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- On 2 August 1952, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee, Schwerin (N 50/T 46), was occupied by about 3,000 soldiers including about 500 recruits. About 150 recruits received individual training in the barracks yard and the adjoining training area, and 40 soldiers constructed a telephone line. Intensive firing with rifles and machine guns was observed at the target ranges. [REDACTED]
 - On 3 August, the Boltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia or tank insignia and some with black-bordered black epaulets. A game of soccer with almost all the occupants of the installation as spectators was played in the barracks yard. Three tanks stood in the garages. Truck [REDACTED] left the installation.
 - On 3 August, the Arueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers some wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery, signal or motor transport insignia, and some wearing black-bordered black epaulets. About 400 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard. Training was conducted on six 57-mm AT guns. About 50 soldiers received signal training in front of the installation. Two officers and 30 soldiers carrying maps marched out of the installation. Intensive training activity was observed at the firing range in the barracks installation.
 - On 3 August, the southern section of the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse was occupied by a headquarters and guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The other section of the installation quartered about 1,000 soldiers mostly wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]
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5. On 30 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Goetstrower Strasse was occupied by between 2,500 and 3,000 soldiers including about 500 recruits. The building south of the barracks installation which previously quartered uniformed women was vacant. About 400 soldiers received infantry training in the barracks yard. Others were instructed on two M-13 rocket launchers. Motor vehicles seen driving to, or from, the installation [redacted]
6. At noon on 5 August, 4 sedans and 2 trucks stopped in front of the former IAI building at the intersection of Hagenower Strasse and Ludwigsluster Strasse. Fifteen officers and several soldiers inspected the rooms. (1)
7. On 24 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers. About 200 soldiers and about 40 trucks [redacted] were lined up in the barracks yard. Sedan [redacted] occupied by a general left the installation.
8. On 24 July, the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 soldiers. About 30 soldiers stood in formation in the barracks yard, and another group was engaged in athletics. Four caterpillar tractors [redacted] each towing a 122-mm field howitzer and a fifth caterpillar tractor towing a field kitchen were seen on the road from the Sternbuschholz railroad station to Schwerin. Source stated that they belonged to the Krueger Kaserne. (1)
9. On 30 July, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied by about 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Individual officers wore signal insignia. Two trucks with covered cabs each towing an 57-mm AT gun and each occupied by 10 soldiers entered the installation. [redacted]
10. On 30 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Individual officers had tank insignia and some soldiers had AT insignia. Four 37-mm AA guns stood in the north section of the installation. About 350 soldiers drilled at Squad and platoon level in the south section of the installation. [redacted]
11. On 8 August, a column of between 40 and 50 motor vehicles [redacted] with canvas-covered guns was seen entering Schwerin, coming from the direction of Ludwigslust. The same column had left toward Ludwigslust on 22 July. (2)
12. On 26 July, the signal unit quartered at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne southwest of Goerries left the installation with about 30 motor vehicles [redacted]. A soldier stated that the unit departed for [redacted]. Until 8 August, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne had been rather vacant. The headquarters quartered there returned during the night of 8 August. The sedan of General Kusmin (fnu), who had been promoted to general five months ago, had previously been [redacted]. A general from Magdeburg arrived in sedan [redacted] on 1 August and left the installation in sedan [redacted] on 2 August. The major general stationed in the installation left in sedan [redacted] on 12 August and, on 13 August returned in sedan [redacted]. Other motor vehicles [redacted]

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- (1) The installations mentioned in paragraphs 1 through 10 seem to be occupied as previously. Although the strengths estimated by the different sources deviate, it appears that an increase in occupation has occurred since early and mid-July, probably because units had returned from short-term field exercises.
- (2) The assignment of the AAA unit cannot be identified. The [redacted] series probably belongs to the Third Shock Army in Magdeburg. The [redacted] series probably belongs to the 32d AAA Div (US) and the two other series to the 2nd Gds AAA Div.
- (3) Elements of the headquarters and the signal battalion of the IX Pz Rifle Corps in Goerries were probably involved in the Finsterwalde-Mittenberg Command-post exercise. Records of the Schwerin regional railroad headquarters indicated that two military trains went from Schwerin to Zahna northeast of Mittenberg during the second half of July. [redacted]
- (4) Gas courses of instruction which began in early June in Magdeburg and were attended also by officers of the headquarters in Goerries were previously reported [redacted] in late June. [redacted]

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