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1. During the night of 5 October 1952, the tank unit arrived at the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Illberstaedter Strasse, Bernburg (N 52/D 76).¹ The engineer unit sent only its supply vehicles to the military post and remained at an unidentified location. Camp Dessau-Aken, on 8 October, was vacant except for a guard detail.²
2. On 11 October 1952, about 160 trucks [redacted] were entrained at the Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) railroad station. About 22 T-34/85 tanks and 100 trucks [redacted] were entrained in Gross Wudicke.³
3. On 13 October, Camp Bittkau (N 53/Y 83) was vacant.⁴
4. On 15 October, the units which had practiced there started returning from the Wiesenburg (N 53/Z 20)-Belzig area. Trucks continuously shuttled ammunition to the railroad stations.

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1. [Redacted] Comment. The tank unit is the tank company of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GDRG.

2. [Redacted] Comment. The unidentified engineer regiment of the GDRG was seen [redacted] in the training area of Aken on 28 September. [redacted] It is probable that, on 8 October, the regiment was still in that area, presumably constructing bridges that were utilized in conjunction with the field exercise of the Eighth Gds Army in the area between Aken and Nietzneck on the Elbe River on 11 and 12 October. [redacted]

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25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army returned to their posts
 25X1 from the field exercises in the area of Rathenow, [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] probably going from Rathenow to Merswalde [redacted]
 25X1 from Gross Muedicke to Oranienburg. [redacted]

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. Information by other sources indicated that Camp Wittkau
 25X1 was only partially occupied on 11 September. [redacted]
 It is probable that the camp was vacated after the completion of the fall
 maneuvers of the Third Shock Army in mid-October.

25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the units entrained
 25X1 apparently were units of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps and of army troops
 25X1 of the Eighth Gds Army. The first trains to leave were observed en route
 25X1 from Wiesenburg to the district of Halle on 16 October. [redacted]
 Another report indicated that 1,200 railroad cars had to be made available
 25X1 for runs to Wiesenburg and Pelzig during the period from 14 to 18 October.
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