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[redacted] information [redacted] on the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/v 63) military post:

1. former artillery Kaserne

a. Occupied by [redacted] unit of about 1,500 troops, mostly 18 to 20-year-old recruits, European Russians. 50X1-HUM

b. Jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were identified: 50X1-HUM

[redacted]

c. The following observations were made:

(1) On 3 February 1950 groups of 12 to 15 men practiced the limbering, unlimbering and laying of four 76.2-mm and three 37-mm guns in the kaserne yard.

(2) service of the piece drill with five 76.2-mm guns; seven guns of the same caliber were seen in an open storage building on 8 February 1950.

(3) On 10 February 1950 about 100 troops were instructed at, and practiced target designation for and laying of, eight 76.2-mm guns.

(4) Soldiers held aiming practice on 15 February 1950 with four guns, two guns being under the command of one officer. Other soldiers were instructed on another gun. Aiming exercises with five 37-mm guns against attacking low-flying aircraft.

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(5) On 20 February 1950 about 40 troops, under the command of an officer, did service of the piece drill with four 76.2-mm AT guns.

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(6) Truck [ ] and jeep [ ] entered the kaserne area. \*

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## 2. Buelow Kaserne:

a. Still occupied to capacity by about 600 troops of tank and artillery units.

b. Six 76.2-mm AT guns, three 57-mm AT guns, five 120-mm mortars and three 80-mm mortars were observed.

Three tanks seen in the kaserne area in December 1949 were no longer observed.

c. The following observations were made:

(1) On 3 February 1950 about 30 troops practiced target designation and held aiming exercises with three 76.2-mm guns. The roar of tank motors was to be heard from the garages.

(2) Groups of 10 to 12 men trained with four 76.2-mm AT guns on 8 February 1950.

A 9-man section, led by a second lieutenant and equipped with three 80-mm mortars, arrived at the kaserne from the training area.

(3) About 40 troops were drilled with four 76.2-mm AT guns between the stables on 10 February 1950.

Groups with three 57-mm AT guns practiced the emplacing and displacement of guns at the training field near the kaserne.

(4) On 20 February 1950 groups of 8 to 10 men held aiming practices with four heavy AT guns.

(5) About 20 men were instructed on three 80-mm mortars on 22 February 1950. Practice fire commands were given. 50X1-HUM

Jeep [ ] and trucks [ ] were identified in the kaserne area. 50X1-HUM

## 3. Wichhorn Kaserne:

a. NE section: Still serving as quarters for transient troops of all branches of service and for personnel going on furlough.

Heavy traffic of military personnel was observed. Some stables and garages of this kaserne section were used by the Kech office as storerooms for furniture.

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b. 93 section: still occupied by an infantry unit of about 600 troops, commanded by Lt Col Rudich (identified for the second time). The troops, wearing black-bordered red epaulets, included about 450 recruits. The following observations were made:

(1) On 4 February 1950 to 100 troops held triangle exercises and aiming practices in standing position at the Kiesberge (hills) near the kaserne.

(2) About 50 troops underwent basic infantry drill with and without rifles in the kaserne yard on 15 February 1950.

(3) On 20 February 1950 the following intensive activity was observed at the Kiesberge:

about 120 men at field training, 20 men at triangle exercises, 20 men at aiming practices in prone position, three groups of 10 men each at terrain description, 20 men at digging of shallow rifle pits and 25 men practicing advance in line of skirmishers.

(4) On 22 February 1950 trucks

\_\_\_\_\_ were identified.

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#### 4. Horn Kaserne:

a. still occupied by units of various branches of service totaling about 600 troops. Tank and motor transport insignia were mostly seen.

b. ten 37-mm AA guns, two 57-mm AT guns and three 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake were standing in the kaserne yard. It was said that numerous tanks were stationed in the kaserne. Nineteen tanks of various types were observed.

c. The following observations were made:

(1) About 35 men held aiming practices with two 76.2-mm AT guns and one 57-mm AT gun on 3 February 1950.

Fifty to sixty men practiced digging entrenchments and ten men the throwing of hand grenades in the nearby area.

(2) On 6 February 1950 about 100 troops held aiming practices with, and practiced the displacement of, three 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake, allegedly AA guns, and three long-barreled 57-mm guns.

(3) Eight canvas-covered guns, three 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake and two long-barreled 57-mm guns were parked in the kaserne yard on 8 February 1950.

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(4) on 10 February 1950 four tanks with long-barreled guns having pear-shaped muzzle brakes were observed in an open garage.

(5) On 22 February 1950 troops were drilled with two 57-mm AA guns, about 40 men did entrenchment practices and two 10-man groups close-combat practice in the kaserne area.

nivo parked tank trucks [redacted] were observed;

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5. Hundenburg Kaserne:

a. Still occupied to capacity by about 500 troops of tank units. Five T 34 tanks with 76.2-mm guns and four SP guns were observed.

b. The following observations were made:

(1) on 21 February 1950 eight trucks, without load, arrived from the direction of Westkreuz and Mathenastrasse. [redacted]

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(2) Two T34 tanks and truck [redacted] occupied by a lieutenant colonel and 14 Bn, left the kaserne and returned after about two hours on 22 February 1950. Trucks [redacted] entered the kaserne area.

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6. Hofbauer Kaserne:

a. Still occupied by a unit of about 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

b. Three kaserne buildings were vacant. One kaserne building was used as transient officer billets. Little traffic was observed there.

c. Four armored reconnaissance cars were observed in, and a rocket launcher in front of, a garage.

d. About 40 troops were for the first time observed to hold a record practice at the rifle range in the kaserne area on 22 February 1950.

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e. Trucks [redacted] were seen in the kaserne area.

f. Documents No 14 through No 20, described in para. 10 below, were found near the kaserne.

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7. Ziethen Kaserne:

a. Still occupied to capacity by about 600 troops of tank and artillery units.

b. Five heavy tanks, twenty-one 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake (previously blocked up near the target range, now standing in the kaserne yard), three 76.2-mm guns with muzzle brake, ten 37-mm AA guns, two 57-mm AT guns, nine 120-mm mortars and eight 80-mm mortars were observed.

c. The following observations were made:

(1) On 8 February 1950 groups of 10 to 12 GM practiced the emplacing of seven 120-mm mortars. Two-wheel, rubber-tired carts were seen behind the mortars.

(2) Sections, each of one NCO and four EM, did service of the piece drill with five 120-mm mortars on 9 February 1950. Sixty to eighty troops were seen at rifle drill, twelve troops at entrenching practices and twelve troops at hand grenade throwing.

(3) On 20 February 1950 about 120 troops carrying rifles or entrenching tools, were drilling at the water tower. They were divided into 40-man platoons and 12-man squads. Mortar crews did service of the piece drill and ten men practiced with a 76.2-mm gun with muzzle brake, allegedly an AT gun.

(4) Trucks [redacted] were identified on 22 February 1950: 50X1-HUM



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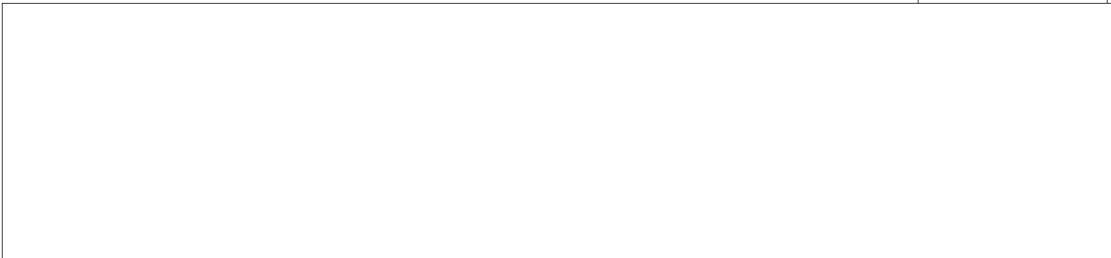


8. Kommandatura in the gelbe presse Building:

a. Still occupied by a unit of about 100 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets. 50X1-HUM

b. About 60 men, under the command of a second lieutenant, practiced with light machine guns (changing of barrels and changing of positions) on 15 February 1950. 50X1-HUM

c. Trucks [redacted] and [redacted] passenger car were parked in front of the kommandatura building. [redacted]



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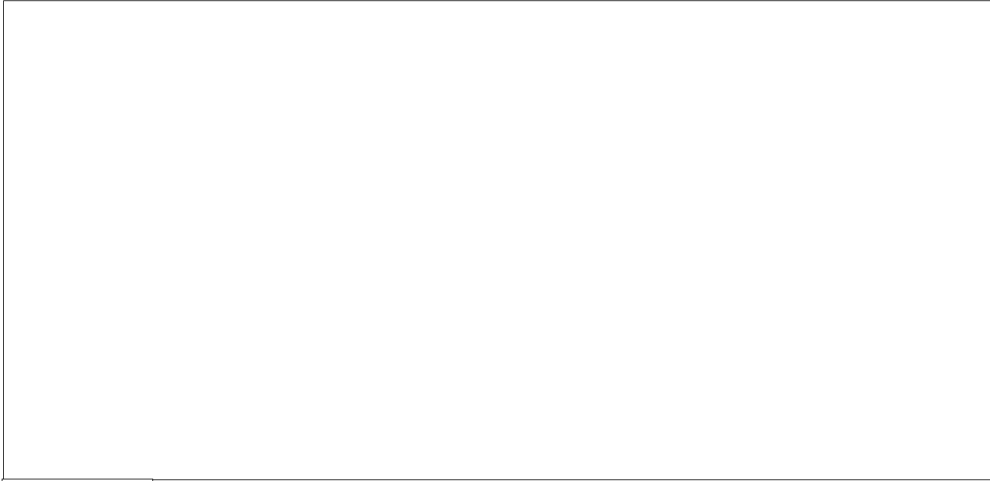
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eighteen 37-mm AA guns are stationed in the former artillery  
Kaserne. [redacted]



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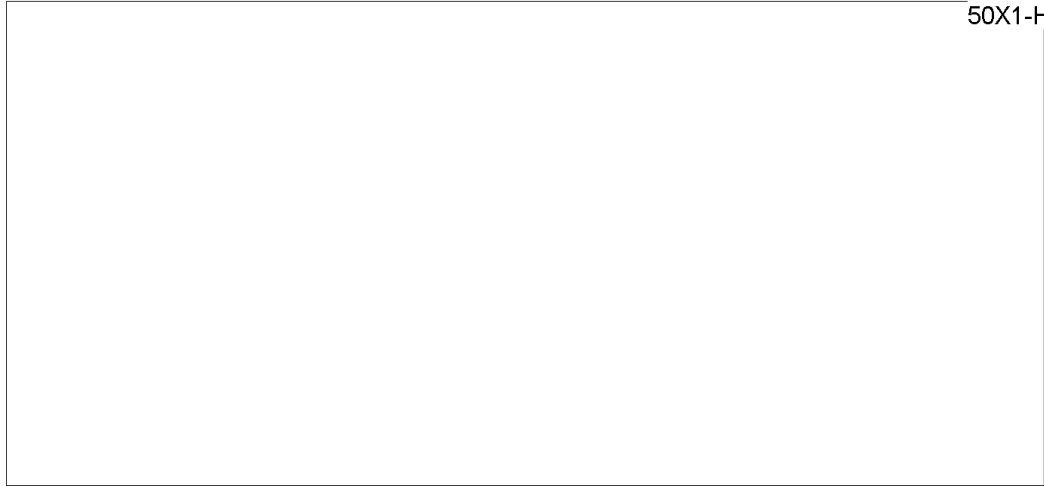
a. Troops in Frankfurt/Oder.

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[redacted] With the exception of the artil-  
lerie kaserne, where the mass of the 7th Gds Mecz Army (Cadre)/  
fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) is stationed, all other Frankfurt/Oder  
kasernes are occupied by component units of the 7th Gds Mecz  
div (Cadre).

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