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REMARKS

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- 1. On 4 April 1953, vehicles observed at the buildings on Theater Platz and Stalin Ring in Baden (O 49/X 37) included: sedan driven by a civilian; sedans jeeps driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets; and sedan and jeeps driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos (O 48/X 36) was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia, and two majors with black-bordered black epaulets were at the installation. Motor vehicles at the Flak Kaserne included: sedans and jeeps and trucks

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All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was parked in front of the building at the intersection of Meilburg Strasse and Sauerhof Gasse. About 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced aiming in prone position at ring targets near Helenenthalhof which was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. Four groups of six EM each fixed insulators to telephone poles. Eighteen motor vehicles were observed in the garages, while 5 tank trucks were parked in the open.

- 2. On 7 April, 12 field grade officers with black-bordered red epaulets, including 3 colonels, 19 field grade officers with red-bordered black epaulets, including 4 colonels, and 6 field grade officers with black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the officers' club in the former Stadtsaele in St. Joelten (O 49/W88). Sedan driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, and jeep driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, were parked at the main gate of the former Kreisgericht on Schiesstattring. A group of 17 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, some with engineer insignia, marched into the Eugen Kaserne. The soldiers were unarmed and carried axes and a portable power saw. Vehicles maintained by several soldiers in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne included: 7 trucks, 4 jeeps, 3 tank trucks and 1 weapon carrier. About 30 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in physical exercises at the Franz Josef Kaserne.

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The barrier at the installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles passing the barrier included: jeeps

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all driven² by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and sedan

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3. On 7 April, four armored vehicles, probably T-34, were seen at Camp Spratzern south of St. Pölten (O 49/W 88). Trucks observed at the installation [Redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia

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[Redacted] all vehicles driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. ²

4. On 31 March, about 40 soldiers were seen singing at the former Landesheilanstalt in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). About 40 trucks [Redacted] and 24 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets who stood near 12 sidecar motorcycles, were observed in the installation. Four tank trucks [Redacted] were parked at the fuel dump just east of the former Landesheilanstalt. ²

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