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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the POTSDAM Area

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1. a. An artillery unit with nine guns of about 150 mm caliber was entrained for ALTENGRABOW (N 53/Z 00) at the railroad station of WILDPARK near POTSDAM (N 53/Z 63) the afternoon of 20 June 1949. This unit had been quartered in the former Luftnachrichten Kaserne POTSDAM-EICHE.

25X1 b. With the departure of the artillery unit, the former Luftnachrichten Kaserne was lightly occupied by recruits and training personnel.

27 June 1949

2. a. The POTSDAM-GOLM Kaserne was occupied only by a rear detail of an artillery unit on 27 June 1949. *

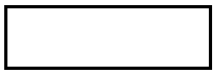
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3. a. The POTSDAM-NEDLITZ kasernes were occupied by about 500 troops, allegedly infantry troops, on 13 July 1949. Three high radio masts, forming a triangle, were observed in the kaserne area. **
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b. Tank, artillery and infantry units totaling about 1,000

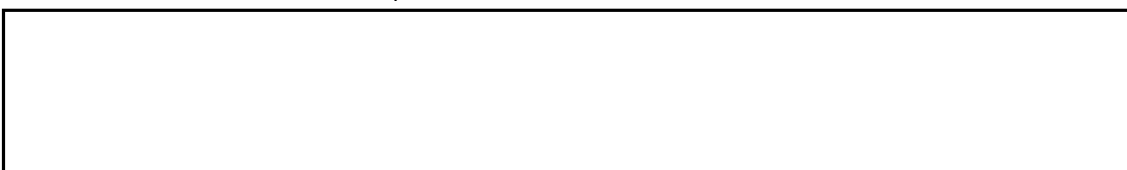
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d. Tanks were unloaded from a train of 25 flatcars at the SAH ROHN railroad station. The tanks left in the direction of the RUMPFITZ Kaserne.



15 July 1949

- 4. a. The Supply and Administrative Section of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOF) was located in the former Adolf Hitler-Kaserne of POTSDAM on 15 July 1949. Col. WIKTOROVSKI was CofS, and Col. NIKOLAI, was Deputy CofS of this section. The former was billeted at 25 Saegerallee and the latter at 5 Mariah Strasse.

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Comment:

* a. One section of the POTSDAM-GOLM Kaserne was occupied by a Soviet Zone police school. The Soviet-occupied Kaserne section (seven buildings) has a capacity of about 1,500 troops.

** b. The POTSDAM-NIEDLITZ Kaserne is also referred to as former Ludendorff Kaserne.

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Comment:

According to previous information, the POTSDAM Kasernes are assumed to be occupied by the following units:

a. former Luftnachrichten Kaserne, POTSDAM-EICHE:

Artillery unit of the 30th Gds (an Army Bn) [redacted]

Troops of this unit [redacted] POTSDAM for ALPENSTABOW in June 1949. [redacted]

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[redacted] other shipments of motorized troops left the POTSDAM-WILHELM railroad station for ALPENSTABOW in June and early July 1949. It is believed that all troops concerned belonged to the same artillery unit.

b. Kaserne of POTSDAM-GOLM:

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[redacted] whether or not the POTSDAM-GOLM Kaserne and the POTSDAM-EICHE Luftnachrichten Kaserne are identical. It appears however that the Kasernes mentioned are different installations. [redacted]

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the Kaserne is assumed to be occupied by a component unit of the

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troops (presumably HQ units) in the Ludendorff-Kaserne. Infantry troops were ^{not} previously observed in either kaserno.

d. POTS DAM-KRAEHNITZ kasarne:

[redacted] component units of the 1st Wehr Div and the 58th Motor Trans Regt of the GOR were stationed in the former POTS DAM-KRAEHNITZ Wehrreit- und Lehrschule.

e. Former Adolf-Hitler Kasarne:

It has not yet been possible to identify the units stationed in the former Adolf-Hitler Kasarne. It is believed that units of the GOR are located there [redacted]

[redacted] from this kasarne). It is considered possible that the Supply and Administrative Section of the GOR may be located in the POTS DAM Adolf Hitler Kasarne. No pertinent information has as yet been received [redacted]. The reported officers are unknown.

[redacted] the 652 Mobile Hospital which was attached to the Sixty-Ninth Army in 1944. Since the Sixty-Ninth Army was identified at the end of the war on the First White-Russian front in the BERLIN area, it is quite possible that the 652 mobile hospital may still be located in POTS DAM.

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