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23 August 1949

1. An engineer convoy of 14 three-ton trucks, carrying pontoons, and 6 other trucks arrived in the ROSSLAU-MEINSDORF (W 52/E 17) kaserne. The trucks had numbers of the [REDACTED] series. 25X1A Only drivers and assistant drivers were observed on the vehicles.

24 to 26 August 1949

2. The following shipments arrived in ROSSLAU:

24 August 1949: About 200 troops, 18 to 22 years of age, arriving aboard a regular passenger train.

25 August 1949: About 150 troops, about 20 years of age, wearing a golden-anchor insignia on black epaulets, carrying small arms and 15 light machine guns, arriving aboard a regular passenger train. Troops marched towards the MEINSDORF kaserne, led by two officers who had arrived at the railroad station in the passenger car [REDACTED] 25X1A

26 August 1949: One train of 28 tank cars with gasoline and 3 cars with wooden boxes and barrels. The train was shunted to the spur track of the MEINSDORF kaserne.

22 September 1949

3. The following observations were made in the ROSSLAU-MEINSDORF area:

a. Camp MEINSDORF (former German military post administration, part of the former military post hospital, former engineer park and former engineer officer candidate school):

Infantry, artillery, engineer and motor transport units of at least three thousand troops.

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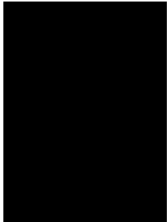
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Engineer troops wore crossed-axe insignia and crossed-axe-and-spade insignia.

The following motor vehicle numbers were identified:

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- T truck of a tank unit
- T truck of a tank unit
- T truck of an artillery unit
- T truck
- T truck
- tank truck of a motor transport unit
- passenger car
- T truck of a tank unit.

b. Former German "60th Mtz Engr Bn" Kaserne on Rosa Luxemburg Strasse - Weinsdorferstrasse (south of Camp WEINSDORF): Heavily occupied by engineer units of about six hundred troops. Insignia/anchor with crossed hammers and crossed spade and axe on black epaulets were seen. The truck # 8-48-84 belonged to the troops in the kaserne.

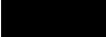
c. The following motor vehicles were identified in the streets of ROSSLAU:

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- truck of a tank unit
- passenger car of an artillery unit
- trucks, driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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Comment:

a. According to previous information, a large kaserne and cantonment quartering unit, including the former German engineer officer candidate school and the former German "6th Mtz Engr Bn" Kaserne, is located in ROSSLAU-WEINSDORF (between the railroad line to WITTENBERG and highway No. 187).

b. The report indicates that the following units are located in this quartering unit:

(1) In the former German engineer officer candidate school and in annex buildings (called "Camp WEINSDORF"): Component units of the 7th Gcs Tank Div (Cadre), including the ? No. Gcs Engr Bn (Cadre) of the division.

(2) In the former "60th Mtz Engr Bn" Kaserne: GHQ engineer units (36th Pon Bridge Regt?).

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