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1. On 18 November 1952, the Taunitzien Kaserne on Osterburger Strasse, Stendal, was occupied to capacity by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and, a few, blue-bordered black epaulets, including some with engineer insignia. The troops wearing black-bordered red and, a few, red-bordered black epaulets previously stationed there had vacated the installation prior to 12 October. On 13 October, troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen refurbishing the quarters. On 20 October, 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling with rifles in the barracks area. On 24 October, about 20 officers and 200 with 4 to 6 flags and a military band were lined in the barracks yard. it was a swearing-in ceremony for recruits as, during the ceremony, numerous other troops engaged in fatigue duty and cleaning of vehicles in the barracks area. After the ceremony, the military band left on truck toward the Händenburg Kaserne. beginning 24 October, part of the training area behind the installation was prepared for close combat training and as a type of engineer training site. It had dunny houses, fences and bridges. Individual trucks and carrying signal equipment and towing special trailers for telegraph poles and logs, repeatedly entered the installation. On 1 November an artillery unit with 6 guns, apparently 120-mm field howitzers, an undetermined number of trucks and 1 field kitchen,

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 constructed field fortifications behind the installation. The troops were fed by the field kitchen. On 10 November, the emplacements had been completed and were heavily guarded. A guard dog was seen with each gun. this unit had been transferred to Quedlinburg. Lieutenant Colonel Mazolevski (fnu) allegedly was commanding officer of the unit. Other officers assigned to the unit were Major Pezlov (fnu), Captain Terentyevich (fnu) and Lieutenant Manshevo (fnu). The unit was connected to a general in Stendal and with the Händelshagen military post. Motor vehicles seen leaving and entering the installation

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2. On 17 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Schiller Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black and, some, black-bordered black epaulets. On 10 November, 200 troops carrying entrenching tools left the installation to construct field fortifications in the near vicinity. This work was continued on 13 November. On 17 November, about 100 officers and NCOs wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and led by a colonel marched to the railroad station. The column was followed by a truck loaded with baggage. Similar columns had been observed during the preceding days.

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3. The ammunition depot north of Hindenburg Kaserne had been vacated at the same time as the Tauntzien Kaserne in October.

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4. On 12 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Schiller Strasse was occupied by about 1,800 to 2,000 troops wearing: red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; black-bordered crimson; and blue-bordered black epaulets; and by numerous uniformed women who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 9 November, about 200 troops without arms drilled at squad level. Numerous trucks were being maintained in front of the garages. About 6 x 76.2-mm M19-3 field guns and about 8 about 122-mm field howitzers were in the west section of the installation.

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5. On 13 November, the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne on Friedrich Ebert Strasse was occupied by about 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 9 November, about 25 officers, mostly wearing tank insignia, went to the officers' club in the Lyceum (girls' high school). They were followed by about 400 unarmed troops wearing dress uniform. At 7 a.m. on 13 November, about 225 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with rifles or submachine guns and carrying baggage arrived at the Standal railroad station, presumably coming from the direction of Gardelegen. They subsequently marched toward the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne.

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6. On 31 October, the Neue Kaserne in the former parachuters' camp near the Fliegerhorst Forstel was occupied by about 500 troops with the sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 120 troops had been observed drilling without arms at squad level in the barracks yard during the preceding days. On 31 October, about 68 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with carbines or submachine guns; and 5 officers wearing artillery insignia entered the installation, coming from the direction of the airfield. Neither motor vehicles nor guns were seen in the installation.

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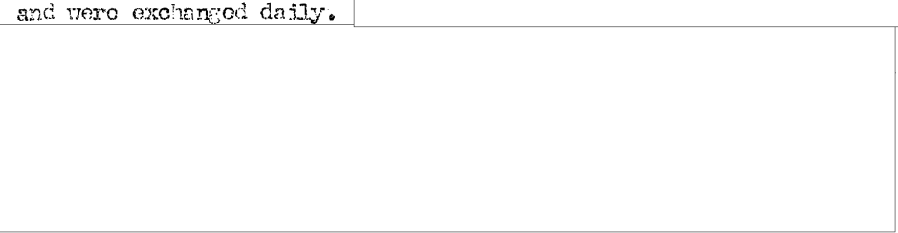


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7. From 22 to 31 October, the Fliegerhorst in Borstel was occupied by an air force unit, an artillery unit with 28 x 100-mm AT guns and a rocket launcher unit with at least 32 M-13 rocket launchers. Ammunition for 100-mm AT guns, M-13 rocket launchers, 160-mm mortars, 122-mm field howitzers and infantry ammunition was in the post ammunition depot there. The ammunition arrived in boxcars. The depot was guarded by about 20 troops who were stationed at the Fliegerhorst and were exchanged daily.

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8. Beginning in mid-October, the Tauntzien Kaserne on Osterburger Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops of a signal unit who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and by an engineer unit with 10 SIS-150 amphibious cars, 15 quadrangle metal pontoons, 4.5 x 2.2 x 1 meters, and 10 pontoons with a slanting stern. T-34s were seen close to the stored engineer equipment in the barracks area.

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On 26 October, 2 officers and 28 EW practiced stringing a telephone line on poles along the Borstel-Osterburg highway. The line was dismantled only after nightfall.

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On 2 November, an AAA battery of 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 11 trucks

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arrived at the Tauntzien Kaserne and constructed emplacements in the immediate vicinity of the installation. This battery was connected with the Neue Kaserne in the parachuters' camp

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In October, the unit of Major Marin (fnu), administrative officer, stationed in the Albrecht-Daer Kaserne was transferred. Lieutenant Colonel Kres (fnu) was commanding officer or administrative officer of another unit in this installation. Rifle Regiment with Major Panshenko (fnu) as administrative officer returned to the Hirdenburg Kaserne after the termination of the summer exercises. In early November, an artillery regiment with Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fnu) as administrative officer was stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at Borstel airfield. Colonel Kurpachov (fnu), the previous commanding officer, was no longer seen with the regiment. The regiment was equipped with heavy mortars and rocket launchers. In November, a motor transport

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unit, with Captain Korolev (fnu) as commanding officer, was determined as stationed in the quarters on Haferbreiter Weg, Stendal. A similar motor transport unit under the command of Captain Protenko (fnu) together with the regiment stationed in the Tauntzien Kaserne was transferred from the post in October. 1

1. Comment. The information that the 597th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div previously stationed at the Tauntzien Kaserne has been transferred to Quedlinburg, contradicts a previous assumption according to which, since about mid-October 1952, units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div have been believed stationed there. 25X1
- However, it is rather safe to believe that the regiment mentioned above has actually been transferred to Quedlinburg. 25X1
- The vacation of the Tauntzien Kaserne probably caused changes in the occupation of the military installations of the post. Information contained in the present report indicates the units of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps and the 207th Itz Rifle Div stationed at the installations mentioned, in November 1952; as follows: 25X1

Tauntzien Kaserne. A signal battalion, possibly the 977th Indep Sig Bn of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps, which has already been carried in the Stendal area, although its exact location was not known. An engineer battalion, possibly of the Third Shock Army. It is believed that, in addition to the 15th Gds Engr Bn carried in Darby, other engineer units are assigned to the army. Vague indications for the presence of engineers at the Hindenburg Kaserne in connection with the reported engineer equipment depot on Arnburger Strasse has tended to indicate for some time that army engineers are stationed in Stendal. The T-34 tank mentioned probably belongs to the engineer unit, although, to date, tanks have been observed only with engineer regiments of the group and engineer battalions of the corps.

Hindenburg Kaserne. The 59th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div, which had also been stationed there before the summer exercises. The regiment is confirmed in Stendal until October 1952. Colonel Panchenko (fnu) has been carried with the regiment as administrative officer. 25X1

Presumably elements of the 693d How Arty Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div. The previous assumption that elements of the regiment were stationed at the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne was based on a report in early 1952 according to which 122-mm howitzers had been observed in this installation. 25X1

122-mm howitzers in the Hindenburg Kaserne. 25X1

Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne. The division headquarters and the unidentified signal battalion of the 207th Itz Rifle Div, are carried in this installation, as previously, although no new confirmation is available. Elements of the 16th (?) Gds Tank SF Regt of the division which had been believed stationed there before the beginning of the summer training, were no longer observed. It remains to be seen whether this regiment is stationed at the barracks installation in Staats. Major Manin (fnu) was known in the installation as administrative officer.

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Fliegerhorst Dorstel. The unidentified RL regiment of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps. The regiment, contradictory to the previously assumed T/R, may have four battalions with a total of 32 artillery pieces. Elements of the 693d How Arty Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div, possibly the heavy mortar battalion of the regiment.

An unidentified AT regiment with 24 x 100-mm AT guns. The types of ammunition stored at the ammunition depot correspond to the heavy artillery weapons believed stationed at the post. Lieutenant Colonel Kurgachev (fnu) was once reported as commanding officer and Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fnu), as administrative officer of the RL regiment mentioned above.

Quarters on Maforbreiter Weg. Probably the unidentified Motor Trans Bn of the 207th Itz Rifle Div. Elements of the battalion with Captain Prolenko (fnu) possibly have been transferred to Quedlinburg, together with the 597th Itz Rifle Regt of the division.

Neue Kaserne in the Former Parachuters' Camp. Presumably an unidentified AAA unit of the air force. The assumption that the 953d AAA Bn (US) of the 207th Itz Rifle Div was quartered there, proved incorrect as the battalion has been confirmed in its previous quarters in Tangermünde.

[redacted] The assumption that the first mentioned unit was an AAA unit of the air force was based on the fact that soldiers of this unit guarded the Dorstel airfield. [redacted]. The unit which constructed emplacements near the Tauntzien Kaserne, as reported in paragraphs 1 and 8 of the present report, probably was a light AAA battery of this AAA unit. [redacted]

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