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TOPIC Kindel Troop Training Grounds		
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1. Compared to preceding years, Camp Kindel on Highway No 84 was about 25 to 30 percent occupied in July 1954. About 30 JS tanks or SP guns were parked south of the highway and north of Kuenkelhof estate. In July, there were no exercises such as had been observed in preceding years. Between 1100 and 1130 on 22 July, firing, presumably of artillery pieces, was held at the training grounds. At least 15 new barracks were under construction south of Hainser Forst and west of the Ettenhausen-Wolfsbehringen road. The new buildings had a concrete basement and a winterized wooden superstructure. Other buildings were being erected north of the highway in the east portion of the training grounds. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the training

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2. During the first half of June, the training grounds was occupied by an estimated 20 to 25 percent of the occupation of preceding years. Firing of artillery pieces and tanks, such as had been held almost daily during preceding years, was not observed. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the training grounds

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3. At 1800 on 22 July, a train consisting of 1 kitchen car, 1 boxcar occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia, and 17 flatcars carrying 17 un-numbered three-axle trucks left the Eisenach freight station toward Erfurt. 2

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4. At 0200 on 23 July, pontoons and timber were unloaded from a train of 32 cars at the Eisenach freight station. The train included six cars occupied by soldiers. The unloaded material was shipped toward the training area by trucks

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