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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were parked at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht on Schussattring in St. Pölten. Four soldiers did maintenance work on two artillery pieces of about 80 mm standing in front of the garages west of the former Kreisgericht. Five trucks were parked at the Eugen Kaserne. Little activity was seen in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne where 8 trucks and 2 tank trucks were parked. [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets and occupied by about 20 EM entered the Franz Josef Kaserne. The soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and carried field equipment. The barrier near the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

all vehicles driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets played handball with officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, in the garden of the officers' mess. Highest rank observed was a captain.

2. [redacted] several soldiers did maintenance work on four T-34 tanks at Camp Spratzern south of St. Pölten (O 49/W 88). [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets; [redacted] all vehicles driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation.

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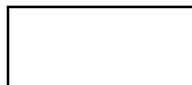
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- 25X1 3. [] 8 SU-76s, 49 trucks, 4 jeeps and the radiators of another 26 motor vehicles were observed at the former Landesheilanstalt in Mauer Gehling (O 49/W 26). A group of 3 officers and about 40 EM with a horse-drawn vehicle carrying practice targets left the former Landesheilanstalt to a drill ground west of the installation. The soldiers wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried field equipment. Five groups of about 10 EM each did close-order drill without rifles in the yard of the installation. Much activity was observed with motor vehicles. [] 25X1
- 25X1A [] by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets; and 25X1
- 25X1A [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the former Landesheilanstalt. [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] troops with AT guns moved to a troop training grounds, and that recruits arrived at Mauer Gehling some time ago.²
- 25X1A 4. [] occupied by three majors with black-bordered red epaulets, a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, two lieutenant colonels and a major of the medical service with red-bordered black epaulets, left the hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27). 25X1A
- 25X1 Soldiers with red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets were seen at the hospital. Some of the soldiers were bandaged.
- 25X1 5. [] officers and EM arriving at the Goeppfritz railroad station (O 49/R 64) from Tulln (O 49/S 10) and Absdorf-Hippersdorf (O 49/S 01) on the regular train from Vienna were hauled toward the troop training grounds [] by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets went toward Goeppfritz from the ration supply depot at the former factory. Vehicles driving from Goeppfritz toward the troop training grounds [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.³ 25X1A
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- 25X1 7. [] a troop train with AA guns and motor vehicles passed through Vienna, identical with a train described in a railroad teletype message obtained by the informant. The message indicated that a troop train of 4 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar, and 16 flatcars [] left Wallern [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] via Parndorf, where another 22 cars were attached to the train, and arrived at St. Poelten [].⁴ 25X1
- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. The status at St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern remains the same as on previous observations. [] 25X1
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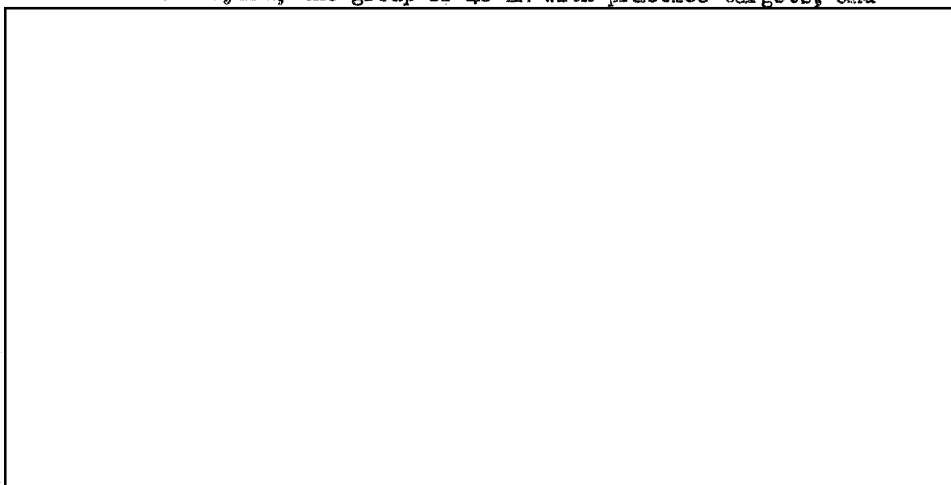
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2.  Comment. The number of SU-76s observed in Mauer Oehling (8) exceeds the assumed complement of SU-76s for a motorized rifle regiment. Further information is needed. The close-order drill without rifles in the barracks yard, the group of 40 EM with practice targets, and

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