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TITLE Soviet Troops in Kaisersteinbruch and Bruck on the Leitha River

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Kaisersteinbruch.

1. On the morning of 24 May 1951, 4 T-34 tanks, 1 T-34 tank chassis without turret, and 1 SU-100 SF gun were seen in the area about 2.5 km southeast of Tilfleinsdorf (P 49/X 67), on the south bank of the Leitha River. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets rested in the grass beside the armored vehicles. A wooden fence, a barrier and a roofed watchtower were under construction there. The area seemed to be converted into a target range for armored vehicles. [redacted] drove to the camp in the woods at Bruck on the Leitha River. (P 49/X 77), coming from the direction of Schwechat (P 49/X 48). *

2. On 24 May it was determined that the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch (O 49 X 67), which previously seemed to be divided into a northern and a southern section, was one collective billeting area, situated on the eastern perimeter of Kaisersteinbruch. [redacted]

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The 16 canvas-covered artillery pieces east of the cantonment appeared to be M guns with funnel-shaped muzzle brakes and protective shields. Ten other artillery pieces parked nearby had their barrels elevated at an angle of 70 degrees. Thirty-eight trucks were parked at the cantonment, [redacted] An aircraft model suspended from a wire at a height of 12 to 15 meters was used as target for aiming practice with M guns. **

3. No information could be obtained on the occupation of the cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch, on the south side of the road to Sommerein (P 48/X 67). About 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and 8 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were observed in the town of Kaisersteinbruch.

Bruck on the Leitha River.

4. On 22 May 1951, the garages southeast of the railroad station in Bruck on the Leitha River still seemed to be vacant. No noise indicating repair work was heard, nor were there any imprints of caterpillar or wheeled vehicles. [redacted]

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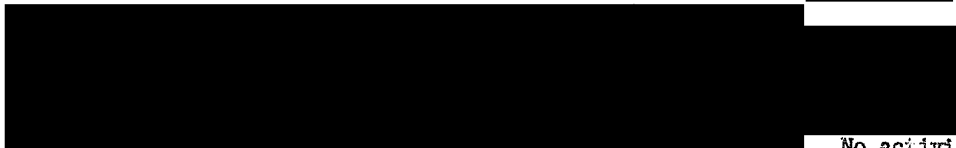
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No activity was observed at the signal equipment depot in the former sugar refinery. Telegraph poles, wire reels, and insulators were seen in the yard. ***

25X1A* Comment. The area 2.5 km south of Wilfleinsdorf is probably used as a training field by the 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div which is carried in the camp in the woods near Bruck on the Leitha River.

25X1A** Comment. Same source also observed AA guns there in mid-April 1951. Their assignment could not be determined, [redacted]

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25X1A** Comment. The information on Bruck on the Leitha River indicates no changes over a report of 2 May 1951. [redacted]. The present 25X1A report fails to indicate whether the 15th Tank Regt was still in the camp at Bruck.

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