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1. A train without an engine, and consisting of five boxcars, twenty-four flatcars and one flatcar with sideracks was observed along the loading ramp of the Schwepnitz (N 52/ A 32) railroad station on 13 April 1950. The boxcars were occupied by 14 officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The flatcar with sideracks carried 30 cbm of timber and the other flatcars carried three motor vehicles with numbers of the [REDACTED] series, one armored personnel carrier, seventeen tanks, and 13 trucks with numbers of the [REDACTED] series.

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The troops and their materiel were detrained during the night and moved to the summer camp on the Koenigsbrueck [REDACTED] - Schwepnitz road. *

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2. A switchman said that troops and about 60 heavy tanks were unloaded from three trains at the Haldensleben [REDACTED] railroad station during the night of 17 April 1950. Several tank columns moved toward the camp in the woods during the same night, according to residents living along the Magdeburg [REDACTED] - Haldensleben highway. Tank tracks were seen the next morning. **

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Comment:

- * Presumably a tank unit of the 8th Gds Mecz Div (according to motor vehicle numbers). Component units of this division were also identified at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds in recent years.

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** About one heavy tank self-propelled regiment moving to the Letzling Leath troop training grounds; possibly the Burg 136th Gds Hvy Tank Sd Regt of the Third Shock Army, which also held its exercises in this area in 1949.

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