




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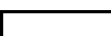
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2. He noticed that fewer Russian soldiers were to be seen in the streets of villages and small communities than in the month of March 1946. He encountered also fewer military units in the country in Thuringia. The inhabitants of small communities remarked that the Russians had left a few weeks ago.

3. 
that very few soldiers were at present stationed along the stretch between Sonneberg and Gerstungen and that most of the troops had left about eight weeks ago.

4. On the other hand, strong re-enforcements have arrived in the larger towns, particularly in Weimar and Erfurt, where Russian uniforms dominate the scene. Persons from Erfurt and Weimar estimated that the number of occupation troops in these towns amounted to between 20,000 and 30,000. The big barracks are filled to capacity.

5.  noticed among the soldiers in Weimar a great number of men belonging to the armored division of the Red Army.

6. On 9 May, about 13:00 hrs., a military Russian train was seen, consisting of about 40 cars, along the stretch Chemnitz-Leipzig. The covered freight cars were full of Russian soldiers who, however, carried with them neither heavy weapons, vehicles, horses, nor other military equipment.

