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1. No changes were observed in the occupation of the Saalfeld (M 51/J 53) barracks.
2. Several 15-man groups left the barracks for the target range on 20 April 1950. Four groups of soldiers held close-combat practice with wooden rifles in the barracks yard.
3. Small groups of tanks were recently seen leaving for the tank training area at Roter Berg. The tanks usually left at night.
4. Four tanks with infantry personnel wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets squatting on them moved toward Roter Berg on 22 April 1950.

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\*  Comment: The report indicates that the Saalfeld units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div (120th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and 15th (Gds?) Tank SP Regt) were still at the post on 22 April 1950. Several reports evidence that component units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div started leaving for the Ohrdruf troop training grounds in mid-April 1950. \*\* It is possible that the units observed in Saalfeld on 22 April 1950 may have been only training units which remained at the post.

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