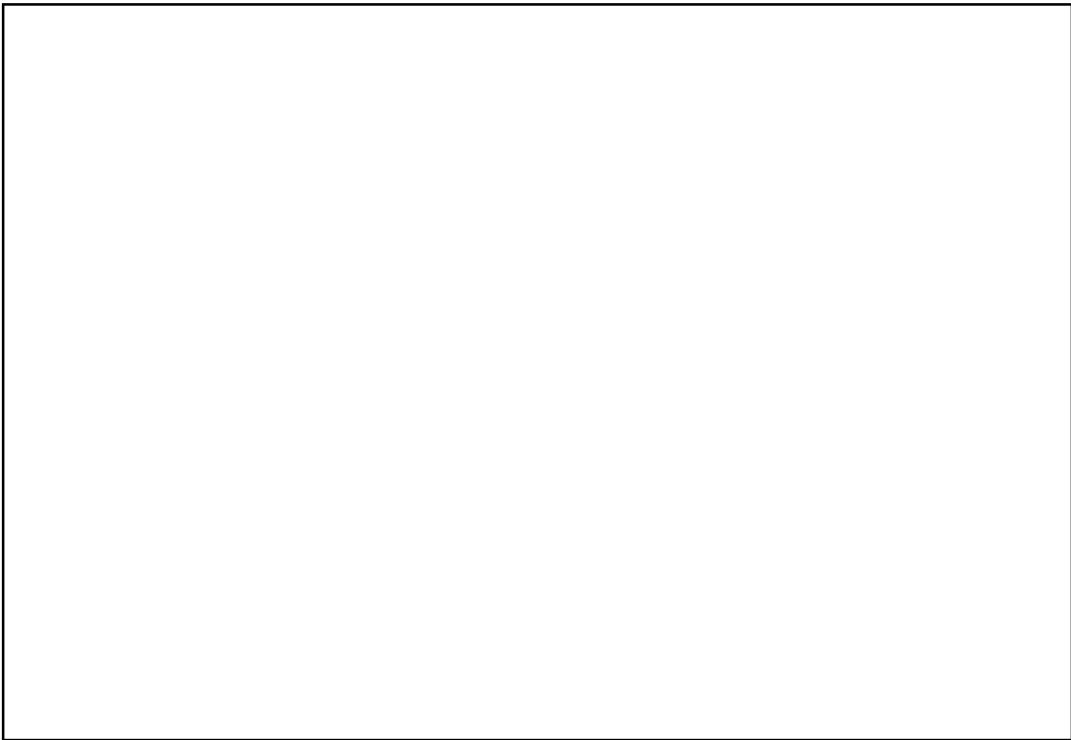
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6. At 4 p.m. on 21 October, [redacted] the Ludendorff Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse was again occupied by troops. Four 152-mm field howitzers and several trucks [redacted] and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen in the barracks yard.¹
7. On 15 October, the Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz was again occupied to capacity, with the units reoccupying the same buildings they had prior to their departure to the summer camp, except for building [redacted] which had been used as a store. This building now occupied a rocket launcher unit and a radio communication unit. [redacted] the individual quarters were more heavily guarded. On 3 October, garages [redacted] were almost exclusively occupied by tanks. As each shed is provided with 14 spaces for tanks and 4 spaces for trucks and as each space is enough for two tanks, [redacted] about 400 tanks were sheltered there. On 6 October, four JSU-152 guns stood near garage [redacted] and another four SP guns of the same type were near garage [redacted]. About 132 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were quartered in a wing of building [redacted] and messed at kitchen [redacted]. On 8 October, 17 SP guns [redacted] 7 tanks [redacted], apparently of type JS-3, stood in front of garage [redacted]. Three 45-mm AT guns were in shed [redacted]. The troops in building [redacted] had slept from morning until the afternoon, presumably because of a previous night practice.³
8. At about 1 p.m. on 21 October, tank spare parts which were hauled away on trucks [redacted] were unloaded at the Satz Korn railroad station near Potsdam. At 1:30 p.m., a column of four trucks with troops and 15 trucks with billeting equipment [redacted] passed through Satz Korn in the direction of Krampnitz.³
9. At 9 a.m. on 20 October, four prime movers [redacted] with lumber, were unloaded at the Potsdam railroad station and moved to the Delius Kaserne on Nedlitzer Strasse. At 9 a.m. on 21 October, 10 boxcars with troops, 10 boxcars with ammunition and equipment, 20 trucks and several sedans were unloaded. The troops and materiel moved to the Delius Kaserne. [redacted]

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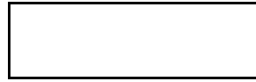
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10. At 9 a.m. on 20 October, equipment was unloaded at the Wildpark railroad station and hauled away. [redacted] Equipment was again hauled on 21 October [redacted]. 25X1

11. On 22 October, the northern and southern section of the Delius Kaserne were occupied by about 1,000 troops each. 1

12. On 15 October, the Kavallerieschule in Kramnitz quartered 8,000 to 10,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery or motor transport insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. The installation was occupied to capacity. [redacted] 25X1

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13. [redacted] 25X1

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15. At 5 p.m. on 13 October, a convoy of about 50 motor vehicles with billeting equipment [redacted]

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[redacted] left the Wildpark-West Kaserne, east of the Grosse Entenfaenger Lake. 5

16. On 20 October, a column of 7 field guns of 122 mm and another column of 17 x 122-mm field guns coupled to prime movers passed through Potsdam and, [redacted] into the barracks installations on Hedlitzer Strasse. 1 25X1

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17. On 14 October, the training unit returned to the Kriegsschule at the intersection of Paprel Allee and Kirsch Allee. On 15 October, 2 factory new JFU-122 guns arrived at the Kriegsschule, and, on 18 October, 200 officers. The Adolf Hitler Kaserne on the north side of Paprel Allee was recently occupied by numerous uniformed women. Troops still received basic infantry training. In mid-October, the Ruinenberg Kaserne on the south side of Paprel Allee was partly occupied. Intensive driver training was noticed. 6

18. On 11 October, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on the north side of Paprel Allee was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] determined that an artillery unit with numerous trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] was quartered in the southeastern section of the installation. [redacted] the central section of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne housed a motor transport unit with about 50 motor vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] and personnel that wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. The other buildings housed a unit with black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 250 men of this unit would practice in the barracks yard in groups of 12 to 15 men and engaged in physical exercise. Eighty percent of the men had closely cropped hair.

19. On 3 October, the Ruinenberg Kaserne on the south side of Paprel Allee quartered 400 to 500 troops, namely a signal unit with trucks with signal equipment [redacted], a motor vehicle driver school with vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] an personnel that wore red-bordered black epaulets, and another unit wearing black-bordered black epaulets with undetermined branch-of-service insignia. 6

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21. At 8:30 a.m. on 18 October, 40 officers and 300 EM with 2 flags and an 18-piece band fell in on the drill grounds of the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz. An officer addressed the troops, called over each soldier, and gave each one a certificate, while the band sounded a flourish. Subsequently, groups from 40 up to 60 men marched to the drill grounds from the Kavallerieschule, mostly sergeants and NCOs who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. The ceremony was the same as the previous one. The soldiers called had new uniforms and some carried suitcases. After the ceremony, many soldiers said farewell. An NCO told [redacted] that these soldiers were going back to the U.S.S.R.. [redacted] estimated the number of discharges at about 800. At 11 a.m., the soldiers who had fallen in mounted 30 trucks which individually moved out of the barracks installation. 3

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22. In the evening of 22 October, all windows in the southern section of the Delius Kaserne were lighted. [redacted] the unit returned during the night of 21 October. The entrance to the installation was heavily furrowed by tracks of track-laying vehicles.

1. [redacted] Comment. The return on 20 and 21 October 1952 of units of the 31st Arty Div was reported [redacted] and confirmed [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 10 shipments for Potsdam were loaded in the Altengrabow area on 19 and 20 October 1952. [redacted] These 25X1
 units came from the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Cds Army and are believed to have moved into the Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne 25X1
 which were reportedly reoccupied in mid-October 1952. [redacted]

It is assumed that elements of the unidentified gun artillery brigade of the division concerned moved from the southern section of the Delius Kaserne into the two afore mentioned barracks installations, as the Delius Kaserne-Sued was probably occupied to capacity by the division headquarters and the brigade, making a total of about 2,000 men. The field howitzers mentioned in paragraph 6 are believed to have been 152-mm gun howitzers.

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted] Comment. According to paragraph 12, the bulk of the 10th Cds Tank Div had returned to its quarters in the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, by mid-October 1952. However, [redacted] tend to indicate that, thus far, only 60 to 70 percent of the division had arrived in Krampnitz. On the other hand, it is possible that vehicular elements of the division, predominantly units which, in 9 shipments, had been transferred for the maneuver of the Fourth Cds Mecz Army in the area south and east of Patherow at the end of September 1952, had reached their post by road upon completion of the maneuver. [redacted] 25X1
 The trucks and truck column mentioned in paragraph 8 of the present report belong to the 10th Cds Tank Div. The present information identifies the 359th Cds AAA Regt, the 7th Cds Mtrcl Bn, the 31st Cds Hv Tank SP Regt and the 248th Cds RL Bn of the division; it tends to confirm the units mentioned until 7, 8 and 20 October 1952 respectively. The reporting in paragraph 7 of 400 tanks is believed to have referred to the quartering capacity of the tank sheds, as the division is equipped only with about 270 tanks and SP guns. The report contains no new information on the personnel exchange program.

4. [redacted]

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5. Comment. A Soviet document of 1950 mentioned Gds Senior Lieutenant Pakhomov as unit commander. According to the document described in para-
 he is in command of the reconnaissance company of the 29th
 Gds Mtz Rifle Dept of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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6. Comment. Compared with previous information, no changes appeared to have occurred regarding the occupation of the Kaserne Wildpark-west and Kriegsschule. It is believed that a new officer course was started in the Kriegsschule at the end of October, after the previous officer course had been completed at the beginning of October 1952. The occupation of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne and Ruinenberg Kaserne is not known. So far, it is known that the motor transport unit in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne belongs to the GDFG and it is assumed that the units in the Ruinenberg Kaserne also belong to a signal component of the GDFG which had been carried there prior to the summer training. The unit whose personnel wore black-bordered crimson emblems in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne possibly belongs to a guard unit of the komendatura, while the assignment to the 34th Arty Div (US) of the artillery unit is still doubted.

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