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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 18 May 1953, the Nachrichtenschule in Koenigsbrueck was occupied from two thirds up to three fourths by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, some with tank insignia. There was no activity at the post between 12 and 18 May. Rifle firing was neither heard nor observed near the installation or on the Aus. At about 6:30 a.m. on 17 May, 240 to 300 soldiers with light field equipment, rifles and gas masks left the installation in double time toward Hoeckendorf. On 18 May, source observed the rear of a column, including 7 JS-3 tanks and 5 trucks, which came from the installation and drove toward Grossenhain. Trucks were seen at the Nachrichtenschule.¹

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2. On 13 and 16 May, tank trucks entered and left Altes Lager. At about 10:30 a.m. on 16 May, trucks loaded with gasoline containers left the installation. On 18 May, Altes Lager was occupied by a fatigue detail of about 120 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.²

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3. On 15 May, a barrier across Highway No 97 from Koenigsbrueck to Schwepnitz was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets who was armed with a submachine gun and made it impossible for source to approach the billeting area of Neues Lager. On 12 and 14 May, trucks loaded with boxes and ambulance entered Neues Lager. At about 4 p.m. on 14 May, truck with about 30 air force personnel came from the direction of Dresden and entered the installation. On 16 May, vehicles were observed driving toward Neues Lager. At about 3 p.m. on 18 May, a truck which had another than the usual plate and, instead, had a large 546 painted on its sideboard and a white circle of 25 centimeters in diameter on the rear entered the installation.³

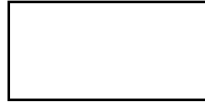
4. On 12 May, tank trucks were filled from five tank cars at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. Ammunition was loaded on a freight train. On 15 May, a troop train of four cars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and five trucks each towing a canvas-covered 120-mm mortar was observed at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. At about 7 p.m., the train left toward Schwepnitz.⁴

5. Source learned from an SED meeting at Koenigsbrueck that Ulbricht had ordered the induction of the 1923 through 1935 classes while men over 31 years had to volunteer for a 3-month training.

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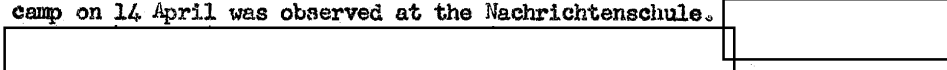
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6. On 23 April, a group of about a company and a band marched from the Nachrichtenschule toward "eues Lager and returned at about 2 p.m. A large guard detail of undetermined strength belonging to the unit which moved to the Schmorkau summer camp on 14 April was observed at the Nachrichtenschule.



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1. Comment. It is believed that some of the units of the 11th Gds Tank Div stationed at the Nachrichtenschule moved to the summer training area of the division west of Schmorkau.



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2. Comment. The information confirms the fuel dump at Altes Lager.

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4. Comment. The mortar unit belongs to the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

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