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Temporary Occupation of the Panzer Schule in Wuenndorf.

1. On 24 March 1951, buildings N o 90, 94 and 94a of the Panzer Schule in Wuenndorf (N 53/Z 91) were occupied by military personnel, including 115 to 200 Soviet women in uniform who had arrived with billeting equipment. The action was supervised by General Chuikov. All personnel moved out during the night of 29 March. From 24 to 29 March, the streets bordering on the headquarters buildings were blocked by barriers which were guarded by MVD personnel. At the same time 23 heavy AA guns with ballistic directors and range finders were emplaced around the Wuenndorf post. The AA guns were towed by three-axle trucks including trucks

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the action was a practice movement of staff personnel. *

Troops in the Other Installations at Wuenndorf.

2. On 12 April, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered an AT artillery unit and the Cambrai Kaserne a major motor transport unit. The units had been there for some time. ** The conversion of the Heeresport Schule into a theater was almost completed. The construction work was speeded up by night shifts on written orders, dated 5 April, by Captain Chibalovich, (fnu), who was in charge of construction work at Wuenndorf. The other barracks installations at Wuenndorf were not occupied by troops.

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3. On 13 April, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 200 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks were seen entering the installation. One building of the Cambrai Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops. Officers seen entering and leaving the installation wore infantry, artillery, and signal insignia. Truck was identified at the installation.

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4. The Lutz Kaserne was vacant. Two guards were seen patrolling inside the fence. The Panzer Schule was occupied by only a guard detail, with the sentries wearing red epaulets. No vehicular traffic was noted. Camp Maybach at Zossen was vacant and unguarded.

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 The personnel who moved in there may have been elements of the Hq GOCG from Potsdam. However, it is doubted that Army General Chuikov should have been there in person.  the AAA unit which was at Maensdorf was a component of the unidentified AAA Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The purpose of the action cannot be interpreted.

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**  Comment. 

 The motor transport unit in the Cambrai Kaserne probably belonged to the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOCG.

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