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SUBJECT Russian Army Maneuvers in the Gera Area

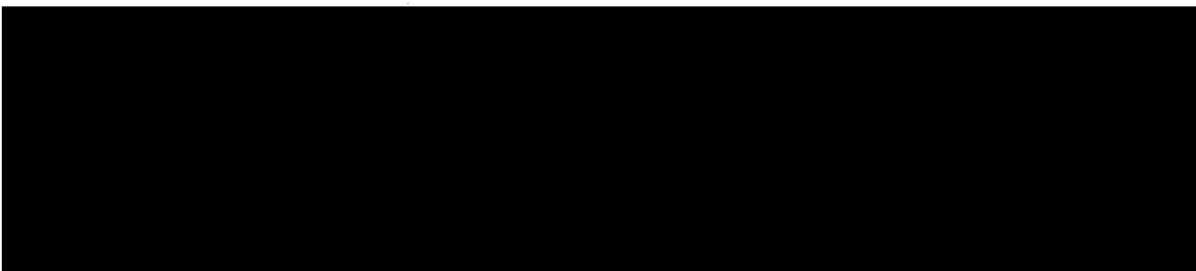
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1. Since 9 April 1947 maneuvers with mixed units have been taking place in the area of Gera and along the road from Gera to Hof. During the night of 8-9 April the following vehicles passed through Gera in the direction of Hof:  
Six reconnaissance cars in open formation (alternately on the right and left-hand side of the road;  
One regiment of motorized infantry with eight anti-tank guns in between each battalion;  
One AA unit;  
Field artillery whose passage took ten minutes, traveling slowly;  
A bridging unit, 14-16 ambulances and a few motorcycles.
2. At 1630 hours on 9 April a motorized field artillery unit passed through Gera followed by engineers with bridging material and 14-16 ambulances. Many dispatch riders were also on the road.
3. The bridging unit in paragraph 1 built a bridge during the night of 10 April at a point some 6 kms. to the north of Greiz. Further Soviet units coming from the direction of Zwickau and Chemnitz passed over this bridge.
4. The maneuver area is within the region enclosed by Gera, Schleiz, Plauen, and Greiz.

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