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TOPIC New Training Area southwest of Prenzlau and Military Activities inPrenzlau, at the Templin Training Grounds and in Berlin-Schoeneweide

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 - 18 June. At 2200, loading of 4 T-34/85 tanks and approximately 5 trucks with soldiers.
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3. On 26 June. it was determined that the cantonment just south of Kroechlendorff consisted of 8 large buildings, which were occupied. Foundations for temporary buildings were being prepared along the west side of the Kroechlendorff-Beenz road. Barracks sections were stored nearby. Six-37 mm AA guns were emplaced on this road. Several trucks _____ approximately 12 x 76-mm field guns were observed at the edge of the woods south of the Kroechlendorff cantonment. ¹
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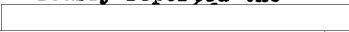
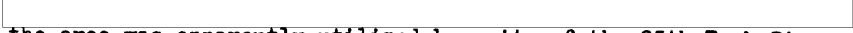



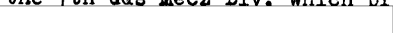
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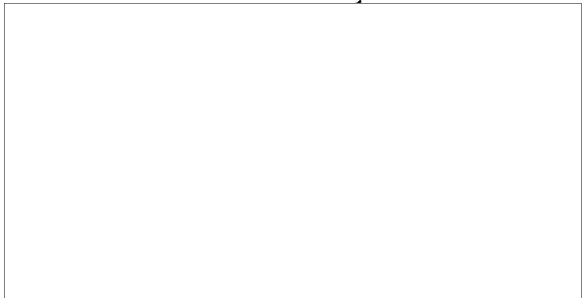
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