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REMARKS

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1. On 29 July 1951, a camp of about 40 low wooden barracks buildings was observed along the Messberg-Planken (M 53/Y 52) road near the Planken forestry office. Numerous troops with red-bordered black epaulets and some officers and women were seen in the camp. Thirty-five camouflaged trucks, some of them under repair, were parked on the road. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Truck towing a field kitchen, was seen driving through the camp. (1) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

2. Twenty vehicles [redacted] and 3 small combat vehicles, apparently personnel carriers [redacted] passed through Jaevonitz (M 53/Y 55) on 8 August and proceeded toward Stendal (M 53/Y 55). The column was followed by about 20 sidecar motorcycles. Other vehicles seen driving in the same direction were truck [redacted] carrying soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and truck [redacted] with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. (2) 50X1-HUM

3. No troops or vehicular traffic were observed in the Remonte Kaserne or the Flugplatz Kaserne at Gardelegen (M 53/Y 44). The only military vehicles observed in the streets of Gardelegen were trucks [redacted] (3) 50X1-HUM

4. [redacted] troops of all branches of service from Magdeburg, Kossau, and Zerbst were at the training area. Vehicles seen in the training area on 9 August included trucks [redacted] each towing a 57-mm AT gun. Sedan [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were identified at Born on the same day. (4) 50X1-HUM

Comments.

(1) Probably the camp in the area south of the line from Huetten to the Planken forestry office. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(2) The column was a component of the 207th Ptz Rifle Div, while the two trucks belong to the Third Shock Army and a headquarters unit of the LXXIX Ptz Rifle Corps respectively. 50X1-HUM

(3) [redacted] the Remonte Kaserne [redacted] have quartered only recruits, and the Flugplatz Kaserne [redacted] occupied by only a guard detail on 28 July 1951. [redacted] It is therefore believed that the artillery components of the 207th Ptz Rifle Div from the installations were still at the [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Letzling Heath training area. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- (4) The troops from Magdeburg, Rosslau and Zerbst are believed to have been components of the 19th Gds Recz Div, the 7th Gds Tank Div, and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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