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1. An ammunition dump is situated in a clump of coniferous woods on the Kreisschausee on the east side of Nassenheide. It was formerly a supply dump belonging to the Organisation Todt and was taken over by the Russians in 1945. In 1949 trenches approximately 10 x 8 meters in depth were dug by German and later Polish workmen. Twelve "settlement" houses were also constructed as ammunition storerooms. They are built to a depth of approximately 4 meters below the ground and a height of 3.5 meters above. They do not communicate with one another. Each has a side entrance about two meters in size. (See attached sketch)
2. Since the beginning of March 1951, between four and seven cars have been uncoupled every night from the freight train coming from Oranienburg and shunted into the dump. At 7:00 a.m. Russian soldiers arrive in light trucks from Sachsenhausen to unload them. The empty train which passes at 2:00 p.m. takes the empty cars away. At noon a light truck comes from Sachsenhausen with the guard relief. The guard consists of one NCO and 16 men, all armed with machine carbines. If on any night there is no delivery of ammunition a correspondingly larger amount arrives the following night, and the guard has to help unload it.
3. Rifle, tank artillery, and anti-aircraft artillery ammunition is stored at the dump. It comes from Russia and from Prague, Czechoslovakia, or possibly only via Prague.
3. Every morning light trucks come from various units and are loaded with ammunition. Each truck carries one officer and six men armed with machine carbines or rifles, varying according to the unit from which they come. The ammunition is issued between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Two senior officers are in charge of issuing operations and they are assisted by two NCOs and one clerk. Local inhabitants claim that ammunition issues have recently increased in size and frequency.

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4. On 28 March, 16 closed cars were marshalled at the ammunition dump railway station, instead of the usual daily number of between five and seven cars. An augmented unloading team arrived from Sachsenhausen and unloading went on until 1:00 p.m. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] large maneuvers would soon take place.*

5. In the neighborhood of Massenhoide, extensive exercises are being carried out with very fast medium (?) tanks.

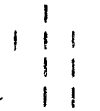
Exercises are performed in the following formations:

a. In threes

b. In fives



c. In formations of nine (including larger tanks)



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* [redacted] Comment: [redacted] the ammunition unloaded was all live. None of it was carried away from the dump.

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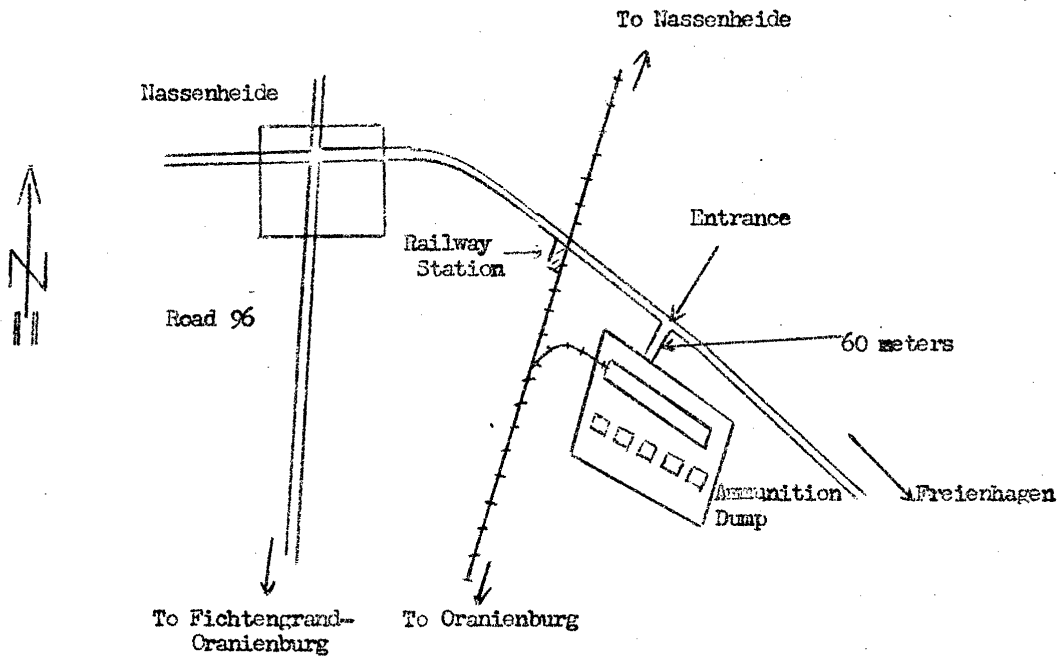
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