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1. During the summer of 1950, troops from Spremberg, Cottbus, and Cahlau, with a total of 120 tanks, practiced in the training area at Nochten (O 52/A 73). They had been quartered in about 320 one-story wooden barracks which were scattered over the area west of the Nochten-Boxberg road. Each barracks building was capable of quartering about 60 men.
2. On 28 November, the barracks next to the road were occupied by about 200 Mi, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and some officers. The soldiers were engaged in the construction of 60 winterized barracks and a board fence about 2½ meters high, along the eastern border of the cantonment which follows the Nochten-Boxberg road. *

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Comment. For sketch of training area, see Annex. This is the first detailed report on Camp Nochten near Weisswasser. It indicates that from 10,000 to 12,000 troops can be quartered there. The statement that troops from Cottbus and Spremberg had been there in the summer confirms previous reports on the departure of components of the 9th Meez Div from the Nochten training area to their home stations in October 1950.

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Since there has been no information on any Soviet troops in Cahlau, Cahlau may have been confused with Luebben, the third military post of the 9th Meez Div. According to the peacetime T/O, a mechanized division has about 155 tanks.

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