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1. On 30 November 1953, the Flak Kaserne, Wismar, was heavily occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. At about 2 p.m. on 21 November, 2 trucks towing field kitchens, 2 ambulances, 1 radio truck, 3 trucks towing 3 x 76-mm field guns, 3 trucks carrying boxes, and 4 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, entered the installation from the direction of the town. Between 22 and 30 November, about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets daily left the installation toward the airfield. They returned between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Intensive training activity was observed in the installation. In the morning, 60 to 70 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets daily practicing aiming and throwing of hand grenades at the drill ground, while, in the afternoon, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in physical training and training at the obstacle course. About 80 troops daily practiced marksmanship in the Koepernitztal training area. Between 22 and 30 November, about 70 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and coming from the detached buildings, north of Highway No 105 were daily observed marching to the installation for dinner at about 1 p.m. The two detached buildings were surrounded by a board fence, about 2 meters high. The roofs were connected by antennas. Source, as previously, daily observed uniformed women wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets in the barracks area. They were 19 to 21 years old.
2. Between 22 and 23 November, the three ammunition bunkers south of the Flak Kaserne were heavily guarded. Dogs were also observed in the guarded area.
3. Between 22 and 30 November, source determined that work on the by-pass road from St Jakobshof, Highway No 105, to Gustavshof, Highway No 106, continued. The new road had two lanes, each about 5 to 6 meters wide and with a green strip between the lanes. On 30 November, work was completed about 50 percent, with the road being completed as far as Infanterie Kaserne.
4. Between 22 and 30 November, source determined that, as previously, enlisted personnel were granted town leave only on Sundays between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

                     Comment. Judging from the occupation strength, the installation is occupied as previously by the 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. See                      A signal communications detail has been found in the detached buildings north of Highway No 105 for the first time.

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