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1. Between 15 May and 6 June 1955, the Flak Kaserne (8321) in Merseburg was occupied as previously by some 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 28 May, 80 trucks were seen in the installation. On 6 June, 40 to 50 trucks, approximately 6 convoys and 2 field kitchens were seen in the eastern portion of the installation area, where heavy guns had previously been stored. Twelve to 14 YA-12 prime movers were seen at the drill ground in the north-western portion of the installation. A unusually large number of officers including 2 colonels were stationed in the kaserne.

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2. The following observations were made in the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) in Naumburg: All soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia and some with motor transport or signal insignia. The installation quartered 3 AAA batteries, each with 6 x 85-mm AA guns. One of the batteries had been emplaced at the eastern border of Blücher Kaserne (8381) since 10 May. A T-type radar with parabolic reflector was seen in the emplacement. A second battery was entrained at the Naumburg-Ost railroad station on 4 May and a third battery was seen in the barracks yard ready to depart, on 3 June. There were no indications of the presence there of the gun repair shop previously observed in the installation.

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3. Between 3 May and 3 June, the Hindenburg Kaserne (8383) in Naumburg was occupied by only a guard detail. It was rumored that the unit from the installation had been transferred to the Kindel training grounds.<sup>3</sup>

4. Between 3 May and 3 June, the Barbara Kaserne (8384) was occupied by some 300 soldiers wearing black, blue-bordered black, red and red-bordered black epaulets. Training courses were presumably held in the installation. Laying of field cables was repeatedly practiced. Up to 20 officers were seen at training.<sup>3</sup>

5. Between 9 and 12 May, the majority of the units stationed in the Hubertus Kaserne (8382) in Naumburg had departed. Prior to 3 June, the installation was occupied by some 100 soldiers, most of them engineers. The pontoons, which had previously been observed in the installation, were no longer seen. Four 76-mm guns were stored in the stables.

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6. Between 3 May and 3 June, little activity was observed in the Oberlandesgericht (8387) in Naumburg. The only gear observed was equipment from the post.

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Telephone lines to all military installations of the post, a major line to Lossa and line toward Weimar led out of the installation.<sup>4</sup>

- 7. Between 3 May and 3 June, the Bluscher Kaserne (8591) in Naumburg was occupied by an estimated 1,200 soldiers wearing red epaulets and signal and motor transport insignia.

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Attacking and rolling up of enemy positions was repeatedly practiced at the Knabenberg post training grounds.<sup>5</sup>

- 8. On 26 May, the Flak Kaserne west of Schubertstrasse (8181) in Gotha appeared to be occupied to capacity. About 75 percent of the windows of the installation were lit at dusk. The Neue Kaserne (8182) east of Schubertstrasse was also occupied to capacity and approximately 90 percent of the windows of the installations were lighted at dusk. In the morning, some 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and equipped with carbines and 1 x 82-mm mortar left the installations for a training grounds in the vicinity.

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- 9. Between 25 May and 4 June, the Infanterie Kaserne (8521) in Weissenfels was occupied by a rear detail.<sup>6</sup>

- 10. Between 25 May and 4 June, no changes were observed in the Pionier Kaserne (8522) in Weissenfels. On 25 May, some 400 soldiers with 30 to 40 trucks participated in a practice alert.

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- 1. Comment. According to a previous report, the units from this installation transferred to Ohrdruf and Lossa in mid-May. Since information in the present report appears more credible, it is assumed that the bulk of the units of the 76th Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps are stationed in their installation.

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- 2. Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by the 498th AAA Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, elements of which left for a summer camp.

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- 3. [Redacted]
- 4. Comment. The Oberlandesgericht is believed to be occupied by the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which was possibly transferred to a summer camp.

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- 5. Comment. It is believed that the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and, presumably, the 93d Mtrcl Bn of this division are stationed in Gotha.

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- 6. Comment. that the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt is stationed at the post.

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- 7. Between 3 May and 3 June, the Blue [redacted] (8381) in Naumburg was occupied by an estimated 1,200 soldiers wearing red epaulets and signal and motor transport insignia.

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- 9. Between 25 May and 4 June, the Infanterie Kaserne (8521) in Weissenfels was occupied by a rear detail.

- 10. Between 25 May and 4 June, no changes were observed in the Pioneer Kaserne (8522) in Weissenfels. On 25 May, some 400 soldiers with 30 to 40 tracks participated in a practice alert.

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- 1. [redacted] Comment. According to a previous report, the units from this installation transferred to Ehrdruf and Lossa in mid-May. [redacted] Since information in [redacted] report appears more credible, it is assumed that the bulk of the units of the [redacted] Brigade, the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps are stationed at their [redacted] camp.

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- 2. [redacted] Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by the 49th [redacted] Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, elements of which left for a summer camp.

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- 3. [redacted]

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- 4. [redacted] Comment. The Oberlandesgericht is believed to be occupied by the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which was possibly transferred to a summer camp.

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- 6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The information tends to indicate that the 17th Gds TANK BR Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is still stationed at the post.

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