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REMARKS

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1. On 5 November, Hainaer Holz Cantonment was occupied by about 400 troops.
2. On 5 November, Kindel Cantonment was occupied by about 400 troops. Unusually many sedans were entering or leaving the camp. It seemed that the headquarters of the rear units was quartered there. There was only light vehicular traffic between the Kindel troop training grounds and Eisenach or Mechterstedt after 11 October.

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3. Between 3 and 6 p.m. on 28 October, cables and telephone equipment were loaded onto 3 railroad cars in Mechterstaedt. The equipment was brought to the Mechterstaedt railroad station by trucks . The shipment was bound for Luckenwalde.

4. At about 10 a.m. on 21 October, materiel including 10 JS-3 tanks, 3 tank trucks, 12 to 15 trucks , sedan and 3 or 4 trucks with wooden superstructure, apparently radio trucks, were loaded onto about 30 flatcars at the Gotha freight station, for shipment toward the West.

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5. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 21 October, heavy artillery fire was heard from the direction of Ohrdruf.
6. Highway No 84 between Gross-Behringen and Grossenlupnitz was again open for civilian traffic after 17 October.
7. On 29 October, the Kindel troop training grounds was occupied only by a guard detail. Several perimeter guards wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets patrolled the vicinity of the temporary barracks buildings.
8. Between 17 October and 7 November, field-grade officers and several captains wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia, and blue-bordered black epaulets were frequently seen entering the komendatura in Eisenach. No other Soviet troops were seen in the town of Eisenach.
9. On 11 November, Kindel troop training grounds was occupied only by small rear details. The road barriers, except that located 50 meters from the western perimeter of Haina, were no longer guarded.

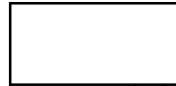
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10. After 11 October, no troops from the Kindel troop training grounds were loaded at the Eisenach freight station. The last loadings and assembly of shipments were made on 10 October.

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Comment: Kindel troop training grounds has been occupied by guard units since late October. [redacted] pared with strength estimates [redacted] the strength estimates made [redacted] in the present report are presumably exaggerated.

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