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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. On 24 July 1951, many officers, up to and including colonels, were observed entering and leaving the restricted area on Roebelin Lake at Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 62). They wore tank, artillery, infantry, technical, and medical insignia.

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2. Training activities observed at the drill ground north of the former concentration camp included field training by four platoons, each of about 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 1 officer; stringing of field wires by 15 to 20 signal troops wearing black bordered black epaulets; drill with eight light mortars by 30 to 40 men under the supervision of two officers who wore red-bordered black epaulets; and formation drill by 2 units, each of 1 officer and 35 to 40 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. From 20 to 25 officers with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in pistol firing practice at the target range north of the former concentration camp. No troops were observed at the drill ground in the afternoon. From 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the area of [REDACTED].

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3. Noise indicating intensive repair work was heard from the tank repair shop on the north side of the road from Fuerstenberg to Bredereiche. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, soldiers wearing coveralls and some tank and technical officers were seen at the installation. Four tanks, including

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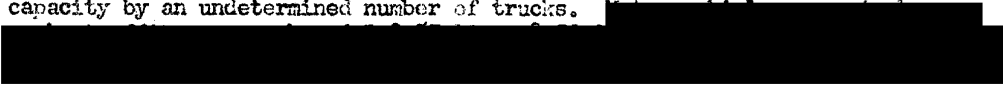
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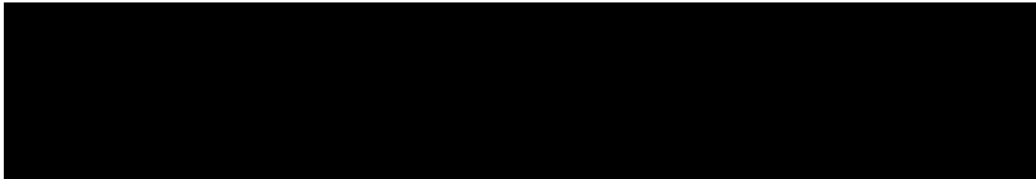
tank No 128, were parked near the large workshop. \*

- 4. On 24 July, the Broegen Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (F-3) Source observed the following activities: about 140 soldiers received close-order drill; about 140 soldiers assembled for inspection of uniforms; about 40 soldiers were engaged in athletic activities; and 35 soldiers led by an officer, were seen marching toward the training area. The garages exposed to view were occupied to capacity by an undetermined number of trucks.

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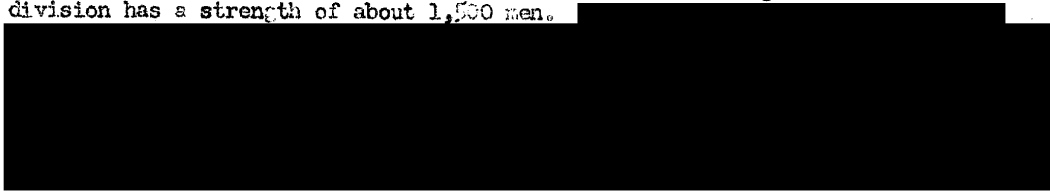


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\*\* Comment. Another source reported on 14 March 1951 that some of the troops from the Broegen Kaserne, probably the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div, had left for field exercises. The present report, indicating that the installation was again occupied to capacity, agrees with the situation prior to the departure of the troops, at which time it was believed that the installation quartered the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and probably also headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army. However, the estimate of only 800 troops in the present report seems too low since a motorized rifle regiment of a tank division has a strength of about 1,500 men.

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