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1. The barracks on Frankfurter Strasse or Gartenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33), seemed to be almost unoccupied on 18 August 1950. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Truck entered the installation. *

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2. Only a few soldiers were seen in the barracks on the road to Braunsdorf. The gate was locked and an unarmed guard was in the guardhouse. No motor traffic was observed. *

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3. No soldiers were seen in the barracks on the road to Rauen. The barracks gate was open. Three trucks parked behind the gate

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4. The Fuerstenwalde airfield is bisected by the Fuerstenwalde-Steinboefel road, the barracks and garages being south of the road. The nine barracks buildings are two-storied and each about 75x15 meters. A wooden fence running north-south divided the billeting area. The five western buildings were 60 percent occupied by about 500 soldiers and the four eastern buildings about 25 percent occupied by 150 soldiers. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Some officers wore tank insignia. No motor vehicles or heavy weapons were observed there on 25 August 1950. **

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5. Two officers and 18 EM were seen at aiming practice with four 85-mm AA guns on the southwestern side of the airfield. Two T-34 tanks and motor vehicles were seen coming from the airfield on 25 August 1950. **

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* Comment. The component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div which, according to motor vehicle numbers, are stationed in the Fuerstenwalde barracks were still absent from the post on 18 August 1950, presumably at the Lieberose maneuver area.

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** Comment. Periodic reports indicate that the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde, houses components of the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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