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1. On 6 and 19 April 1954, [redacted] Forst Zinna troop training grounds were guarded. At about noon on 6 April, [redacted] guns, presumably field guns of 76.2-mm, were displaced in forest section No 17. At about 1 p.m., 1 radio truck and 3 T-34/85 tanks arrived at the training grounds from the direction of Adolf Hitler Camp. Tank and artillery firing was subsequently heard from the direction of Mehlsdorf. [redacted] At about 6:30 p.m. the same day, 6 [redacted] trucks, towing 3 x [redacted] AT guns, came from forest section No 17, where about 180 soldiers were [redacted] from 2 field kitchens. At about noon on 19 April, 19 tents, 15 trucks, 76.2-mm field guns and about 250 soldiers were seen north of forest section No 43. [redacted] From 12:30 p.m. up to 3 p.m., artillery firing was practiced south of forest section No 45. At about 3:30 p.m., about 30 trucks, 1 radio truck, 11 guns including 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 other 76.2-mm guns and 1 x 85-mm AT guns were seen in forest section No 43. [redacted]

[redacted] The unit departed toward Neue Muehle in the afternoon on 20 April.¹

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3. Between 20 and 23 April, [redacted] in Camp Forst Tauer at Lieberose troop training grounds, about 120,000 DM East had been allotted for reconditioning work at 12 kitchen buildings, 3 buildings of the general's quarters, bathing installations and for the laying of 4.6 km of water pipe lines and 2.3 km of light cable. On 23 April, Camp Forst Tauer quartered about 350 to 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank, or artillery insignia and by engineer troops who maintained a saw mill. Most of the troops engaged in reconditioning work. The camp was scheduled for occupation in late April or early May. No heavy weapons were observed.

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4. Between 6 and 16 April, Neues Lager (1523) at Koenigstrueck troop training grounds quartered about 3,000 to 3,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, and water transport insignia. Colonel [redacted]

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Kershakov (fnu) returned to [redacted] on 13 and 14 April and troop training grounds of 12 April and in the [redacted] firing was heard from the troop training grounds.

5. On 15 April, the Kaserne Weixdorf (Luftkriegsschule) quartered about 300 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 150 to 180 troops who wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

6. On 20 April, Kindel troop training grounds were closed to civilian traffic. Kindel cantonment was only lightly occupied. [redacted] training activity was noticed. Sporadic artillery firing was heard at noon every second or third day. On 20 April, trucks [redacted] drove to Sophienbad, carrying 45 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Prior to 20 April, no shipments had arrived at Eisenach.

7. Prior to 21 April, [redacted] to residential [redacted] ago. On 21 [redacted] project was to be started at Kindel troop training grounds. The training grounds will be occupied, by less troops than during the preceding years.⁴

8. At about 8 p.m. on 21 April, a unit from the Hubertus Kaserne (8382) in Naumburg was loaded and dispatched at Naumburg railroad station: It included 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, about 20 trucks, 4 sedans and 1 field kitchen. On 26 April, a unit from the Bluecher Kaserne (8381) was loaded onto 25 boxcars at Naumburg Ostbahnhof. The billeting equipment was brought to the station by truck [redacted]

9. At 7 a.m. on 27 April, 24 T-34/85 tanks, several armored personnel carriers and trucks were entrained at Wittenberg railroad station.

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] artillery units of the 10th Gds Tank Div conducted firing at Jueterbog. The same units [redacted] returned to Krampnitz by road on 20 April. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicles belong to the 9th Mech Div. This indicates that the division will again be transferred to Camp Forst Tauer. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] despite the construction of the airfield, small elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were at Kindel troop training grounds. [redacted] The units of the 655th How 25xy Regt and, presumably, an advance party of the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Rgt entrained in Naumburg possibly went to Kindel.

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