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REMARKS

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1. Between 2 January and 12 February 1951, the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) quartered about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. Two 37-mm AA guns, two searchlights of about 80 cm diameter, and four mortars of about 120 mm caliber were observed in the billeting area. Small groups of soldiers received infantry training and practiced with the material mentioned.

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2. The Pioneer Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. NCOs wore artillery insignia. Four guns of about 150 mm caliber, towed by prime movers, left the installation toward Semlin. Troops were seen at small arms drill and firing practice in the barracks yard.

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3. The Kraftfahrer Kaserne quartered about 900 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and a headquarters. Most of the soldiers observed wore artillery insignia. About 30 officers were seen. Troops were drilling with four 150-mm howitzers and two long-barreled 150-mm guns. \*

4. The Zietzen Kaserne quartered about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with only officers and NCOs wearing artillery insignia. Since they were primarily engaged in infantry training, the troops seemed to be recruits. No heavy weapons were observed. The barracks installation also housed a ration supply unit, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Mizukovski (fnv), which received shipments of canned foods

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6. On 14 February, four full-track vehicles carrying troops and each towing a 122-mm gun, and truck left the Wald Kaserne on the road to Semlin.

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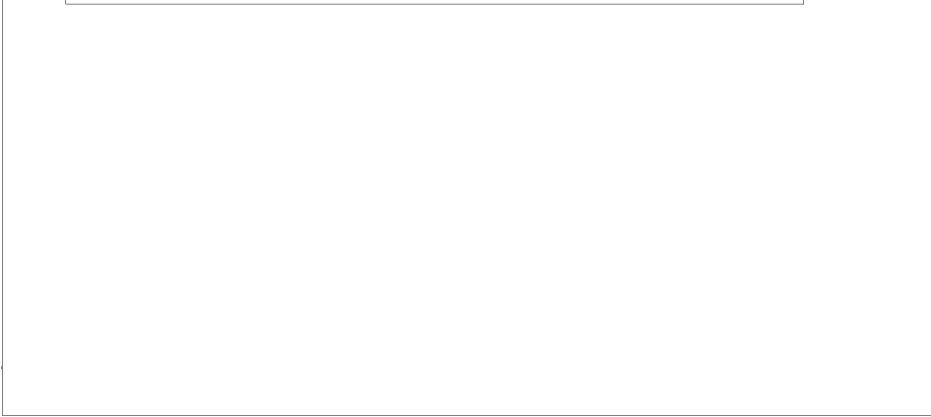
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About 60 soldiers trained with four 122-mm guns at the drill field opposite the Wald Kaserne. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area



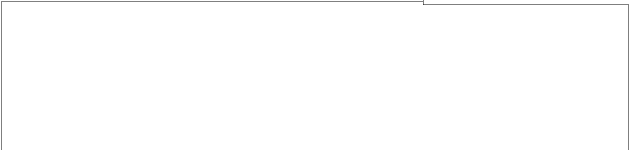
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7. Gate guards at the Wald Kaserne between the Rathenow-Nord railroad station and the road to Semlin wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was no training activity.



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8. [redacted] observed that troops in the Wald Kaserne at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station carried small radiotelephones on their chests or backs. These were the size of a German model Volksempfänger radio set. Radio communication was apparently maintained while the troops were marching. Only telephones were formerly seen in the barracks installation. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area



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9. No training activity was observed at the Ziethen Kaserne. Prime movers [redacted] were parked in front of the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were in the billeting area.



Comment:

[redacted] elements of the 6th Army Div are quartered in the three barracks installations called Wald Kasernen. [redacted]



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