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Order of Battle, Movements & Training

16th April - 17th May 1954

1. The following activity was observed in the area of HORN-GOEPFRITZ during the period 24th April - 10th May 1954:

(a) 24th April 1954: BRUNN a.d. WILDE

	W/T		driver with black/red s.bs	50X1-HUM
	jeep	"	" " " "	
		"	" " " "	
	jeep	"	" " " "	50X1-HUM
	jeep	"	" " " "	

No convoys were observed

(b) 25th April: BRUNN a.d. WILDE

At 1300 hrs a convoy moved in the direction of STOCKERAU. This 50X1-HUM
 convoy consisted of 4 3-axle towing an 7.62 cm field gun 50X1-HUM
 each. The gun barrels had 'double-baffle' muzzle brakes, the split
 trails were round. One of the a/m 50X1-HUM
 12 of various types.
 Personnel had black/red s.bs.

(c) 26th April 1954: HORN

			driver with black/red s.bs.	50X1-HUM
	jeep	"	" " " "	
		"	" " " "	
		"	" " " "	
		"	" " " "	

No convoys were observed

(d) 27th April 1954: HORN

		jeep driver with black/red S.bs.	50X1-HUM
		3-axle towing a 7.62 field gun of the type described	
		above personnel with black/red S.b.s.	50X1-HUM

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[redacted] W/T [redacted] driver with black s.bs. 50X1-HUM
[redacted] driver with magenta s.bs.
[redacted] 3-axle [redacted] towing a 7.62 field gun, as described above.

The first vehicle drove in the direction of STOCKERAU; all the others in the direction of NEUPOELLA.

The following vehicles moved in the direction of GOEPFRITZ:

[redacted] driver with black/red s.bs.
" " " "
" " " "
" " " " 50X1-HUM

(e) 29th April 1954: GOEPFRITZ

The following transports were unloaded at the railway station from 1400 - 2000 hrs:

(i) 6 3-axle [redacted] each with an approx 120 mm mortar attached. For 50X1-HUM
mortars see sketch at appendix 'A'. Two of the [redacted] had V.R.No^s 50X1-HUM
[redacted] 3 2-axle [redacted] and 2 jeeps. The personnel wore magenta S.bs. [redacted]

(ii) 6 T/34 tanks Reg. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2 tank recovery vehicles on T/34 chassis.
All these a.f.v's had the following 'tactical signs' [redacted]
[redacted]. Personnel had black/red s.bs and were 50X1-HUM
armed with pistols and machine carbines.

(f) 30th April 1954: GOEPFRITZ

(i) The following [redacted] were observed coming from the direction of 50X1-HUM
HORN:-
[redacted] driver with black/red s.bs.
" " " "
(3-axle) " " "
[redacted] motorcycle with sidecar, driver with black/red s.bs.
[redacted] jeep, driver with magenta s.bs.
[redacted] jeep, " " " "
The last 2 jeeps [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted]

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(ii) The following convoy had been partly unloaded at 1500 hrs, and 50X1-HUM
 parked near the railway station: 12 3-axle [] each towing a 50X1-HUM
 8.5 cm A/A gun (see sketch at Appendix 'B'). 3 of the [] had 50X1-HUM
 [] 11 [] 2 of which
 had [] 2 W/T [] 3 [] with
 field kitchens in tow; 3 jeeps. All vehicles of the convoy had
 tactical signs [] painted on their bodies. 50X1-HUM

The personnel had black/red s.bs with badges representing 2 crossed
 gun barrels. 3 women in uniform with black s.bs were observed among
 the officers.

(g) 5th May 1954

[]

50X1-HUM

(ii) NEUPOELLA - GARS

[]	driver with black/red s.bs.
[] jeep	" " " "
[] jeep	" " " "
[]	" " magenta "
[]	" " black/red "
[]	" " magenta "
[] jeep	" " " "

50X1-HUM

(iii) NEUPCELLA - MESTREICHS:

50X1-HUM

At approx 1500 hrs a convoy moved through NEU-POELLA in the direction
 of MESTREICHS. The convoy consisted of 7 T/34 tanks []

[] 4 [] 3 of which had []
 [] drivers with black/red s.bs. 50X1-HUM

(h) 6th May 1954: HORN-GOEPFRITZ

50X1-HUM

[]	driver with magenta s.bs.
[] jeep,	" not observed.
[]	" with black/red s.bs.

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[redacted] jeep driver with black/red s.bs.
 [redacted] " " " "
 [redacted] " " " "

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No convoys were observed

(i) 7th May 1954: BRUNN a.d. WILDE

A convoy passed BRUNN at 2200 hrs coming from the direction of HORN in the direction of GOEPFRITZ. The convoy consisted of 14 [redacted] each with a heavy machine gun mounted on a tripod and covered with tarpaulin; 4 [redacted] 2 jeeps one at the head and the other at the end of the column. [redacted] uniform were observed.

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

(j) 8th May 1954: GARS

(i) single vehicles: 50X1-HUM

[redacted] car with 4 officers, 2 of them had double red stripes on trousers.

[redacted] driver with black/red s.bs.
 [redacted] " " " "
 [redacted] " " " " 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

(ii) Convoy moving in the direction of NEUPOELLA at 2000 hrs. The convoy consisted of 4 T/34 tanks [redacted]; 8 [redacted] 1 jeep. [redacted] or uniform were observed. 50X1-HUM

(iii) Convoy moving from the direction of WEGSCKEID in the direction of HORN at 2100 hrs. The convoy consisted of 8 3-axle [redacted] each towing an approx 8 cm. gun, (see sketch at Appendix 'C'); 14 [redacted]; 3 jeeps. [redacted] or uniform were observed. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

(k) 10th May 1954: HORN - GARS

(i) Single vehicles 50X1-HUM

[redacted] driver with black/red S.bs.
 [redacted] jeep, " " " "
 [redacted] jeep, " " " "
 [redacted], s.bs. not observed.
 [redacted] motorcycle with sidecar, driver with black/red S.bs.

(ii) At 2100 hrs a convoy moved in the direction of STOCKERAU. The convoy consisted of 8 T/34 tanks [redacted]

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2. Attached at Appendix 'D' is a printed label found along the road HORN - BRUNN a.d. WILDE at 1500 hrs on 27th April 1954. This is an instruction how to deal with used shell cases and also for bidding the use of shells which have cracks at the lower 50 mm part of shell cases.

3. St. POELTEN Area: 5th April - 5th May 1954

(a) 5th April 1954:

1500 hrs A party of 1 officer and approx 20 soldiers with black s.bs were observed at MG-aiming and handling exercises in a wood S. of camp SPRATZERN.

(b) 6th April 1954:

1000 hrs The exercises described at para 3(a) above were carried out by approx 40 men S. of camp SPRATZERN near the road to BRUNNENFELD.

(c) 7th April 1954:

50X1-HUM

1000 hrs Aiming exercises carried out by 2 T/34 tanks near the Autobahn embankment S. of camp SPRATZERN. Targets at a distance of approx 200 met, with tanks moving towards targets.

(d) 9th April 1954:

0800 hrs 30-40 men carried out exercises described at Para 3(a) above at BRUNNENFELD.

(e) 13th April 1954:

50X1-HUM

1100 hrs S/P guns observed moving in the area N.W. of Camp Spratzern.

(f) 15th April 1954:

1600 hrs 2 armed cars observed moving from direction KREMS in direction SPRATZERN.

(g) 16th April 1954:

1030 hrs Single artillery shots from a medium calibre gun heard from the direction SW of Camp SPRATZERN.

(h) 19th April 1954:

0900 - Field exercises with signal flags and signal rockets in Camp
1200 hrs SPRATZERN by 2 parties, approx 70 men each.

(i) 21st April 1954:

0900 hrs Single rifle shots heard from the firing range at HARLAND, located between the a/m village and river TRAISEN.

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4. Other information, St. POELTEN: 20th April - 5th May
- (a) Transports with ammunition were observed being unloaded at SCHLOSS VIEHOFEN daily from 20th April.
- (b) 26th April two 16 year old boys were arrested in the area of Camp SPRATZERN. They were observed by a sentry photographing the camp.
- (c) Members of Russian families were observed at FRACHT Railway station St. POELTEN before their departure in 'box' wagons loaded with furniture during the period 20th April - 5th May, (direction unknown).
5. MOEDLING : 24th April 1954. 50X1-HUM
- Armed cars [redacted] were observed in the yard of the barracks known as St. GABRIEL in Gabrielerstrasse, MOEDLING. The armed cars had guns, cal. approx 2 cm. 50X1-HUM
6. KREMS: 4th May 1954
- (a) A convoy consisting of 8 [redacted] 4 of them with trailers, was 50X1-HUM observed moving in the direction of GFOEHL at 1430 hrs. One of the [redacted] driver with black s.bs. [redacted]
7. BRUCK/LEITHA
- (a) 7th April 1954 50X1-HUM
- Two T/34 tanks [redacted] observed in the tank barracks during the day. Approx 15 soldiers were observed training with a T/34 tank in the area of the barracks. Training consisted of unloading and loading the tank. The following [redacted] were also observed 50X1-HUM [redacted] All drivers had black s.b.s.
- (b) 8th April 1954 50X1-HUM
- 3 T/34 tanks [redacted] and J.S.(?) tank 110 observed in the area. Approx 60 soldiers marched out of BRUCK/LEITHA in the direction of KAISERSTEINBRUCK.
- (c) 9th April 1954
- T/34 tank [redacted] observed in the tank barracks, The following 50X1-HUM [redacted] were also noted [redacted] (jeep) and [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] All drivers had black S.b.s. 50X1-HUM
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(d) 10th April 1954

Fuel tanker [redacted] observed in the tank barracks.

50X1-HUM

(e) 12th April 1954

50X1-HUM

Training carried out in the area WILFLEINSDORF -KAISERSTEINBRUCK.

The following took part: approx 40 lorries, each containing approx

25 men. 16 T/34 tanks [redacted] Approx 24

8.5 cm A/A and 7.5 cm Field/A/tank guns. The following [redacted] were

observed [redacted] both towing 7.5 cm guns and [redacted]

towing an 8.5 cm AA gun. 4 scout cars were also observed. [redacted]

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

(f) 13th April 1954

50X1-HUM

At 0605 8 T/34 tanks left the barracks for the training area, [redacted]

[redacted] The following M.T. including 4 sco [redacted] 50X1-HUM

cars [redacted] were noted: [redacted]

(g) 14th April 1954

50X1-HUM

[redacted] drivers with black S.B. observed

in BRUCK/LEITHA.

50X1-HUM

(h) 15th April 1954

50X1-HUM

T/34 [redacted] and MT [redacted] (black S.Bs) and [redacted]

(magenta s.bs.) observed in the barracks.

50X1-HUM

(i) 17th April 1954

50X1-HUM

T/34 [redacted]

[redacted] observed in BRUCK/LEITHA.

(j) 20th April 1954

50X1-HUM

Manoeuvres in the area of KAISERSTEINBRUCK. The following troops

took part: Approx 60 [redacted] each containing approx 25 soldiers,

50X1-HUM

[redacted] (drivers with
black S.bs observed). Approx 12 T/34 tanks [redacted]

[redacted] 8 scout cars, [redacted] and

approx 28 anti-tank and 7.5 cm field guns were also seen.

50X1-HUM

(k) 21st April 1954

50X1-HUM

Manoeuvres mentioned in sub-para (j) above ended at 1620 hrs.

50X1-HUM

[redacted] towing 7.5 cm field gun and [redacted] towing

anti-tank gun observed.

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(l) 22nd April 1954

[redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] (driver with black s.bs) observed in BRUCK/LEITHA.

(m) 23rd April 1954

[redacted] observed in BRUCK/LEITHA. 50X1-HUM

(n) 24th April 1954

[redacted] 50X1-HUM
observed in BRUCK/LEITHA.

(o) 26th - 28th April 1954

Manoeuvres took place between BRUCK/LEITHA and KAISERSTEINBRUCK.

The following approx number of troops and A.F.V's took part:-

80 [redacted] containing 25 soldiers each; 20 T/34 and J.S. tanks; 50X1-HUM

36 guns including 8 - 5 cm. A/A guns; 24 MIG 15's were also observed

during the exercises. 50X1-HUM

T/34 Reg. [redacted] was noted and the following [redacted] observed. 50X1-HUM

- [redacted] towing anti-tank gun
- " " "
- " field "
- " 8.5 cm A/A gun

(p) 30th April 1954

T/34 Reg. [redacted] observed in BRUCK/LEITHA. 50X1-HUM

8. APETLON

(a) 12th April 1954

The following [redacted] observed 50X1-HUM

- [redacted] driver with black S.bs
 - " " " "
 - " " " "
 - " " " "
 - " " " "
- 50X1-HUM

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(b) 16th April 1954

Local inhabitants report approx 2,500 troops in the taining area.

The following [redacted] driver with blue 50X1-HUM
[redacted] driver with black s.bs. [redacted] driver with
blue s.bs. [redacted] driver with black s.bs.

(c) 20th April 1954

50X1-HUM

[redacted] driver with black s.bs and [redacted] driver 50X1-HUM
with blue s.bs observed in PAMHAGEN coming from the direction of

Hungary. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

driver with magenta s.bs.

" " blue "

" " black "

" " " "

(d) 22nd April 1954

[redacted] observed in PAMHAGEN at 1320 hrs 50X1-HUM
coming from Hungary in the direction of APETLON. At 1630 hrs, 12 50X1-HUM

[redacted] each towing a 7.5 cm field gun or 8.5 cm A/A gun and approx 50X1-HUM

25 soldiers to each [redacted] observed in APETLON. [redacted]

[redacted] each towing 7.5 cm field gun observed) 50X1-HUM

(e) 26th April 1954

50X1-HUM

At 0940 intensive air activity over APETLON, several MIG 15's towing
drogues and MIG-15 without drogue carrying out attacks from the air,
firing from small calibre (20 mm) A/A guns of the twin barrel type
at the aircraft. This was still in progress at 1740. Local 50X1-HUM

inhabitants stated that the troops had come from Hungary [redacted]

9. NICKELSDORF - Austro-Hungarian Border

The following M.T. was observed in NICKELSDORF either coming from
the direction of Hungary and going in the direction of PARNDORF or going into
Hungary coming from the direction of PARNDORF.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Into Austria</u>	<u>Into Hungary</u>	<u>Colour of S.Bs.</u>	
14. 4. 54.	[redacted]	car	magenta	50X1-HUM
"	[redacted]		blue	
"	[redacted]		blue	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Into Austria</u>	<u>Into Hungary</u>	<u>Colour of S. Bs.</u>
14. 4. 54.	[redacted]	jeep	blue
"	[redacted]		black 50X1-HUM
"	[redacted]		blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	" 50X1-HUM
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	black
21. 4. 54.	[redacted]	[redacted]	blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	magenta
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	" 50X1-HUM
"	[redacted]	fuel tanker	"
"	[redacted]	" "	"
23. 4. 54.	[redacted]	[redacted] car	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	black
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	black
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	Black
24. 4. 54.	[redacted]	[redacted]	Blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	black 50X1-HUM
27. 4. 54.	[redacted]	[redacted]	blue
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	black
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	"
"	[redacted]	[redacted]	blue
"	[redacted]	Red Cross	"
"	[redacted]	car	"

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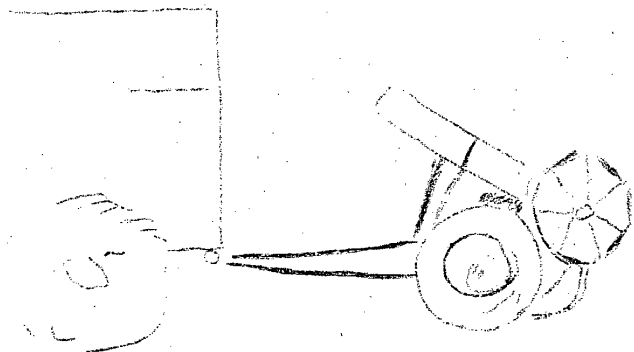
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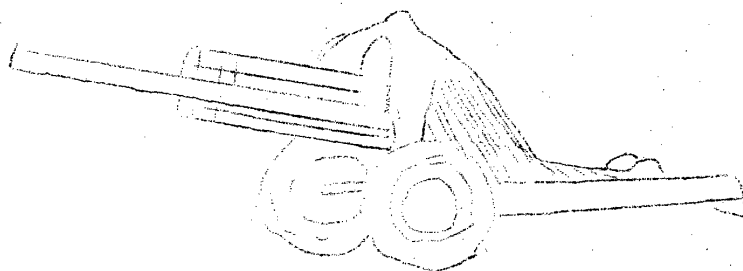
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"			black	
"			Blue	
"			"	
"			black	
24.4.54			blue	
"			"	
"			"	
"			black	
27.4.54			blue	50X1-HUM
"			black	
"			"	
"			blue	50X1-HUM
"		Red Cross	"	
"		car	"	
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"			"	
"	tanker		"	

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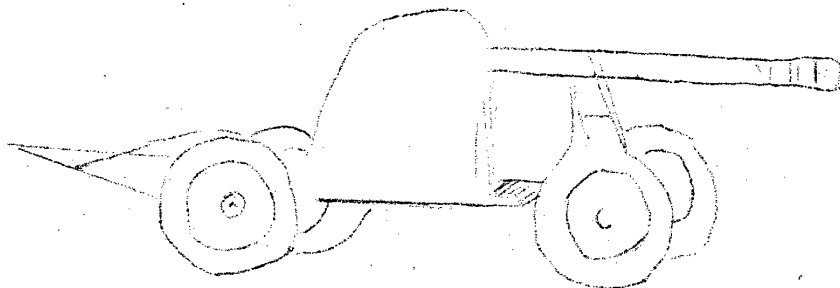
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Date 1954	Serial No.	Location of Observation	Type of or car	Colour of dvrs.S.Bs.	Remarks.
5 April	1	SPRATZERN		magenta black " " "	12 officers from direction of WILHELMSBURG from direction of WILHELMSBURG in " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
19 "	2	ST. POELTEN		magenta " "	" " " " " " " "
28 "				"	2 officers & 12 men coming from direction VIENNA in direction SPRATZERN
30 "				"	1 officer and 4 men in direction SPRATZERN.
5 May					50X1-HUM
9 April	3	VIENNA	jeep	magenta black " blue	in 4. Bezirk. " " " " " " in 1. Bezirk " " " Box body with windows, sign C painted on back side.
19 "			jeep	magenta	parked at 36 Operngasse.
26 "		PURKERSDORF	motorcycle with sidecar	black	+ 2 more, driving in the direction of ST. POELTEN
30 "		VIENNA	car	"	in Bauernmarkt
3 May		KREMS	jeep	magenta	parked at 32 Operngasse
4 "			car	black	in direction of LANGENLOIS
5 "				"	" " " "
10 "			car	magenta	" " " " 1430 hours, returned 1700.
11 "				black	from " " "
				"	in direction of MAUTERN
				"	parked in front of Prison STEIN

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Date 1954	Serial No.	Location of Observation	Reg. No.	Type or car	Colour of dvrs. S.Bs	Remarks.
13 May	3	KREMS			black	in direction of LANGENLOIS
13 "		STEIN a.d. DONAU			overalls	in direction of LANGENLOIS officer w. black cap-band
13 "		VIENNA		jeep	-	in direction of KREMS officer w. magenta cap-band.
17 "					magenta	'Kommandantur' painted white in Operngasse.

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