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[redacted] 1. On 1 April 1952, there were no troop movements or quartering of troops in the area of Buttstaedt-Rastenberg-Eckartsberga (M 52/J 68). In the area of the Finne hill north of Weimar (M 52/J 57), only a small unit with 3 amphibious cars were seen. However, there were a number of individual trucks near Eckartsberga which

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[redacted] 2. Three trains each consisting of 18 flatcars, carrying T-34 tanks [redacted] and escorting personnel, was loaded at the Nechterstaedt (M 51/H 96) railroad station on 22 March and were seen passing through Gotha (M 51/J 06) on the same day.

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3. Several low wooden barracks buildings were seen in a wood patch along the Ohrdruf (M 51/J 15)-Muehlen railroad line, south of Gotha, near Petriroda in late March. They were occupied by a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted] and guns of an approximately 150-mm caliber, some of which were towed by caterpillars and some by trucks, were seen at the low wooden barracks buildings. (2)

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4. The quarters of the Kindel (M 51/H 97) troop training grounds were still unoccupied on 2 April. Individual construction details were seen replacing the struts of the lean-to roofs of the tank parking lot north-northeast of Grossen Lupnitz. No new constructions were seen. Highway No 04 was widened on each side of the road by almost 2 meters from the junction to Deuernfeld north of Grossen Lupnitz as far as point 355.5, 4 km northeast of Grossen Lupnitz. The troop training grounds appeared to be occupied by not more than 200 to 300 men.

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5. Two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and with the [redacted] on the epaulets were seen at the Misenach (L 51/H 76) railroad station on 27 March. They later left the town in the direction of Stockhausen on truck [redacted]. Motor vehicles seen in Misenach, driving in the direction of Stockhausen-Kindel,

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6. A boxcar, which carried an antenna which extended the entire length of its roof about one meter above the roof and with a wire leading into the car, was stationed at the Mechterstaedt (N 51/K 96) railroad station since late March 1952. The car was connected with the saw mill near the railroad station by field wire. A sentry was first seen at the saw mill on 20 March. The saw mill manufactured sections for wooden barracks structures and billeting equipment. (3)
7. On 30 March 1952, 200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 6 trucks, including [redacted] and 6 x 37-mm AA guns were loaded for Aue (N 51/K 53) railroad station at the Chemnitz (N 51/K 66) main station. Between 450 and 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 43 [redacted] and 20 AA guns were loaded for Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) railroad station at the Chemnitz railroad station on 31 March. (4)
8. Sections 1 and 2 of the Werdor-Markendorf troop training grounds near Justerbog (N 52/E 69) were occupied by troops from Justerbor-Altes Lager on 1 April. A [redacted] A unit with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia who had also been stationed at the troop training grounds in the preceding year occupied almost all wooden barracks of Section 4. Three T-34 tanks, [redacted] were seen at the parking lot of Section 3 on 2 April. The other sections were occupied by advance parties. (5)
9. On 2 April, aiming practice was performed with rocket launchers [redacted] behind Stalag III near Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 90). Trucks stood nearby. Four men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying mine detectors practiced near these vehicles. About 40 men received training with 8 light machine guns on tripods (AA machine guns) in the billeting area of Stalag III. (6)
10. Truck [redacted] left Camp Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) on 25 March, for the railroad station with 2 officers and 14 men in tank uniform who departed in the direction of Cottbus (N 52/A 57). Firing with live ammunition of T-34/85 tanks, and 2 JS-3 tanks and a combat practice of 20 officers and about 100 men were conducted on 29 March. Firing practice with live ammunition of four T-34/85 tanks with about 50 men was seen on 30 March. Firing with live ammunition of 3 T-34 tanks with about 8 officers and 30 men was seen on 4 April, while 4 other T-34/85 tanks covered with tarpaulin stood at the firing range. Three T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] and 3 van-like trucks drove from the camp to the Weisswasser railroad station on 6 April. Motor vehicle [redacted] seen between the camp and the Weisswasser railroad station included [redacted]. The commandatura in Weisswasser and the ration supply depot were still closed on 7 April. (7)
11. A total of 47 new trucks with covered numbers and a large signal vehicle [redacted] were loaded and departed in an easterly direction at the Cottbus railroad station on 28 March. Trucks [redacted] loaded ammunition from the damaged building in the northeastern corner of the Hermann Loens Kaserne on Hermann Loens Strasse on 22, 24 and 25 March and left for Spremberg. The ammunition included infantry ammunition and shells. (8)
12. On 29 March, 25 new trucks without numbers and 6 large caterpillar tractors, the latter from a second troop train, were unloaded at the Wuensdorf (N 53/Z 91) railroad station. The ammunition bunkers near the AA gun emplacement at the Wuensdorf railroad station were completed on 4 April. The personnel was still quartered in earth bunkers. (9)
13. The engineer training site in Rosslau (N 52/E 17) near Dessau was vacated because of high water on 28 March as was the AA battery in Pockerode near the bridge across the autobahn. A number of small units, some of them with tanks and armored scout cars, returned to the barracks installation in Rosslau and Camp Gross Kuehnau on 26 March. No practices or troops were seen in the area of Brambach-Kitzmeck on the Elbe River on 23 March. The Elbe River, which was placed off limits for 25 and 27 March because of a forecast of high water, was declared open to traffic on 24 March. (10)

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14. A column of 15 trucks, without superstructures, including

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which later left in the direction of Lindenau (N 52/E 11), was seen on Stalin Allee formerly Frankfurter Strasse, in Leipzig (N 52/E 21) on 25 March. Every other truck was coupled to another truck. (1)

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Comments.

(1) This information again indicates that the command-post exercise which had been conducted in that area was largely terminated in late March. The motor vehicles most of which are known to belong to the area of the Eighth Gds Army, include only individual vehicles of an army signal unit of the Second Gds Army, of the 1st Mecz Div and the 9th Gds Tank Div which belong to other areas.

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(2) These observations cover the artillery training area in the northwest section of the Ohrdruf troop training grounds which is known from previous information.

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the guns belong to the unidentified artillery brigade of the XVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Gera. Troop movements between Gera and Ohrdruf as early as February 1952.

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(3) The present information on the area of Eisenach-Kündel Only preparations for units scheduled to occupy the troop training grounds have been observed until early April. The motor vehicles seen in Eisenach belong to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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(4) units of the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div were loaded. Components of this division were also transferred to Koenigsbrueck in the summer of 1951.

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(5) For details on the individual camp sections see sketch attached to a previous report. Although only individual detachments of the 6th Gds Tank Div had been in the camp for tank firing practice, the first major units apparently arrived in Herder-Markendorf in early April. See

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(6) the rocket launchers belong to the 91st Gds Hq. Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army which is stationed in the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik. The AA machine guns presumably belong to the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

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(7) No change was noticed at the Weisswasser troop training grounds. The present report indicates that the bulk of the 9th Mecz Div had not arrived at the troop training grounds on 7 April.

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(8) All motor vehicles belong to the 9th Mecz Div.

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(9) Information on the AA gun emplacement in Wuensdorf was previously reported.

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(10) Compare with a corresponding

(11) The column belongs to the motor transport unit of the GDFG, which is presumably stationed in the Cambrai Kaserne in Wuensdorf.

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