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[redacted] units from the posts of Brandenburg, Rathenow and Potsdam would practice at the Altengrabow troop training grounds every summer. The barracks installations and cantonments at Altengrabow had a quartering capacity of about 8,000 men by the end of the war. At present, there is available a quartering space for an estimated 10,000 men. Previous observations indicated that camps in the woods were located in Hohenlobbese, in the woods about 2 to 3 km southwest of Koepernitz and in the wooded area of Rosenkrug south of Schopsdorf. The woods south of Schopsdorf is placed off limits throughout the year. According to rumors among the population, numerous low, wooden buildings serving as quarters were located near Rosenkrug and tent camps would be established in the summer. Prior to 15 April, advance parties or small units were stationed in this camp. Soldiers from Rathenow were engaged in work at the field bakery. Besides the troops that were stationed in the camps in the woods in the summer, artillery units from military posts other than mentioned would stay for short-term firing practice. On 17 April, motor vehicles with beams came to the sawmill at Magdeburgerforth from the direction of Rosenkrug. They returned loaded with boards. [redacted] 7 troop

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trains from Wildpark arrived between 8:45 p.m. on 16 April and the afternoon of 17 April. The following trains were observed:

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At 11 a.m. on 17 April: detraining of about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and a band from 12 boxcars, about 15 trucks [redacted] 18 prime movers, 18 x 122-mm field guns, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, and 3 sedans from an undetermined number of flatcars. Trucks [redacted] left the railroad station, loaded with boards.

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At 2 p.m. on 18 April: arrival of a train from Potsdam with 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia, about 20 trucks [redacted] 11 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 11 prime movers [redacted] and ammunition boxes on 7 boxcars.

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At 2:30 p.m.: arrival of a train from Wildpark with 28 trucks including 16 with van-like superstructures provided with windows [redacted] and 80 to 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train was said to have been a workshop train.

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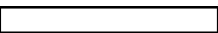
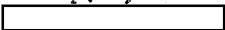
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1.  Comment.  the Altengrabow troop training grounds generally correspond with previous observations. The wood camps mentioned are located outside the troop training grounds proper and, except for Camp Rosenkrug, have so far not appeared.

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2.  Comment. Compare with reports  on the loadings on 16 and 17 April of units of the 34th Arty Div in Potsdam and Wildpark, which transferred to Altengrabow in not less than 8 shipments. 

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