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1. At about 10 p.m. on 19 April 1952, 9 flatcars with sideracks and 1 coach were loaded with 16 light armored scout cars and 5 officers and 60 to 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets at the Oberer Bahnhof in Grimma (N 52/E 40). The train departed at midnight toward Doebeln (N 52/K 79). During the night of 29 April, the troops stationed at the Elsner Kaserne on Franz Vehrings Strasse and the troops stationed at the tank firing range Otterwisch, southwest of Grimma left toward Bad Lausick, south of Grimma. The troops from Otterwisch were equipped with 2 SU-100 SP guns, 3 T-34 tanks and 3 caterpillar tractors, each towing an infantry gun. On 30 April, the Strassburg Kaserne on Leipzigerstrasse was occupied by a rear detail of about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the Elsner Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of 30 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only one sentry was seen at the Kaserne on Franz Vehrings Strasse. The AT gun emplacement was vacant. Employees at the supply depot stated that the first elements of the troops stationed in Grimma had arrived in Schwepnitz north of Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) on 1 May. (1)

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2. During the period from 25 to 30 April, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Danzigerstrasse, Leipzig (N 52/E 21) was still occupied by army and air force units. [redacted] The Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Meiterblick was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, during the same period. The installation was allegedly vacant prior to 25 April. Only personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen receiving driving instruction on [redacted] trucks [redacted]

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3. On 1 and 2 May, the Flak Kaserne in Nerseburg (N 52/D 91) was occupied by about 120 troops. Motor vehicles were not seen. (3)

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4. [redacted] Eisenfels (N 52/J 99), [redacted] during the period from 21 to 28 April, the installation was occupied by 300 to 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 11 T-34 tanks and 3 JS tanks, [redacted] leaving the Pioneer Kaserne toward Zeitz (N 52/K 09). [redacted] (4)

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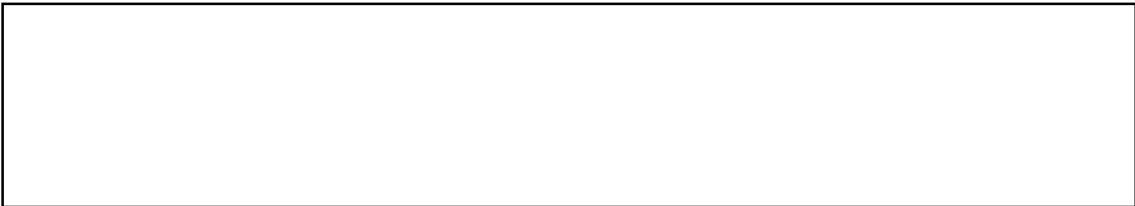
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6. On 17 April, a column of eight trucks [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment was seen proceeding toward Erfurt (Y 51/J 36) on the autobahn near Weimar (Y 51/J 49). Nine soldiers wearing red-bordered black beranlets working from a truck [redacted] strung a 16-wire overhead telephone line along the Weimar-Erfurt autobahn on 17 April. (6)

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) [redacted] elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Crimma moved to Koenigsbrueck as early as 4, 11 and 12 April. [redacted]. The unit stationed in Otterwisch was reported for the first time and is possibly the tank training battalion of this division which had not yet been located. Information on the occupation of the barracks installation in Crimma was contained in a recent report. See

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(2) [redacted] the 21st Gds Mecz [redacted] of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed at the Flak Kaserne Weiterblick is assumed to have moved to Koenigsbrueck between 8 and 25 April. [redacted]. It can safely be assured that the remaining personnel belongs to the repair shop and the driving school.

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(3) [redacted] the elements of the 38th (?) Artillery Brig of the XXIX Gds Rifle Corps stationed in Verschury moved to Kindel at about 20 April. [redacted]

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(4) [redacted] five shipments of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Rifle Div stationed there left the loading area of Weissenfels-Touchem for Kindel between 15 and 19 April. [redacted]. The 300 soldiers who, according to the present report, were still seen at the barracks installation until 28 April, possibly belong to the unidentified reconnaissance battalion which is still believed stationed there.

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(5) Except for a vehicle of the air force and the GOCG, all vehicles observed in the Kindel area belong to the 57th Gds Rifle Div.

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(6) This column belongs to the 20th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] 20 shipments of this division to the Ohrdruf area during the period from 11 to 21 April. [redacted]

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