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p. 1 *(France ... AGp.15)*
Tabulation could not be explained.

p. 1 **(France ... (possibly 44))**
Uncertainty regarding North African units.

p. 2 *(4.) ... 106 Divs.)*
The total number of Divs. that France was expected to put in the field at the outbreak of war. 106 - (44+15) = 47.

p. 2 **(5.) ... military point of view.**
I.e., from a French military point of view, as it would enhance the factor of surprise.

p. 3 *(with 6 Divs. of Third Draft following within ... days.)*
Uncertain about number of days that would be necessary for mobilization. The term "Draft" is here used merely to indicate limited-employment, i.e., not first-line troops.

p. 4 *(10.) ... separate tabulation.*
The tabulation was not included in the Journal. - Ed.

p. 5 *(13.) ... Divs. to be taken out of Army Group.)*
The entire western front, including the southern part, i.e., two to four Divs. of the frontier security force, and twelve Divs. after mobilization. -- Six Divs. (mobilization plan) provided for northern border. Six Divs. (Belgium) as a containing force on Belgian border if a Franco-British force should attack through Belgium.

p. 5 **(14 e) )**
No paragraph b). - Ed.
p. 9  * (Afternoon Session b) (c) )
No paragraph c).

p. 9 ** (d) Occupation of the islands and the northern corner.)
The "islands" might be the Frisian islands (Dutch). Between 1931 and 1934 there was talk of "military plans to secure these islands in the event of war, as outposts against Britain.

p. 9 *** (e) East ....... Breslau Bridge?)
The railroad bridge at (Polish) Tczew, connecting Danzig and the Corridor.

p. 10  * (Graudenz: Possibly raiding force in civilian clothes.)
A special task force organized by OKW = Abwehr (Adm. Canaris) to seize strategic Vistula bridge.

p. 10 ** (Danzig will be left to its own resources.)
Danzig had an SA Division (Sturmabteilung, Nazi paramilitary organization)

p. 10 *** (Summary )
Written in the privacy of his room. The preceding entries were running notes made in the notebook during the Fuehrer's address.

p. 12  * (Gdynia. Shelling with K 5 Gun.)
28 cm railway gun.

p. 12  * (Evening: .... Ribbentrop - Ciano)
The first three words are illegible. They could mean "Mu/so/less/ West neutral".
The entry may have reference to preparations by the Reichsbahn for Party Rally, e.g. assembly of trains.

I.o., two Regts. of the triangular Div. (Airborne).

A paratroop experimental Bn. activated in western part of Germany, to be transferred to troop training center in Silesia (Sorau).

Y refers to date of attack (D-Day).

Y refers to a pending decision as to whether von Bock was to attack on D-Day even if the Polish northern wing should prove to be the stronger, or in that case wait the pre-arranged eight days during which the Polish Army would regroup to meet the threat of the larger German force in the South.

Evacuations by Todt.

Evacuations by Todt. Saarbruecken area.

In Protectorate. Schaal protested against misuse of tanks for that purpose.

Preparing General Headquarters with largest Army communications center in woodlands outside Berlin.

"Gas ammunition. Trouble with leak proofing? See Sixth Section." (Sixth Section became Gen Qm Section after beginning of war. - Ed.)

No details remembered.
p. 15  *(Todt withdraw several days before.)*
I.e., before start of hostilities.

p. 15  *(Netschbruch.)*
Netse river marshes on Polish border, where neither side could operate. Protect boundary between AGps. North and South.

p. 15  **(Fighter operation "Red").**
Red was code for Eastern theater, Blue for western theater.

p. 16  *(Guerrilla warfare ...)*
Qu IV was instructed to see to it that intelligence disseminated to field units would draw proper attention to the possibility of partisan warfare in operational theaters.

p. 17  *(Conference at Army Group 2.)*
This is AGp. 2 of the peacetime organization of the German Army, under command of von Leeb, not von Bock's Army Grp. on the eastern border. It became AGp. C.

p. 17  **(C in C Army Group 2.)**
** (Industrial evacuation.)**
Scarbruecken area.

p. 17  ***(...) last evacuations on receipt of Y-Day order.**
Start of hostilities in the East.

p. 17  # (Check with 6th Section.)
Gen Qu Section

p. 17  ## (... occupation of Luxembourg territory.)
Enter by French armed forces.

p. 17  ### (Reinforcement east of Gravenz.)
East of Corridor, i.e., in East Prussia.

p. 17  #$ (Qu IV report on Italy.)
Striking out of an entry indicates that matter has been taken up with Section concerned.
On the Polish side, were to be seized to prevent demolitions.

X-Day is Mobilization Day. Usually X referred to Hour (Zero Hour).

Office of Transportation Chief.

Canaris, Head of OKW - Abwehr, kept Halder informed on diplomatic developments, which he learned through his intelligence channels, as a favor among friends; OKW - OKH set-up did not provide for any official channeling of such information. Another source of information was the organic OKH intelligence organization, OQu IV.

Italian Ambassador.

Himmler's chateau near Salzburg.

Same as footnote #

Fourth Army, in Pomerania, would cut across Tucheler Heide Moors (in Corridor) to link up with Third Army in East Prussia.

Town in Slovakia, strategically located south of Polish border.

Tenth Army, in AGp. South.

Heading of "protest" is not certain. — 23.
* {Op. Sec, k*i Policy on fire volume in West.}
The were to be differentiations as between French
and the other western neighbors.

** *(2.) Should we put in operation prearranged
schedule ... ?

The German term "Spannungsstufen" refers to the "waves"
of a fixed schedule; I: Order troops, II: Reservists, for tighter closing of border.

* {4.) Situation would be easier, ...

From the point of view of command because such an
order would permit institution of certain preparations.

** *(4.) b) order "Defense Plan West" ...

The defensive plan based on "playing dead" and letting
the French start hostilities.

*** *(Checked with 11th Sec.)

Later Foreign Armies East.

* {Arranged with Army Group.)

Regarding use of roads in Slovakia.

**# *(1000, Jaschonneck, ... Barkhausen has no instructions.)

Probably refers to Seventh Air Force Div.

*** *(6.) ... Checked with 3rd Sec)

Later Foreign Armies West.

### *(Holland ... "German" Brigade ...)

- Composed of Netherlands citizens of German or mixed
extraction.

(Asterisk omitted) *(Canaris: Situation at Berlin
Police Hq)

Count von Helftörf. Hanged after the 20th July, 1944,
as one of the conspirators.

(Asterisk omitted) *(Evacuation of ... XII Corps Area.)

Mil. District XII, i.e., the Saarbruecken industrial
area.
p. 27 *(Telephone restrictions lifted on Britain and France). Probably relating to tapping of telephone lines.


p. 27 *** *(Exercises). Could not be reconstructed from notes.

p. 27 **# *(K-men). Operations of Organization K were under OKW control (Canaris). Organization K was the nucleus of Regt. Brandenburg, the military sabotage and special tasks organization (e.g. operations in foreign uniforms).


p. 28 * *(ObdH ........ 2 quotas). Fuel in the German Army was issued in quota units sufficient to move all vehicles of, e.g. one Div. over 100 km on level, or 75 km on hilly roads.

p. 28 ***(Halldorf.). Police Commissioner of Berlin. (see p.26)


p. 28 **# *(Siewert.). Adjutant of von Brauchitsch. Time probably 1630 or 1700.

p. 28 **## *(Engel.) One of Hitler's aides-de-camp. A frequent source of information on OKW.

p. 29 * *(Objectives of forcible means farther). "Ziel der Gewalt weiter." The shorthand notes are fairly clear and suggest no other rendering. Gen. Halder can no longer interpret this entry which he believes he made hurriedly at the telephone. - Ed.

p. 29 ** *(Goering - Kompr.). "Kompr." (in long hand) could not be reconstructed.

p. 29 *** *( . . We shall respect sovereignty.). I.e., "We shall respect neutrality."
"Täuschen fahren." Refers to the plan of the Polish campaign, according to which railroad movements were to run to the center of the front, between AGps. North and South, so as to keep the enemy in the dark as to the direction of the main concentration for the "hard solution". This "hard solution", i.e. the decisive attack on one of the wings, was to be launched while the deception movements in the center were still going on.

Should read 6.9.

French Ambassador.

German Mil. Attaché in Tokyo.

Gen. Halleck could not remember the nature of the demonstration contemplated, whether it was designed to regain friendship of Japanese Army, or to let them know that the German Army felt the same way.

Meaning, don't let anyone change your plans! After opening of hostilities was called off on 25 Aug., all commanders wanted changes in their orders.

Air Force was particularly insistent about accommodation of its wishes.

Oster:

C of S, OZW – Abwehr.

Although Min. of Finance, he joined the group working against Hitler. Was hanged after the 20th July, 1944.
Oddly request to see Gen. Halder. See entry at 2300.

Localities in Slovakia.

Probably detected Corridor.

How Army bore up under strain of a last-minute cancellation of all measures that had been set in operation.

German Mil. Attaché at Brussels.

Probably diplomatic friction, possibly about transit of Fourth Lt. Div. through Slovakia.

Holland was offended that her willingness to act as mediator was ignored, with all Powers looking to Belgium.

Could not be reconstructed from context.

SA formation, later a Div., named after the site of the abortive putsch in Munich, in 1923. The members of the SA had semi-military training, but were not regarded as fully trained.

There was a report that the government was going to put these persons, considered unreliable elements, into Concentration Camps on outbreak of the war. The A-1 File could have been an SD register.

No recollection of "Mobilization White". "Red" was preparedness assembly in East, "Blue" preparedness assembly in West.
p. 38 * (1130 Conference ... Chief Gen. Staff.)
Gen. Halder.

p. 38 ** (a) ...assembly area of Fourth Army.)
Mil. District II (Stettin).— The Second-Line Div. is a Landwehr Div.

p. 38 *** (Bock... to free operational forces.)
By organizing special units for border protection, etc.

p. 39 * (ObdH ... put them into a new Div.)
A GHq Reserve Div. The military drill in the SA formation produced no effective soldiers.

p. 39 ** (Siewert)
Footnote canceled.

p. 40 * (Requests: ... c) ...Red Zone.)
Zone nearest French border, Saarbruecken.

p. 41 * (c) Schnee Eifel ... forward of base line)
The terrain of Schnee Eifel was too rugged to allow depth for a border position. Depth then had to be obtained by siting the main line of resistance away from the border (Pruem position.)

p. 42 * (Geering) Stulpnagel relieved of his post.)
Joachim von Stulpnagel, Chief of Replacement Army, worked against Geering in the Frisch and Blomberg cases; not a relative of Heinrich and Otto von St. Fromm now combined this post (SdE) with that of Chief of Army Equipment (Ch H Rust.)

p. 42 ** (0840 ObdH ... not cleared with ObdH.)
ObdH remembered the relation between Ludendorff and Hindenburg and he was not going to be reduced to a mere figurehead by his Chief of Staff.

p. 43 * (Conference Italy — Western Powers...)
Footnote canceled.

p. 43 ** (Ag. South... Second Arm. Div. 80 km to the east.)
Must have been mistake or refers to something else.
p. 44
* (...) K-organization has occupied several groups.)
Cf. p. 27, note *®.

p. 44
* (Bridges: ... too Birago.)
An Austrian bridge type.

p. 45
* (From ... a) ... Acting Corps Hq II...
Should be Corps Hq III, the home Mil.District (stell-
vertretendes Generalkommando) of III Corps.

p. 45
** (From... Allocation ... to lower echelons must be
stopped.)
Unauthorized assignments within Army areas.

p. 45
(Asterisk omitted) (Navy: Second and Third draft will be
activated.)
Not the Army Drafts. Coastal Defense units.

p. 45
** (... Group Command C)
"Gruppenkommandos" become Army Gps. on mobilization.
This is AOp. C on the Rhine.

p. 46
* (Tenth Army ... MT Bert. inside)
Could not be reconstructed.

p. 46
** (Economy switched over ... Artillery?)
Industry switched over to a prepared war production
program with certain priorities. Artillery, apparent-
ly not on the priority program, was short at the time.

p. 48
* (ODn IV.... check list on enemy forces!)
A check list that would tell at a glance which enemy
Divs. were: a) destroyed; b) damaged; and c) intact.

p. 49
* (Report in the morning ...... Reports to ObdH ....
afternoon of the following day.).
The complete report for e.g., Monday must reach ObdH
on Tuesday afternoon at the latest.
Troop training centers.

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Could be Brys.

Fritsch went to front as Col. of his Arty.Regt., but did not command it. He was killed at an advanced Observation Post cut off by a sudden enemy advance.

An organization similar to an Army Hq., independent in operational matters, but subordinate to a regular Army Hq. (AOK) in all organizational matters. This arrangement, in most cases of temporary nature, is introduced where the number of components is too large for effective control by a single Army Hq. (e.g. more than five Corps).

Artillery School at Jueterbog, needed for training. Should not be filled with Divs. pending shipment to front.

"Loetzen antreten". Fortification area in East Prussia is to be included in Theater of Operations.

ObdH thought that von Tippelskirch was extending his interests and activities to fields far removed from his own; possibly he was dabbling too much in politics.
p. 52a  * (Armeearbeitung .... Haase (?)) - (seventy?) -
Haase was 70 and too old for this Armeearbeitung.

p. 53  * (OQO Gen Cu ...... Weapons)
What will be the effect on arms production?

p. 53  ** (1130 OQO IV: ...... Wagner - Gorcket)
Mention of these two names under OQO IV is unusual.
Cannot be reconstructed.

p. 56  * (OblH: .... Sodenstern.)
Refers to Heeresgruppe 2, the peacetime organization
dealing with all military matters concerning the West.
At outbreak of war, von Leeb takes over from von Witzleben
who, being younger, takes command of an Army in the
field. Sodenstern, the C of S of Witzleben, stays with
von Leeb.

p. 56  ** (OQO I .... Will I)
Col. Will Bodieis - Befehlshaber der Eisenbahnsoldaten,
Chief of Railroad Troops.

p. 57  * (Situation at Lomza .... holding out (187).)
Refers probably to Polish Eighteenth Army.

p. 57  (Asterisk omitted) (SS Artillery of the ArmeeCorps.)
von Bock had very little Armor and so took an improvised
Armee.Div. organized in East Prussia that consisted of
everything that could be found; probably it included
SS Artillery. Kuechler (Fourth Army, East Prussia)
did not want this unit with him and offered to turn it
over to Gp Reserve, away from the front. This case,
and similar incidents led to a protracted exchange with
Himmler which dragged into 1941 but never received any
satisfactory action.
Volume I. List of Errata.

p. 6 15.).: For "Wilhelma Canal" read: "Wilhelmina Canal".

14. August 1932, 1st paragraph: For "assessment" read: "assessment".

p. 11 11th paragraph: For "is continuously restraining influence" read: "is a continuously restraining influence".

p. 15 a) For "Deputy Coef" read: "Deputy Co of S".

p. 24 24 August 1939, OOp. No. Op. Sec.; 3.) For "We don't shoot; first;" read: "We don't shoot first".

p. 27 26. August 1939. 4th paragraph: For "traffic load" read: "traffic load".

p. 30 Op. Sec.: For "a Dive." read: "5 Dive."

OOp. IV: For "Coulondre" read: "Coulondre".

p. 33 1900. For "some to aid" read: "come to aid".

p. 37 2nd paragraph. For "all register" read: "all registers".
   For "atrocities" read: "atrocities".

Wagner: For Corps Command Area XII read: "Mil. Dist. XII".

p. 40 0945: For "all ont Dive." read: "all front Dive."

p. 45 1130: For "obstacle" read: "obstacle".
   For "Fortifications" read: "Fortifications".

OOp. North: For "the enemy has taken back" read: "the enemy has been taken back".
   For "Brigade Brand" read: "Brigade Brand".

p. 49 Third line: For "Galicia" read: "Galicia",

Seventh line: For "in the district of Warsaw" read: "in the direction of Warsaw".

p. 52 Third paragraph: For "one Rocket projector Bn." read:
   One Chem. Mortar Bn."

OKH: For "can be started" read: "can be started".

p. 52a 1230 Sedanstern g) For "agree with that by OKH" read: "agrees with that by OKH".
p.1  *(2.) Lost ... south wing) Ground-persistent mustard gas, developed in Russia after 1918 under German auspices. The idea was to deny enemy ground by blocking areas with Lost gas, since the 7 Divs. of the 100,000 men Army could not protect Germany's borders.— The connection in which this gas is mentioned here could not be exactly reconstructed. Possibly something was found that was interpreted as preparations for using the gas.

p.1  **(3.) Order regarding arms.) Refers to arms in possession of civil population. Wanted a legal opinion.

p.1  *(Asterisk omitted.) (4) OQu IV... approach indirectly) i.e. through some friend at OKW.

p.2  *(Asterisk omitted.) (Notes for ObdH. Propaganda Organization.)
ObdH wanted a Press Relations Officer, Gen. Heider proposed Grosskurth. The post went to Lt. Col. Radke.

p.3  *(Asterisk omitted.) (Gen. Becker.) Chief of Army Ordnance Office.— Ed.

p.3  *(Asterisk omitted.) (ObdH... Neutrals... work fast!) i.e., bring Polish campaign to a quick close so as to present world with an accomplished fact.

p.4  *(Asterisk omitted.) (Hierl on phone!)
Chief of Reich Labor Service, Labor Service units were Army auxiliaries in supply transport and construction services.

p.4  *(Asterisk omitted.) (Etscheidt.)
Legal representative (Syndikus) of foreign press in Berlin, a close collaborator in resistance.

p.4  *(Asterisk omitted.) (Iron Cross II Class.)
1939 Clasp to Iron Cross received in World War I. Had to receive this decoration before any higher decoration could be awarded.
AAA, which belonged to Air Force, needed for Seventh Army sector.

ObdH. wants less men with automatic weapons or MGs.

Fieseler Storch planes

German low speed Army cooperation plane, much used for courier purposes. Later used also for airlanding operations.

footnote canceled.

It was felt that Germany had capitulated to Russia in yielding ground fought for by her soldiers.

Refers to establishment of High Command East, the Mil. Administration Command, was displaced by Government-General and kept only military functions.

Brigade Eberhardt was an irregular formation organized in Danzig territory out of SA, etc.

The organization felt very independent, as soldiers not very effective, no training. Parts were taken into 60th Div.
p.15 * (2.)... Corps Wodrig
Gen. Albert Wodrig, organized an improvised Corps in East Prussia out of Sa, Home Guard and other bodies. Was absorbed by regular Army organization.

p.15 ** (von Stuelpnagel.....Kewisch)
A World war 1 friend of von Breuchisseh who wanted a post. Central Branch (Personnel Off. of Gen. Staff) found one in Rear Area.

p.15 *** (Becker:) Footnote canceled.

p.15 # (Mun.-East) Ammunition Depot East ( Munitions-Anstalt)

p.15 ## (100) Designation for a new poison gas.

p.16 * (60 cm gun.....for use in massed concentrations) That was Becker's personal idea.

p.16 ** (Smoke.... Field How. projectiles) Not a smoke screen but a blanket of 2 - 3 km depth. (Only theoretical.)

p.18 * (Gas: 100 etc.) See Footnote ## p.15 See

p.18 ** (50 mm tank) Tank III, medium tank with 50 mm armor (Front nose plate, rear plates). --Ed.

p.18 *** (IIa.... behind Dutch and Belgian fortifica-
tions) Should read: stand by behind...fortifications. I.e., as viewed from enemy side.

p.18 # (Keitel (OKW): History three times). Probably reference to Franco-German conflicts in past century. -- Belgium has wrong military-political front, should join Germany's side.

p.19 * (Jeschonneck:....Freeze AAA ammunition) Don't use any more in East to permit accumulation of a small reserve.

- II / 3 -
* (von Etzdorf: German help for Belgium and Holland) Planned offer of German help in the event of a violation of their neutrality by British.

** (Sack and Leeb, establish contact. He has all the material.) Sack must be informed on everything on taking over sector in the West.

* (von Etzdorf, No undue importance) Refers to some report bearing on international relations.

* (ObdH,... regular chain of command) Lower echelons have to be ordered to use mine detectors. Jacob, the Eng. Corps Chief, could not make them see the importance of the instruments.

*** (9th Sec.) Topographic section of the Gen, Staff, under OQu I.—Ed.

* (Was Frontschwein,.....) Doggerel circulating at the front, meaning something like: "The dogface has to face the mess, and where is the SA and SS?" —Ed.

* (16,... and Air Force(!?!)) Hinting at offensive on 1 November.

* (Fuehrer memorandum.) Hitler's personal memorandum to ObdH opposing the idea of a defensive war, as advocated by the latter.

* (ObdH: Home Defense (Alvensleben,)) A home defense organization against Polish marauders, under one Alvensleben, probably in portion of Poland adjoining East Prussia. Gauleiter is aware of existence of this irregular armed force and does nothing to stop it.
p. 30 *(ObdH,...fundamental changes.) Should read: attacks, wait and see, fundamental changes. The latter refers to the possibility of political changes within Germany, i.e., removal of Hitler.

p. 30 **(ObdH, a)...program "Panzer".) Heavy dust in the Polish campaign had damaged tank engines. "Terminator" was a program of speedy reconditioning of the engines, with a certain deadline.

p. 30 ***(Bottom of page: armeeabteilung H.) See vol.I p.51, note*** This particular armeeabteilung may have been formed for Holland, hence the letter H.

p. 31 *(ObdH/Beck, GHq Reserves won't start coming in before 5 October) Should be 5 November.

p. 32 ***(Wagner,... "Ordensburgen") A historical allusion to the castles of the Teutonic Order which conquered and ruled over East and West Prussia and the Baltic States in the Middle Ages. Occupation is to be organized in some such manner.

p. 32 **(Evening,... Wilhelm.) Wilhelm Arendts, a civilian friend, joins Military Command, France, in 1940.

p. 32 ***(ObdH...d)...(Staff) Model - quiet Ia.) Calculated to moderate Model's excessive attachment to Goering. The Ia officer, also called the Gen. Staff Officer of his organization, is the resident Gen. Staff representative, as it were.

p. 32 #(Strictly military appraisal of the situation.) ObdH ordered Gen. Halder to write a report in favor of an offensive solution, strictly confining himself to military reasoning.

p. 32 ##*(Bottom of page, Landwehr Divisions.) See Glossary.
* (Becker...a/ Detector will be tried out on S-mines.)
An anti-personnel mine. — Ed.

** (b) Box-frame mine detector.)
Tentative translation of "Entwicklung auf vor-geschobenem Rahmen." The term was not explained. — Ed.

*** (d) "Fire-rafts" against positions, !
"Branden gegen Stellungen." A remote-controlled demolition vehicle. — Ed.

# (e. Hammer vehicles.)
"Hammergerate." Probably a flail-type mine detonation vehicle on the general principle of the "Scorpion" used by U.S. and British forces.

* (Org., Sec... until order is given.)
Should read: "Third Draft until order is given." May refer to equipment with trucks. Could not be reconstructed. — Ed.

** (Seventh Section. Erratum, read: Seven Eng.)
The relation to 8.35 Btrys is obscure. Could not be read as "Seventh Section" of OKH, which is part of the Historical Branch. — Ed.

*** (40 Jueterbog 8.8 cm AA.)
40 8.8 cm AA Guns belonging to Jueterbog Artillery School. — Ed.

# (QSU IV.)
Footnote canceled.

## (Krebs)
Headed the German element in the commission for the delimitation of the Russo-German demarcation line.

* (Auhle:.....a) 100 watt armored reconnaissance car
100 watt radio transmitter.
P. 36  *(Details: a)... Airborne operation, 50-100)
     Might refer to strength of detachments.

P. 37  *(SS Adolf Hitler?)
     First SS Arm. Div. "Leibstandarte - SS Adolf
     Hitler", formed by expansion of Hitler's body-
     guard Regt.

P. 37  ** (Dust!)
     Markings will not show clear enough when tanks
     are dust-covered. (Markings omitted in trans-
     lation;)

P. 38  *(Fuehrer Conference...a) Still more from the
     East.)
     Offensive front in the West to be reinforced
     by Divs. from Poland.

P. 39  *(before 1300... Training, lighting.)
     Illumination of road blocks.

P. 40  *(Notes for OsdH......B)
     Gen. Brand (Arty.)

P. 40  ** (Memo for OsdH......Oquad.)
     Footnote canceled.

P. 40  *** (Transfer to H.)
     Gen. Helder could not recall if H. was any
     definite locality. The letter H often stood
     for Hauptbefehsstelle (Hq) when location
     was not yet determined.
p. 41 *(ObdH; Check points for stopping of movement.)*
In the light of the experience of 25 Aug., when the movement across the Polish border was stopped only with great difficulty, lines near the border were established which must be passed only on a last-minute code.

p. 41 ***(ObdH; Officer appointments in Rear Services)*
Throughout the war, the officer replacement bottleneck was in COs of Div., Clms., and of Inf. Bns.

p. 41 ****(Haseloff,)*
to BdE, who wanted a change.

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p. 43 * (K) P-Day system*
Preparation Day. Once an offensive had been decided on, preparation days were needed to get forces ready for jump-off. This was the P-Tag System. Time allowed for preparations between issuance of order for and opening of an offensive. The situation at that time was changing constantly, and all changes entailed regroupings.

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p. 44 * (Notes for ObdH; Details... Sixth Army and Student.)*
Airborne operations, which at that time were to take place in sector of Sixth Army.

p. 44 **(Thomas... Belgium... (sowing))
I.e., if spring sowing is interfered with by operations.
** Operation "Student"**

Airborne operations to seize bridges in Holland and Belgium.

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** (ObdH's report to the Fuehrer. Counter-memorandum.)

A counter memorandum by ObdH in reply to Hitler's personal memorandum (see note *, p.28) in which ObdH attempted to prove that any offensive was ruled out at that moment.

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** (.... Wants to fly there himself tomorrow.)

In order to deter Hitler, von Brauchitsch deliberately exaggerated what was merely slackness and bad behavior as a result of the prolonged alert, into incipient mutiny reminiscent of 1918. Hitler flared up and wanted to know where all this had happened, he would take care of that.

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# (Any other method undefeatable.)

I.e., occupation of Belgium was the only effective means to protect the Ruhr.

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## (Death sentence, West, East)

Hitler wanted to know how many death sentences had been carried out in the West and in the East. He was put off by telling him that statistics would be obtained from Gen Qu.

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### (Railroads.)

The conduct of soldiers on trains and in railroad stations was also mentioned as proof of the general deterioration of discipline. It is an old experience that the discipline of a unit or even individual discipline of soldiers is reflected by behavior in transit.

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* (Démonarche treated with sarcasm and sneering.)

Refers to diplomatic steps by the Belgian and Dutch Envoys, in connection with a political visit of the King of the Belgians to the Queen of the Netherlands.

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** (He)

"He" refers to Hitler.

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*** (Belgian ambassador, Belga.)

Belgian news agency.
Gen. Bulter coined the term "Rollbahn" at that time. He meant by it a good road, suitable and exclusively reserved for motorized and tank movements to and from a specific area, on which such traffic could "roll" freely. The word became widely accepted and in the Russian campaign practically any wide track that served as line of communication for a larger organization, was called a "Rollbahn." Strictly speaking, it applied only to the automobile highway from Smolensk to Moscow.

First mention of the plan of a breakthrough at Sedan, AGp. A was then already under command of von Rundstedt.

Schwetz is a Troop Training Center on the Eder river.


Refers probably to procurement of equipment for projected paratroop operation by 22nd (Airborne) Div.

No details remembered.

"Urmauter, eigene Kules." Reading is somewhat doubtful. It could mean about leaks or careless talk by military personnel on leave within their families or close friends.

Special war Academy courses on the projected Sedan operation.
von Kleist's instructions were to push only through the southernmost tip of Holland (Maastricht) and strike into Belgium, south of the Albert Canal. Something in ObdH's talk with von Bock must have aroused the former's concern that von Bock might also strike with his forces opposite the border between Albert Canal and Maas river. This would have been contrary to the plans of the Supreme Command (Hitler) which at that time had not decided as yet to seize the whole of Holland.

If was feared that wrangling with Guderian over wording of reports would never end if he could read the signals radioed by the Liaison Off. to G-hq. The matter was finally settled in such a manner that Liaison Offs. would send their reports with a special code after notifying the CG or the C of S of the Army or Group concerned of the general content.

The entry consists only of the word "Ausnützen". There is no clue as to what is to be utilized, exploited, or taken advantage or made the most of. — Ed.

In these days, when the highest Army Commanders, with some exception, wanted or did their best to keep the war in the West from breaking out in earnest, there was much talk of "Wortbruch". That is, that, inasmuch as Hitler had not kept his word (to bring Germany peace) the Generals were under no obligation to follow his orders. The originator of this formulation might have been Beck.
p. 56  * (Notes for ObdH:..., b..., Senne.)
Senne is a Troop Training Center near Paderborn.

p. 56  ** (Fuehrer's address..., taking the offensive)
aimed against the proponents of defensive warfare.

p. 56  *** (ObdH..., Day of crisis.)
With the approach of an explosion in the West,
everything was being done to frustrate Hitler's
desire to launch the offensive in the West.
Hitler, through an efficient spy system or a
sixth sense that made him aware of the atmosphere of tension and nervousness, must have
known what was afoot and threatened he would suppress any opposition in the Gen. Staff
with brutal force. Upon their return to Zossen from the Berlin conference, they were
met by the message that they were to return to the Chancellery immediately. ObdH went
into Hitler's room, while Gen. Halder waited outside. After the conference he told the
latter that he had been lectured on the "Spirit" of Zossen, the stiff-necked attitude of the
Gen. Staff which kept it from falling in with the Fuehrer.

p. 56  # (French frontiers of 1540)
Evidently refers to the prospective Franco-
German frontier in the event of a German
victory over France. It would give the fortreses of Metz, Toul and Verdun and the
Lorraine iron-ore district to Germany.

p. 57  * (Mariendorf.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 58  * (Oqu I, Fourth Section)
Training Section.

p. 58  * (Asterisk omitted.) (Papitz, Schacht, Thomas.)
In varying degrees, these three worked in the
opposition to Hitler.--Ed.

p. 58  ** (Raeder, Thurner, Dankwartz. Talk them out of it!)
Three high civil servants who were to play an
important part in administration of the conquered
western countries. They wanted generals'uniforms in keeping with their position. Gen.
Halder always maintained that soldiers' uniforms were for soldiers only. This question came
up time and again later on.
Curtis planes were considered superior to the German Messerschmitt planes.

High-ranking civil servant, chief of a Regierungsbezirk, intermediate between a Province and a Kreis and roughly equivalent to a French Département.

Varna, in Bulgaria, might have been used unofficially as a listening post of what went on in Turkey.

A storm of indignation and protest went through all ranks in the army as a result of a decree by Himmler, enjoining German women to bear children, fathered by other men, while their husbands were at the front. von Leeb was particularly outspoken.

Patron Saint of the Artillery.

Could not be reconstructed.

Correction: "Report on front observations."
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p. 2 Fourth line: For "Tomania" read: "Romania".

p. 3 Notes for ObdH: For "Training instructions for new information" read: "Training instructions for new formations".

p. 4 b) ObdH: 2.) For "seen" read: "soon".

p. 9 From Fuehrer's train: 1.) For "Warsaw broadcast" read: "Warsaw broadcasts".

p. 14 Third line and bottom line: For "Everhard" and "Eberhard" read: "Eberhard".

p. 15 von Stueelmann. The "Notes" appearing under this entry should be read as a separate entry, beginning at the left margin.


p. 20 Afternoon von Leeb, third paragraph: For "(wages mark)" read: "(wages 1 Mark)".

p. 21 von Stueelmann: For "at the qualified disposal" read: "at the unqualified disposal".

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Hand-drawn, two-wheeled carts which are detached from the company trucks closely behind the lines and used to transport machine guns, mortars, and other heavy equipment to the combat position. They help conserve the physical strength of troops for the tasks ahead.

Blaskowitz comes in to talk over officers in his command. For some reason mention is made that Stengel is a native of Saxony. The remark must not be construed as a reflection on the military qualities of the person referred to.

i.e., the possibility of a Russian invasion of Bessarabia and Bukovina.

Both Odm and Guderian received many anonymous letters denouncing Hitler and pleading with the High Command to do something about him. The writers ranged from ultra-monarchists to Communists, with such divergence of motivations for their opposition it was realized that the writers would not have a common purpose after the overthrow of Hitler and that their original animosities would prevent formation of any working coalition for the government of Germany.

Line should read: a) (Reich Chancellery).

I.e., to forestall British action in Norway. Ask Odm IV for data file on Denmark and Norway. Demerich is head of Map Section.
Their table of equipment allowed only for 3 MGs. Everybody wanted to be "protected" against the enemy and future shortages. At the same time MGs were short in the Inf.

I.e., give them the latest! This item was a new and better type of MG belt.

Spicherer Höhen, a hillcrest west of Saarbruecken. If taken by the French, it would have afforded them unobstructed observation of the Saar Valley, and so had to be protected by fortifications.

21 cm railway gun, super-long (196 calibers).

Designation of the gas.

Anti-personnel mines.

"Immediate offensive." If enemy attacks first, all restrictions, camouflage, etc. will be discarded.

Persons suggested as replacements.
14 about getting "State Secretary," see 31. 12.

** (g) Fuel? ... consumed in three days (500 kr) Footnote cancelled.

p. 17 *(c) Reply from Fromm regarding signature.) The German word is "Federführung." When several agencies cooperate on a project, one has "Federführung," i.e., it works out the matter, formulates joint conclusions in the final draft, and signs for all.

p. 18 (Asterisk omitted) (1100 von Salmuth ... two days.) In order to be able to take suitable counter measures against Hitler if OKW should unexpectedly issue marching orders, OKH thought it should insist on a four-day alert period for assembly of the troops deployed far to the rear of Germany. Hitler, who at that time pretended that he feared a sudden march of the French into Belgium, pressed for a shorter period. Salmuth (C of S, AGp, B) on being consulted by Gen. Guder, stated that the shorter period (2 days) would suffice.
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In violation of direct orders, Gen. Halder placed "Sperrtrupps" along the Italian border. They were specially trained small units with the mission to block the few passes in the area (by demolitions, etc.) on receiving a certain codeword. The reasons for these very hush-hush preparations were

1) Gen. Halder's distrust of the Italians and
2) to keep the Border Guard (reinforced customs guard) keyed up to military pitch.

K 3: 24 cm mobile gun, range, 41,010 yds.
K 5: 28 cm railway gun, range, 67,900 yds.
p. 27  *(Rechberg's letter.)
Could not be reconstructed.

p. 27  ** (.. von Bock. Kesselring instead of Bock.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 27  *** (3.) ... recuperator spring.)
The tentative reading of the shorthand note was "Vorholfeder".

p. 27  # (4.) Women are "shirkers.,)
Refers to Himmler's (SS) Decree that German women should bear children for the Fuehrer, even if their husbands at the front could not be the fathers. Those unwilling were "shirkers".

p. 27  ## (article in "Schwarzes Korps.")
The SS weekly.

p. 29  *(First line: ... "Flying start.")
I.e., assembly not directly behind frontier, but in great depth, with Divs. moving into their places as they arrive at the front after opening of the offensive. Requires meticulous coordination of railroad movement.

p. 29  ** (Oeda: ... not be left standing in the open.)
I.e., would freeze up at that time of year.

p. 29  (Asterisk omitted) (Abwehr...)
Could not be reconstructed. May refer to incidents in Poland.

p. 30  *(OKW... In contrast to 18.)
I.e., the German offensive on the Western front in March, 1918.

p. 30  ** (Changed method: ... that we may start off as any day.)
I.e., "Sofortfall".
The sinking of the German "pocket battleship" Graf Spee at the mouth of the La Plata river by the British.

Refers to a peace offer by the Finnish Foreign Minister Tanner. (The Russo-Finnish war was on at that time.)

21 cm railway gun. — Ed.

"Gehime Kommandosache". Classified matter: high-grade Secret, but not Top Secret. — Ed.

Junker 88; a two-engine bomber.
Sixth paragraph. Holland on full scale.

"Summe von Aktionen vorwegziehen!" Aus dem Stand, "menschesswert als Vorwegmassnahme: Hollaendische Sache in vollem Umfang."

This entry still refers to the struggle between OKH and Hitler for the four-day alert. Hitler wanted to have the armies launch the offensive on shortest notice, i.e., "leap from wherever they stand." As a result, the first wave on X-Day, consisting only of the troops already at the frontier, would be comparatively weak, and so they would be able to carry out only the "Aktionen" (a favorite term of Hitler's, meaning special tasks), which were planned as essential preliminaries of the offensive (seizure of bridges, preventing demolitions, removal of road blocks, etc.). But now, instead of being left to special troops (e.g., Regt. Brandenburg), these "actions" were to be carried out by the entire frontier echelon as the first act, as an integral part of the plan for the offensive. In this connection, Hitler stated that occupation of all Holland, too, was to be one of the "actions" anticipating the main offensive ("Vorwegmassnahme"), being designed to protect the right shoulder and flank of the armies entering Belgium.

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Third line from bottom. Spread rumors. Arras.

"Telling something to the Italian Mil. Attache, Arras, would be a good way to launch rumors." 

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Meaning could not be reconstructed.

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Against French border.

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To interdict entry of French troops.

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Marginal lettering indicates the order in which these items were actually taken up. Ed.
p. 42 *(Gen. Brand: ... as against about 30 Btrys. per km.)
i.e., on western front in "World War I."

p. 42 ** (5.) Doorn, ... Chief.)
This entry always means "Chief of the Gen.
Staff", i.e., Gen. Halder himself will at-
tend to the matter.

p. 44 *(Third line: "Emergency").
The "Sofortfall", in case the Allies should
strike first.

p. 44 ** (Fourth line: ... "Attack").
There is now to be no difference any more in
the preparations for either case. All is
gearied to immediate striking.

p. 44 *** (Air Force: ... Busche.)
Should be "Busch".

p. 44 # (Defamation Decree ("Schmaehverfuegung").)
This is apparently not the 1934 law, but a
closer description was not obtained. - Ed.

p. 44 ## (QbdH IV. 4.) Pappenheim."
German Mil. Attache in Brussels.

p. 44 ### (QbdH, ... 2.) ... connected with operations.)
Hitler's order that no member of a former rul-
ing house must have an important command posi-
tion, so as to prevent any monarchistic propa-
ganda.

p. 45 *(Conf. with QbdH, Tirpitzufer.)
Address of OKH - Offices in Berlin.

p. 46 *(Seventh paragraph: Thomas: ... 50,000 tons.)
The original reads "II Quartal", but obviously
"third quarter" is meant. - Ed.
It is not quite clear why the "fats program" is here brought in with metals production and manpower questions.

These figures refer to production of chemical warfare agents.

Probably refers to Wil. District XIV (non-territorial Corps area Magdeburg, for Armored troops). - Ed.

German: "Chef fragen" or "Cheffragen". In the former case the translation would be "Ask Chief ...", in the latter, "Chief questions". All personnel questions ultimately had to be referred to ObdH, but Gen. Halder did not refer to him as "Chief". Possibly Gen. Halder made this note as a reminder to himself to give this matter his personal attention. - Ed.

"Im Feindland?" Could not be reconstructed.

Between "agent" and "test" is the German notation "15 ko." No interpretation could be obtained from Gen. Halder. - Ed.
The enemy was to be persuaded that Germany planned to make the decisive effort on the Maginot Line front. To this end, OKH ordered not only intensive planning activities in its own Sections and in AGp, but also announcement of a conference of Landräte (the top government officials) of the districts that would be affected by such an offensive, as well as broadcasting of plans for traffic restrictions and large-scale repair work on the main roads through the area; the object was to spread the idea among the population that major troop and supply movements were impending. "Complete switch in plans" was used as translation for "Grosse Schwenkung" before information was offered what the German phrase might have reference to contemplated large-scale re-grouping. — Ed.

The original has two entries under 8.).

Both Army and Air Force had long lists of codes for the multitude of special operations that were to precede the launching of the offensive (e.g., seizure of Meuse bridges by special troops in foreign uniforms, capture of dams and road blocks by paratroopers, etc.) The threatening confusion made it necessary to compile a veritable dictionary.

"Stellungswechsel nach H", could refer to a change in location of GHq after (nach) the question of Holland has been settled (one way or other, either with peaceful or military methods). — "H" is also the symbol for Hauptbefehlsstelle (GHq) when locality is not yet determined.

The German expression of "rasserein" (racially pure), which might easily lead to misinterpretations, in this context merely means reduction to single types of guns to facilitate ammunition supply and maintenance. A similar effort was made to reduce the vast number of motor vehicle types in all units.
** (Top: ... George of Saxony.)

** (Maintenance Services: ... 23 Motor Transport Districts.)
Industrial areas affording good repair facilities for automotive equipment were organized as "Heimatkraftfahrbezirke", which serviced designated units. - Ex.

** (Notes: ... c) 4.) ... (See additional notes.)
Additional notes prepared for report to ObdH; not included in the Diary. - Ex.

** (Notes: ... h) ... Air Force.)
Air Force personnel resisted "Military Police patrols.

* ( 5.) ... would increase.)
I.e., by reducing the number of trucks in use, the absolute number of trucks lost as a result of ordinary wear would also be reduced and be brought into a better relation to the fixed new output of trucks.

* ( n) 4.) Safety valve question.)
This refers to a relaxation of rules governing presentation of grievances. It was intended as a safety valve for opposition sentiment in the Army.

* (1630 Brand: ... Antwerp East: ... 3 Divs.)
I.e., and the Div. Arty. of three Divs.

** (Liége: ... 5 - 6 Divs.)
I.e., the Div. Arty. of five or six Divs.

* (Third line: 25 Divs.)
I.e., The Div. Arty. of 25 Divs.

** (Jacob: ... 3,000 trucks (£500 from Todt.)
I.e., Organization Todt.

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p. 63 *(5...) ... Seventh Air Div.)

22nd Regt. trained for air landing. Seventh Air Div. is Paratroop Div.

p. 64 *(loc.... Weitzel.)

Head of SS in Cologne.

p. 64 ** (11...) ... method adopted in France.)

Gen. Halder could not remember details of that method.

p. 64 *** (12...) Hesse.)

OdBH's propaganda specialist.

p. 67 *(Second paragraph: Do Projectors.)

Rocket Projector. - Ed.

p. 67 ** (Second paragraph: No order for smoke ammunition yet.)

The eventual attack on the Maginot Line would require the laying down of a smoke blanket of unprecedented magnitude. The smoke-filled ammunition for the "Do" projector was then still in the development stage.

p. 67 ** (Signals Chief: a) "Festa" cable.)

Designation for a type of armored cable.

p. 68 *(Tippelskirch II.)

Brother of OQu IV Tippelskirch.

p. 69 *(Hermann.)

Staff portraitist for the Leipziger Illustrierte, a slick-paper magazine running a series of portrait paintings of German Generals.

p. 69 ** (Gercke: ... to hide behind the Field Marshal.)

i.e., Goering. The railroad situation was chronically bad.

p. 69 *** (Notes for OdBH: 4...) ... (see 9 Feb, 1940.)

See p. 66, Ugs. Sec. c). Nothing had been done about this matter since that day, so Gen. Halder brought it up again to get action.
4.7 cm AF Gun.

Possibly Dornier 217 F.

German: "Kette". A formation of three aircraft.

Possibly Dornier 217 F.

"Condor", a four-engined transport plane (Focke-Wulf 200).

20 m.m. four-barreled AA gun (2 cm Flakvierling 38).

Either von Etzdorf or von Weizsaecker.

I.e., all military shipments issuing from lower echelon commands, as they tied up too many trains.

See note, p. 56.

Entry could not be reconstructed.

Small hand-carts to take heavy Inf. weapons into line. Conserve strength of troops.
* (von Stzdorf: ... Kawabe.)
Japanese Military Attaché.

** (Nachricht: ... Standard designations for
battles.)
Standard nomenclature of engagements for entry
in individual military records.

*** (OQu IV: Visit to 58th Div.)
Not a routine procedure. OQu IV happened to
be a personal friend of the Commander of that
Div.

# (OQu IV: ... (rather a little less for the
front),)
I.e., more when troops go back for rest.

## (Rumors about Baldur.)
Baldur von Schirach, the Nazi Youth Leader.

* (Weinknecht: ... Division Ulma.)
Truck Ulma; one Column (10 trucks) has load
capacity of 30 tons.

** (Obsd: 1.) East. Troop training centers in
area South (Airi),)
I.e., what about air observation?
(7.) Raschik: ... ask Chief of Staff.)
See note, p. 50.

(9.) ... 4 trestle bridges.)
No Eng. Corps specialist was available to supply an explanation for these condensed notes. The probable explanation is that this entry concerns considerations about supplying the shortage of bridging equipment which might hamper operations in Holland and Belgium, where many canals would have to be crossed. Since it was impossible to fill the requirements of both Inf. ("Brueckenstege", footway bridges for single-file crossing) and Armor, it was thought best to let Armor have trestles on which tanks could cross without any decking. The necessary timber would have to be ready to be brought up behind the armor, so that the bridges could be finished for use by Inf. and motor vehicles.

(9.) ... Prepare timber for subsequent decking.)
See preceding note.

(b) K.5 Gun,)
28 cm railway gun (Length of tube 16 calibers).
1. A 24 cm railway gun.

2. This 21 cm railway gun, supposedly with a tube 196 calibers long, just had no targets to fire on at the opening of the campaign. (Gen. Halder was generally opposed to such super-heavy artillery.)

3. "Demonstration Bn. remains at disposal of GHQ."

4. The meaning of these figures could not be reconstructed.

5. Use mild steel."

6. West Prussia, a new Mil. District formed after conquest of Poland.
* (Guderian: a) . . . 400 cars in repair.
German: "Wagen". Probably short for "Kampfwagen", i.e., tanks. — Ed.

** (Guderian: c) Wahn.
Troop training center.

*** (Guderian: d) . . . Inspectorate 6.
Inspectorate of armed troops.

# (Central Branch: . . . as an expert on Finland.)
Commanded German troops in Finland in World War I.

## (Op. Sec.: . . . the second Echelon? XXXIV Corps.)
Interpretation uncertain. Original has "41" added later with a different pencil. Gen. Halder sometimes used Arabic instead of Roman numerals for Corps numbers. XXXIV Corps was commanded by Reinhardt. Second Echelon would then refer to the second armor wedge.

* (h) Ch.
Stands for "Chief" and means that Gen. Halder himself would attend to the matter.

** (winter: . . . "Falke", "Geier", "Habicht").
Codes of projected attacks across the Upper Rhine.
Sieburg, a well-known journalist and expert on France, discussed the French concept of "security", from which deductions could be made on dispositions and plans of the French High Command.

A 38 cm railway gun (52 calibers), range 60,900 yds.

Air Force wanted Denmark for extension of its air warning network and for advanced fighter bases.

"Eingreif-Division": An alerted Division in defensive warfare, which must be ready to counter unexpected enemy thrusts and generally hold the line pending arrival of other units. The commander must be able to meet unexpected situations with quick decisions.

Entry could not be reconstructed.

Inspectorate of Armored Troops was connected with General Army Office (Allgemeines Heeresamt).

Proposed as location of GHQ during the campaign in the West. A mitel must be consulted.
p. 92  
* (5.) Horses in Hgs.  
Horses needed. Could be combed out.

p. 92  
** (7.) ... 400 cubic meter.  
I.e., 400,000 liter (approx. 100,000 gal.).

p. 92  
*** (8.) ... to get hold of the man.  
I.e., Student (Air Force).

p. 92  
# (16.) ... (Reserve Officers.).  
Austrian officers are not up to German standards, but should not be brought together with Regular Army officers, who might be too "Prussian." Reserve Officers would be less likely to clash with them.

p. 93  
* (Tng. Section; ... Wehn - Senn.)  
Two troop training centers.

p. 93  
** (Omg. Sec. ... "General der Fanzertruppe.")  
An "Arms Chief" (see glossary under "OKH").

p. 93  
*** (1130 ... Felseneste.)  
The Fuehrer aq near Kuensterifel.

p. 95  
* (Griffenberg; l.) a) ... at Crailsheim.)  
School for "Commando" troops.

p. 95  
** (Flieger Storch.)  
Name of German low-speed Army cooperation plane, used for courier purposes and also for airlanding operations.

p. 95  
*** (plane si)  
Footnote canceled.

p. 96  
* (Buhle; ... b) ... Landwehr Divs.)  
See glossary.

p. 96  
** (g) ... for Infantry and Artillery.)  
It was difficult to get officers for the conventional arms, because Air Force and Armor were more glamorous.
Footnote canceled.

OKW communicated directly with AGp. C in this matter, bypassing OKH.

New surveying for this artillery plan.

Decision whether these Training Inspectors were to have "Offices" in addition to "functions", or should come under jurisdiction of a high-elevation ZI Command.

Could be Vollstunam.

"Waste motion" should read "Idling" (Leerlauf). "Also Protectorate" instead of "Even protectorate." "All right..." refers also to b).

I.e., where troops returning from furlough were told the locations of their units.

This would have warned the enemy that a German attack was imminent. The Field Marshal is Goering.

Not enclosed in the Diary. - Ed.
Canaris gave warning that the Security Service (SD) was out to get Radke for his insistence on not letting the complaints about SS activities in Poland be shelved.

I.e., of documents from Polish Military Archives. (Rabenau - OQu V, Historical Div.)

Meaning of entry could not be reconstructed.

See p. 106 "von Brauchitsch - Keitel". The military quality of the Deathhead Div. was considered dubious.

On Tank IV Chassis.

A substitute for Artillery caissons to facilitate road travel of guns.

The culmination of the career of Gen. Staff Officer was a field command or the next best thing, the post of C of S to a high-ranking field commander.

Could be SS Adolf Hitler.

By the envisaged operation against Holland, which was not yet decided upon at that time.

Footnote canceled.
p. 109  *(Gercke: ... not kept currently informed.)
  i.e., by OKW.

p. 109  ** *(Roehricht: l.) ... General z.B.V.)
  See Glossary.

p. 109  *** *(von Ziehberg: l.) Shifting.)
  i.e., to the front.

p. 111  *(Sixt: ... b) ... travelling trolleys...)
  See p. 106, note **.

p. 111  (Asterisk omitted) *(b.) ... "how will they be
  fired?)
  "Abschussfrage". (A tentative translation in absence of
  explanation. - Ed.)

p. 111  (Asterisk omitted) *(d.) ... Intermediate stage...)
  i.e., train GHq Artillery
  for cooperation with Armor.

p. 113  *(Col. Schaefer: ... lost letter.)
  A plant, to mislead enemy intelligence.

p. 114  *(Holliday: ... Government-General.)
  i.e., Frank, the Governor.

p. 114  ** *(... protective cordon.)
  A zone that was to be under military jurisdiction.
p. 117 *(1700, 1, d) ... in the front line!) With all armor closed up to the frontier, there is no room left for the Mt. Corps.

p. 117 **(1100 ... Zeughaus.) The old Arsenal in Berlin, then a museum.

p. 118 *(Tippelskirch; ... of Mannerheim's.) The Finnish Military Representative was strikingly well informed on what went on in Russia. This entry is showing the reason, that is, he could use the connections which Marshal von Mannerheim still had from Czarist days, among the pre-revolution assistants to Soviet commanders.

p. 118 **(Gen Qu; ... 2.) ... 80 good ones.) Should probably be "46". Otherwise, the figures would add up to 160, instead of 140.

p. 118 *** (7.) ... Art. 175.) homosexual offenses.

p. 119 *(Suhle; ... b) ... "Panzerabwehr".) "Anti-tank defense" (Panzerabwehr) sounded too passive. "Panzerjaeger" suggestive of the hunter who brings down the big game sounded more in keeping with the task.

p. 120 *(a) ... only three groups.) Footnote canceled.

p. 120 **(f.) Storch plane operation (156).) Probably stands for "156th Div.", not "156 Storch planes."

p. 120 *** (f) ... southern boundary.) i.e., of Sixteenth Army, see p. 128, Bogatsch.

p. 120 # (g) Bridge at Cannes.) Should be "Cannes". - EA.
Commanders needed radio transmitters.

Rhine barges carrying troops below deck were to arrive at the Nijmegen bridge before the German attack in order to prevent demolition of this very important Rhine crossing by the Dutch.

Could be SS Deathhead or Waffen-SS (SS Truppenverband).

* (Jeschonneck.)

* ("Raubvogelkeafig.")
Collective code for the various operations across the Upper Rhine.

* (von Bock: ... b) ... SS Div.)
SS Deathhead.

* (von Ziehlberg: ... O - 1 posts.)
Aides of Ia officers.

* (Heusinger: a) Karl.)
A "commando" action was planned at this point, where the German, French, and Luxembourg borders meet. A.G.D. had to be notified so that passage to the front would be authorized for the two Assault Cos.

Footnote canceled.

* (Sagner: ... Plonnitz, Qu XVII Corps.)
Footnote canceled.

* (Bottom: ... Schinkel Vase for approval.)
A classicist vase designed by the famous Prussian artist and architect of the early 19th century, which was usually given as a farewell gift to foreign Military Attache's.
P. 125 *(1100-1330 ... conference with Dr.,) Dr. Goerdeler, one of the chief figures of the opposition movement in Germany. See Foreword.

P. 126 *(Wagner: ... f) ... ammunition for a whole En.,) i.e., one whole En. per Div., for all Divs.

P. 126 ** (Emmerich: ... Eng. Officers.) Technical specialists (Eng. officers) enjoyed certain privileges which Emmerich wanted to obtain also for the specialists in the Cartographic Section.

P. 127 *(von Ziehlberg: ... for former Gen. Staff Officers.) i.e., whether they ought to be authorized in their new posts to wear the distinctive red piping on the trouser seams and the collar patch of the Gen. Staff Corps.

P. 129 *(Gen. Qu - Winknecht: ... Preparations for PWs (72,000,+) Maximum capacity of existing PW camps.

P. 129 ** (Bottom: ... Max ...) Maj. Max Layherr (a son-in-law). Ruth von Rebe-Grifeld (a daughter).

P. 130 *(Greiffenbergs reports back,) After his accident at the Chem. smoke demonstration, see p. 117.

P. 130 ** (1.) ... political material.) See p. 129, 22 March, Siebert.

P. 130 *** (2.) Map for Senito.) Mussolino.
p. 135  (Asterisk omitted)  (Second paragraph ... northern operation.)  
      I.e., Alg. A and B.

p. 135  *  (d) Plane landing incident.)  
      The incident of Jan. 10, see p. 24.

p. 135  **  (1700 - 1900 ... Send for Kubler.)  
      XVIII Corps (At. Corps).

p. 135  ***  (Blaskowitz ... must be taken out.)  
      I.e., out of the High Command East set-up.

p. 135  #  (... placed under Mil. Distr. CG.)  
      I.e., must be organized in the manner of a Mil. District.

p. 135  ##  (Take Blaskowitz out.)  
      I.e., out of High Command East, and give him a job in the West.

p. 136  (Asterisk omitted)  (29 March ... Dictate the notes ...)

Gen. Halder would dictate his shorthand notes of important conferences (here the Fuehrer conference of 27 March) into the machine for distribution to the various Sections of the Gen. Staff, to save himself the trouble of oral orientation.

p. 137  *  (Buhle: ... d) ... 20,000 to reserves ...)
       Footnote canceled.

p. 137  **  (Wagner: ... c) Lt officers.)  
       See Glossary.

p. 138  *  (0930 ... b) ... northern sector.)  
       Context would indicate "southern sector", see below.
p. 140 *(a) ... gun pointers.)
Kuebler is complaining of excessive paper work.

p. 140 ** (2000 ... Major Seiderer.)
Major Georg Seiderer, son-in-law.

p. 140 *** (Interim Table of Organization.)
For 263rd Div.

p. 140 # (Gv TO)
see Glossary.

p. 143 *(von Ziehlberg: a) ... Section Chief in OKH.)
The Attacks Group becomes a Section.

p. 144 *(Fellgiebel: a) ... increased by 20.)
Apparently a telescoped entry, could not be reconstructed.

p. 145 *(b) ... to enemy countries.)
E.g., through Switzerland or Sweden.

p. 145 ** (c) Clash with Goering ...)
I.e., in his capacity of dictator over allocation of strategic materials.

p. 145 *** (Lt. Col. Gruen: ... OKW, Sec. L.)
L stands for "Landesverteidigung" (National Defense Section) - Ed.

p. 145 # (von Ziehlberg: ... Danzig or Augsburg.)
p. 146  *(5.)...Oqu - Oqu I.)*
The original shows arrows within the parentheses, obviously indicating the desired changes, but they were too confused for interpretation.  - Ed.

p. 146  **(7.)...Blücher's inquiry.)**
Blücher was German envoy in Finland.

p. 147  *(10.)...c)... Conference with Buergel.)*
Possibly on future military administration of prospective occupied territories.

p. 148  *(g) Schmidt - Dankwart.)*
High-ranking civil servants (Ministry of Interior). Training course is for civil administrators in prospective occupied territories.

p. 148  **(i)...b)... Luftgau.)*
Air Force Service Command.

p. 148  ***(l)...(Thomas).)*
Refers to political material.

p. 148  # *Tobin:...back to Camp.)*
I.e., Tobin - Ed.

p. 150  *(Thomas)..."Harpoon."
"Harpone", a mine detonating device that operated somewhat on the principle of a harpoon.

p. 150  **(7 April:...Saw Gerti.)*
Gerti Leyherr, one of Gen. Halder's daughters.

p. 150  ***(von Stuelpnagel: a)...From the Eastern frontier.)*
I.e., Italian eastern frontier with Yugoslavia.
To avert a railroad congestion.

Goering. - Ed.

German: "in unsere Betreuung", literally: "under our friendly care or custody".

I.e., the northwestern part of Romania.

Footnote canceled.

Junker 88, a twin-engine bombers.

Should be "close-range Ren. Staffeln", as appears from the context.

i.e., causing shorts.

Troop training center.
p. 157  *(Unold ... b) ... 3,000 rounds in too minutes.*

Gen. Halder doubts the correctness of this figure.

p. 158  *(OQu IV - Etzdorf: ... b) ... State Secretary ...)*

von Weizsäcker.

p. 160  *(Solte: ... Fehmarn.)*

Island in the Baltic off the coast of Holstein.

p. 160  **(Technische Hochschule.)*

Technical university.

p. 160  *** (ObdH: ... a) ... get us advance notice!)*

I.e., of British movements.

p. 160  # (b)... South.*

I.e., if the allies land on the Aegean coast.

p. 160  ### ( ... East.)*

I.e., if no Allies land on the Black Sea coast.

p. 160  ### (c) ... has not yet started.*

I.e., if troops destined for "Gelb" have not yet reached the front in the West and so still need rolling stock.

p. 160  *# (e) ... not liaison officer with OKW.*

Footnote canceled.
p. 161  *(Top: Official designation of battles.)
For entry in individuel Army records. - Ed.

p. 161  ** *(after return from Berlin ... c) Liaison ...)*
Footnote canceled.

p. 161  *** *(Gen. Qu: ... c) ... Rubber blocks,)*
"In tank treads. - Ed.

p. 161  #(Reported British landing at ...)*
Locality was reported but did not register in Gen. Halder's ear.

p. 161  ## *(Transp. Chief: ... b) ... opposed to plan,)*
There was constant bickering between the Reichsbahn and the Transp. Chief.

p. 162  *(@Qu IV: ... letter to Gen. Werth,)*
Hungarian Chief of Staff.

p. 163  *(ObdH: ... Tank Command 40,)*
A temporary command composed of elements from Armad, Troop School.

p. 163  ** *(... taken way by Air Force?)*

p. 163  *** *(Chief, Central Branch: ... uniform of Gen. Staff,)*
Time that has to elapse before uniform of Gen. Staff Corps may be worn by newly appointed officers.

p. 163  # *(J 12 5018,)*
An unidentified telephone number, probably at OKH.

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p. 164 * (Second paragraph: Through Army Group!.) Exclamation point indicates indignation, as such information should have come through regular intelligence channels.


p. 164 *** (Schweitzer.) Arty. Training Center.

p. 165 * (5.) Leeb successor to Becker.) I.e., as Chief, Ordnance Off. This is Emil Leeb (without "von"), the brother of Wilhelm von Leeb, C in C Agr. C

p. 166 * (Oehl.) Iac, . . . from the air.) To keep them out of the hands of the British.

p. 166 ** (Understanding with Kath.) Norwegian Foreign Minister.

p. 167 * (OOn IV ... 18th Branch.) Section Foreign Armies West.

p. 168 * (17 April ... Gercke. BUTC.) See Glossary.

p. 169 * (Gercke: N-3 not yet.) Possibly refers to the original plan that the offensive in the West would follow "Wehrmacht" within a specified interval.

p. 169 ** (Sohlen: ... Mil. District XVIII.) Tyrol, Salzburg, Styria and Carinthia. The ammunition here were explosives and mines, destined to be used to close, the German-Italian border. See 13.1.1940. Italy was still building fortifications against Germany.

p. 170 * (Hausinger; ... b.) ... several Divs.) I.e., it would take several Divs. to hold Narvik.
p. 171  * (Top: Schiaraffia mine bridges.)
"Schiarraffia" is the trade-name of a German
inner spring mattress. Probably a device for moving
safely over minefields.

p. 171  ** (1500 Report to ChdH:... Storch planes.)
See p. 95, note **.

p. 171  *** (Op. Sec, a)... Vaasberg-Lueneburg.)
The northernmost bomber field in Germany.

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p. 172  * (Gen. Brand:... muzzle velocity.)
See p. 156, note*.

p. 172  ** (Magnani... Terboven...) Gauleiter of the Rhineland. -- Ed.

p. 172  *** (21 April... Moon return to Zempelion.)
I.o., Zossen. -- Ed.

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p. 173  * (d) 82/02 AT rifle.)
28/20 mm tapered-bore AT rifle. The digits were
deliberately reversed for camouflage purposes.

p. 173  ** (Goroka:... potato trains.)
Essential supply movements for the population
always had to be taken into consideration in
planning troop movements.

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p. 174  *(Erfurt: a) ... Zusatza ...)
The battle on the Bzura river in the 1939 Polish campaign, which at one point looked critical for the Germans.

p. 174  ** *(b)... Activity reports.)
Reports on experiences and observations, usually written by Gen. Staff Liaison Officers.

p. 174  *** *(c)... OQu IV.)
Probably should be OQu V. Historical Sec.

p. 174  *# *(Jacob; a) ... on the Upper Rhine.)
See p. 163, Jacob.

p. 174  ## *(Jacob; b) ... Eng. Corps Command.)
Fortifications were no longer among the functions of High Command East.

p. 174  ### *(f) ... Issue order.)
I.o., to stop that practice.

p. 174  *## *(Military District XVIII.)
See note p. 169. Italy.

p. 175  *(von Greiffenberg; b) Sponack.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 175  ** *(OQu IV; a) ... until we have field to ourselves.)
German: "Dalmatien erst wenn Freiheit vorhanden." An allusion to the almost total unrestraint of the four days of revelry preceding Lent, when "all bars are down."

p. 176  *(1300 ... released as of now.)
May mean that the Div. is withdrawn from the contingent for Norway.

p. 176  ** *(1700 von Greiffenber; b) ... horse-drawn Artillery.)
I.o., GHq Artillery.

p. 176  *** *(Mager; a) ... Terbogan.)
See p. 172, note **.
Footnote canceled.

German: "Morosow, unser Mitspieler ist verschwunden!" Morosow was a Romanian politician. The entry is not explained. - Ed.

I.e., undue familiarity.

Commandants of two Army training centers.

See p. 173, note *.

"Political" means "International". - Ed.

So as to get priority for building materials.

Arty. Cns for ammunition re-supply from ammunition camps.

May refer either to Hqs or certain personalities.

I.e., deliberate disruption to make it impossible for OKW to call up during critical hours when OKW interference was not wanted.

Until Hitler has made up his mind to launch the offensive.
Baroder, the civil administrator, later Chief of Civil Administration Belgium.

German: "Bei Angriffen Frauen ausgenommen." Refers to a detail in the Norwegian operation, which Gen. Halder could not reconstruct.

Refers to a detail in the Norwegian operation, which Gen. Haider could not reconstruct.

To facilitate observation in fog.

Goman Mil. Attaché.

Complete Operational Hq made up of railroad trains.

Large Eng. Corps training center. Ed.

An sectionalized semi-permanent bridge. Ed.

German: "Die Form, in der wir Dänemark in unseren Höheitsbereich einbeziehen..." 

I.e., without Italian participation.

"Verwaltungschef."

Deputy Provincial Governor.
p. 193  * (von Greiffenberg: Stopping possible at 1200.)
I.e., if offensive is called off.

p. 193  ** (Keitel 1213: Augsburg.)
Code for cancellation of operation, see note, p. 145.

p. 193  *** (Osu IV: ... Much German spoken.)
An allusion to the numerous German-speaking former
members of the Austro-Hungarian Army in the Romanian
Gen. Staff.

p. 193  # (Bottom: ... barrier against Hungary.)
German: "Ziegel vor Ungarn".

p. 194  * (Top: ... High not out of the question.)
Possibly refers to permission to use this line
as a link with Bulgaria.

p. 194  ** (von Greiffenberg: ...)
No entry, meaning that his report contained nothing
of importance.

p. 194  *** (von Ziehlberg: ... c.) ... remain where they are.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 194  # (Train FD 7.)
FD means "Fern-D-Zug", Long-distance Express Train.

p. 195  * (Top: to XII Corps.)
The unit that organized the preparations for
invasion of Norway. - Ed.

p. 195  ** (Notes for Chnl: ... b) Geray - 3000 ...)
Enter could not be reconstructed.
Superintendent of Schooling Activity.

This may be an error. The numbering of "Gau" (Party districts ranking in size with provinces) in Germany ended with 42; "Ausland" (foreign countries) was Gau 43. - Ed.

Party district leaders.

No punctuation in this sentence. Meaning could not be reconstructed.

German: "Flugzeug Tafeln". Possibly a slip of the pen for "Flugzeug Staffeln" (shorthand).

Hour of arrival at Godesberg.

The calendar was kept by Gen. Halder's adjutant. Some entries by Gen. Halder are indicated with asterisks.
FOOTNOTES TO VOL. IV

p. 1 * (2215 Nordhausen: "Danzig").
D for Danzig stands for "Durchfuehren!", carry out
the plan. The cancellation code was "Augsburg",
standing for "Absehe"

p. 1 ** (About 0700, Nijmegen bridge destroyed.)
Several innocent looking freight barges were to be
near the Nijmegen Bridge at the Zero-Hour to prevent
its being blown up by the Dutch.

p. 2 * (About 1100: Message from Sperrle.)
Air Force reports this advance, which was observed
from the air.

p. 2 ** (No decision yet: "Gneisenau").
Codes for two operations. No details available.

p. 5 * (1200 Geroke: "Zigeure").
Code for bringing up of HQ Reserves.

p. 10 * (Second line and 6th paragraph: AGp, B.)
Should be "A". - Ed.

p. 11 * (-e) 15 Replacement Divs.
Obsolete term. What is meant is activation from
Replacement units.

p. 12 * (QCu IV: 100evres.)
Paris newspaper.

p. 13 * (16 May, Second Paragraph: three more Corps
Hqs will stand by.)
As more Divs. are being brought up to sustain the
advance, Corps Hq's must be available to take command
of them. Together with the Hq, the Divs. become a
Corps. The Corps Hq as such has no combat troops,
only Corps troops (Corps Arty, AT, Eng., Sig., etc.).
On the right wing of the adjoining Army Gp.

"Geheime Kommando", i.e., top secret.

Actually the operation started much earlier; but on 24 May this may have been the date set.
(A report on foreign situation.)
Gen. Halder cannot remember by whom this report was made. "There may have been a reason why he did not want to put down the name."

I.e., the Junker plane at the disposal of OKH.

Mussert, the Chief of the Dutch Nazi Party, did not want to be under Army control.

Gen. Halder could not recall the nature of these instructions.

I.e., with all the conquering going on, the Air Force AAA also wanted its share of glory.

An allusion to the title of Emile Zola's novel on the Franco-Prussian war, 1870/71, which contains a most graphic picture of the defeat suffered by the French in the battle of Sedan.

Should be AGp. B. — Ed.

Footnote canceled.

I.e., troops roughly corresponding to German Third Draft units in combat effectiveness, which was relatively low (see Glossary — Draft).

Gen. Halder's hostess while GHq was at Godesberg.
A secondary operation, subsidiary to "Tiger" (offensive from the central part of AGp. C).

In the absence of a situation map, the apparent contradiction could not be resolved. — Ed.

Woods in back of the front line conceal movements and preparations.

The original has "60th Divs.", which Gen. Halder cannot explain. The 60th mot. Div. had overstrength (1/3 Div. is 1 Regt.)

Supply Chief for Belgium.

The Ib Officers are in charge of organizational matters connected with demobilization.

Mines were conceived by Gen. Halder as the "Engineers' artillery", to protect flanks, disengagements, etc., always in the war of movement. The extensive use of mines created many new problems, especially in connection with the danger to friendly personnel, and for this reason Engineers fought rather shy of these ideas.
Eighth Gp, Hqs

Heeresgruppenkommandos are Hqs of wartime Army Gps, (i.e., a Hq over grouped armies). Heeresgruppen are the wartime Army Hqs.

German Military periodical, Gen. Staff wanted some control of its editorial policies.

Air Force and Navy always had star billing in the newspapers. Infantry came off second best, and Gen. Staff was pushed into the background.

An associate of Canaris (Abwehr).

I.e., a plenipotentiary of the Fuehrer for political questions. Eventually this job was taken over by Abetz, German Ambassador to Vichy France.

About this time ObdH asked Gen. Haider to begin to do some operational thinking about Russia. Gen. Haider volunteered this information; there is no entry about it.

Greiffenberg must take over Gen Cu.

In connection with seizure and inventoring of art treasures, as function of Mil. Administration in France (Gen Cu). - E4.

I.e., the supply base set up near the Channel coast when the right wing of the German Army drove south to the Loire after the battle at the Somme.
This refers to possible German recovery of South-West Africa with its deserts as part of a peace-settlement with Britain and the British Commonwealth.

Armor and Motorized Equipment Branch of the Army Ordnance Office.

I.e., the questions of national defense to be dealt with by Gen. Staff in peacetime. From what direction are conflicts to be anticipated, from west or east?

Probably refers to plans for campaign against Russia.

Should be: Inspector of Railroad Troops (now distinct from Eng. Corps).

The two Regts. in the line of the thirteen Divs., constituting the first assault wave.

"Brusken". The flank protection by land-based Artillery for the shuttle lanes of invasion traffic.
p. 118 *(b) Projected "Rejuvenation".*
May mean mere rehabilitation or substituting younger men for the older soldiers in the Divs.

p. 118 **(f)*, would then run to one-half billion.*
The original reads: eine halbe Million (one-half million). If the reference is to the necessary funds for maintenance of Arm Divs., one-half billion (German: Milliarde) might be too high. Could not reconstruct the entry.

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p. 119 *(Buhle: ... c) ... as Sub-Area Hcs, - (Gen Cu))
Territorial administrative Hcs, carrying out the administrative functions of Gen Cu in occupied territories.

p. 119 *(Asterisk omitted.) (von Greiffenberg ... map exercise.)*
"Planspiel", not "Kriegsspiel *, This study could not be conducted as a map maneuver because of the lack of data on Britain. The enemy side thus had to be taken by the CG.

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p. 120 *(Abberger: ... from the Rhineland and Speerenberg.)*
Speerenberg is Engr. Corps Training Center.

p. 120 *(Asterisk omitted.) *(Abberger: 1.)*
1) Need for secrecy was over.
2) Towed rafts for bulk supplies, e.g., gasoline.

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p. 124 *(100%) ... a) ... Simon has assumed office.*
A Gauleiter, became Administrator of Luxembourg.

p. 124 *(Asterisk omitted.) *(Gen. Brand : K 12 plus K 5.)*
K 12 21 cm (extreme long range). K 5 28 cm railway gun (67,900 yds).

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p. 127 *(k) ... (Thomsen.)*
German Chargé d'Affaires in Washington, after recall of Ambassador.

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p. 129 *(Germanic sectionalism must be transcended!)*
I.e., the perverse sectionalism of the various Germanic peoples, especially the Scandinavian nations, which blinded them to Nordic ideals and made them resist inclusion in the Greater German Reich.

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p. 130 (Asterisk omitted) (Wagner... repair shop districts,)
Coordination with units which will have repairs done there.

p. 131 * (Afterwards conference with ObdH... soft attitude toward France.)
ObdH was accused of promoting a "soft" attitude toward France.

p. 132 * (Cyliax, OKM.)
Oberkommando der Marine - Navy High Command.

p. 132 ** (c)... "péniche."
Type of barge on French rivers. The Navy insisted on drawing distinctions between French, Belgian (campine) and German river craft (Prahm). For the Army they were all river barges.

p. 134 * (Waestefeld:... tank ditch on Russian border.)
See vol. III, p. 60 (Conference with Himmler on 2 Feb. 1946.)

p. 134 ** (Brandt:... Bruno (short, long and heavy),)
28 cm railway gun, tube 43 calibers (short)
28 cm railway gun, tube 45 calibers (long)
A "heavy" Bruno was not found in available tabulations.
(Is not the same as K 5 28 cm, which has a tube of 76 caliber length.)

p. 137 * (g) and: Film strip on English coast.)
Aerial photographs of the English coast.

p. 137 ** (Buhle, c) One Rocket Projector Rest. (Do) of three Ens.
"Do" is a six-barreled 15 cm Rocket Projector.

p. 138 * (Boehme: b) "Black Line" ("Fuehrer Line").
Demarcation line for projected detachment from France of the Départements Pas de Calais and du Nord, which were to be included in a new Flemish State. See also p. 214, note*.

p. 138 ** (Boehme, c)... Would necessitate control of national frontiers.)
I.e., of French national frontiers to keep out undesirable and subversive elements.

p. 138 *** (Greiffenbergs... b)... Losses due to ice.)
River ice in the past winter damaged many barges.

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“Kabelwasser”. Gen. Halder could not explain the term.

Gen. Haider could not remember whether only American aid or actual entry of the U.S. into the war was envisaged.

I.e., as commerce raiders.

I.e., as protection of invasion craft near British coast; own shore Btrys; give effective protection near French coast.

I.e., he should oppose the earlier target date, Army could not have completed preparations. Possibly a maneuver of Navy to have entire plan dropped by showing the Army could not hold up its end.

Footnotes canceled.

Campine: Small craft in use on Canals in Holland and Belgium. Péniche: See p. 132, note **.

One of the normal functions of Gen Cu which also in peacetime maintains an organization for proper management of timberlands on Army training areas.

The original has "unloading" (Entladung). Gen. Halder thought it was a slip of the pen.
p. 152  * (d) East..., Stablack.)
Locality in East Prussia.

p. 153  * (c760..., "B" and Herbert bridging equipment.)
"B" bridges have an eight and a sixteen ton rating and are normal equipment of Div. and Corps Eng. Bns. Herbert bridges, heavy, sectionized bridges (Austrian type) found in GHQ Bridge Cls.

p. 155  * (e) "Black Line" in Burgundy (dropped.)
An earlier plan called for Detachment of French territory also in Burgundy. (see p. 138, note*)

p. 156  * (g) Brittany, what incredible stupidity!
Refer to German sponsoring of a "separatist" movement in Brittany.

p. 156  ** (Wilhelm Arendts.)

p. 156  *** (Wagner (Gen. Cu)... Nothing must be sold.)
Refer to inventorizing and freezing of all art treasures.

p. 158  * (von Ziehlberg;... to wear Gen. Staff uniform.)
The distinctive features of the Gen. Staff uniform was wide red pipings on the trouser seams.

p. 158  ** (I oppose..., the "Museums").
Gen. Halder was very interested in broadening the cultural and historical activities of OCU V, but did not want to be saddled with the Army Museums throughout the country.

p. 159  * (OCU V;... b) Ruth Groener.)
p. 160 * (Stenfl... Remote control by ObdM.)
Probably a mistake for "ObdL", Commander-in-
Chief of the Air Force.

p. 160 ** (von Ziehlberg... Osterode.)
Locality in East Prussia. This refers to pro-
spective location of GHq for the Eastern campaign.

p. 162 * (b) ... Concrete tunnels.)
The guns were pulled into concrete tunnels
after firing.

p. 162 ** (s752 ... K 5 gun.)
28 cm railway heavy gun.

p. 163 * (Demonstration... disregards our actual
problem.)
I.e., that fire would have to be delivered from
the landing-craft up to the moment they touched
bottom.

p. 164 * (von TThoma... ammunition carriers.)
A French armored ammunition carrier greatly
resembling a small tank. Dropped ammunition
as it passed by firing positions.

p. 164 ** (von Greiffenberg; a) ... "Seeleewe").

p. 166 * (Bogatsch; Method... effective only 2 minutes.)
There is an unexplained contradiction between this
statement and the one following.

p. 167 * (2300 Dingler; a) ... from Seventh Armd. Div.)
Seventh Armd. Div. is Rommel's. He kept a staff
of photographers busy for himself.

p. 168 * (1745)
In the original "1745" is corrected to read
"1745". Probably slip of the pen.

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Probably the head of the Government-General.

i.e., from Ribbentrop. Fuschl was Ribbentrop's Chateau near Salzburg.

i.e., to invade Romania.

The two main functions had expanded to a point where separate Departments had to be established for each.

The 200 men in the oil plants are anti-sabotage specialists, probably from the Canaris organization.

No explanation could be offered for the "120 men outside Romania."

The "Ausstoß Granaten des Granatwerfers, die als Brennzuender wirken."

Orders covering supply, traffic, evacuation, administration of occupied territories and other details of operations concerning the Gen Qu Service. Are the counterpart of Operational Orders.

Footnote canceled.
Since supply trains had a fixed number of cars, distribution would be handled more efficiently if capacity of Truck Clms were adjusted to train capacity.

Note to a). Concentration around industrial centers, e.g., Magdeburg, Suhl, etc.

In memory of the heroic action of some Companies composed exclusively of volunteer university students in the battles at Langemarck (Belgium) in the first months of World War I.

In ceding Transylvania to Hungary, the province of Transylvania annexed in 1918.

Footnote canceled.

German Mil. Attache in Spain.

I.8 e Cj> regaining Gibraltar is conceived as an all-Spanish effort, a national goal, uniting all classes.

German Mil. Attache in Romania.

Plenipotentiary German General in Slovakia.

Refers to irregularities in the Gen. Staff funds for grants in aid.

Steever was Hoth's Ia officer.

The French and Belgian rolling stock was turned over in compensation for Reichsbahn rolling stock destroyed while on loan to Army.
p. 187  * (*c) Northeastern Line.
The line separating Alsace-Lorraine from France, to keep the French element among the refugees from returning to this territory.

p. 187  ** (c) Belgium.
Black Line, see p. 138, note *.

p. 188  *(1200 Rauschrigt: a) Suippes not suitable.
Mourmelon-le-Grand and Suippes, two localities southeast of Reims.

p. 189  *(1200 Gen Bogatsch over English coast.)
Obtained an excellent film of the English invasion coast.

p. 189  ** (0) I - Op. Sec. Cavalry, yes or no.
I.e., should the Cavalry Div. be retained? Had not proved itself. Was eventually mechanized, in first year of Russian campaign.

p. 189  (Asterisk omitted.) (Issue: Situation in North Africa): Normal troop contingent in North Africa was 8 Inf. Divs., and some Cavalry. During the war new troops were raised in North Africa, reaching a total of 13 Divs, at the time of the Armistice. The 3½ Cav. Divs. were not Divs. as such, but Spahis months in Eng. strength, which added up to 3½ Divs.

p. 190  * (2) to balance and adjust.
To improvise and organize to offset losses suffered in crossing and landing.

p. 191  * (Third paragraph: Ninth Army.)
Calais has to give up cross-Channel lift to Boulogne, to make up for its restricted loading facilities. See p. 190.

p. 191  ** (E) Pfalzger.)
Airborne Div. trained for special tasks in England. Should be used over very wide area, not as a compact Div.

p. 191  ***(d) Riekhofen.
I.e., Support by airborne troops.

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"Political" in this instance means "foreign relations".

Railway guns must have a system of tracks so as to be able to fire in several directions. The lay-out, resembling an outspread hand ("Klaue") is very conspicuous from the air and attracts bombers.

Warteländ, roughly coinciding with the Polish Province of Poznan.

I.e., Thoma complains that he was not first consulted.

"S" stands for "Start".

This probably refers to the small Spanish Colony in that area, known as Fernando Po.

This is a historical allusion to the Prussian General Yorck (later Count Yorck von Wartenburg), who went over to the Russians after their victory over Napoleon in 1812, while Prussia was still officially an Ally of France.

Personnel was to be shifted between Fifth and Sixth Drafts to equalize ages within each group.

Method of firing at base of cliff to cause collapse of slope, facilitating approach of tanks. (Was used to cross the Albert Canal in Belgium.)
Heavv ferries for AAA in cross-Channel fleet. Used Herbert bridging equipment (see p. 153, note *).

Norway and Holland were planned as bases for diversionary maneuvers against the English East Coast. "Herbtresse" was the code for these maneuvers.

He would no longer be Gen. QA, but Gen. z.b.V. (General on special assignment responsible for maintenance of discipline, counter-espionage, and legal matters in the Field Army). He was directly responsible to ObdH.

A cousin of Gen. Halder.

I.e., problems are to be viewed not from the tactical point of view of the lower echelon commander, but rather from the higher level where successes and reverses are viewed in terms of their efforts on entire operations and campaigns.

This was a serious problem, as AAA had been withdrawn by the Air Force.

The 200,000 men Army allowed to France under the Armistice as a stage in reducing its strength to the level authorized.

Possibly connected with Romania and Bulgaria.

Should be "Marne river".
Reorganization of Thirteenth Div. completed.

Artillery Proving Ground.

Captured Adamsite smoke composition.

Smudge pots of a ground-persistent gas.

i.e., prosecution of the Bd. GC.

Footnote canceled. See Glossary.

"Travailler pour le roi de Prusse."

"To work for (the benefit of) the King of Prussia."

An 18th century slogan, coined during a diplomatic crisis in the time of Frederick the Great.

The mountain range separating French and Spanish Morocco.

"Neigung der Zivilverwaltung zu ministerieller Tätig-
keit." i.e., to take upon itself the function of policy making instead of carrying out the orders or directives of the occupying power.

The demarcation line between the Occupied and Vichy France.

The départements in the North of France.

i.e., the départements Pas de Calais and du Nord.

(see p. 138, note *)

From former German South West Africa to former German East Africa.

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Instructions for troop training during winter (contained directives for preparation of Russian campaign).

Only Div. and Army had such an organization.

Otto von Stuelpnagel, Vienna, (a cousin of Heinrich von St., former OQu I), Commander of Vienna Mil. District.

German units were to bolster up Romanian units in the event of a war with Russia (act as "corset stays"). (Army slang.)

The actual purpose of the construction work on GHq was camouflaged under the fiction that the buildings were destined for a new plant of the Berlin instrument firm "Askania Werke".


In this sentence von Etzdorf was quoting either Ribbentrop or Hitler.

"Assault Cos.," later "Grenadier Cos."

"Assault Cos.," instead of "Schuetzen-Kp.," "Rifle Cos."

He needed a more formidable designation, in keeping with clanking and truculent tanks.
A study dealing with transport questions and the possibilities of a landing on the North African coast.

Scapini was a blind leader of the French war veterans and became Minister of Prisoner of War Matters. In that capacity he visited PW camps in Germany.

The object was reducing the number of vehicle types in any given unit; the goal, units with single types of vehicles (reinrassige Einheiten). The multitude of vehicle types complicated maintenance and repair in a critical degree.

"Sondertruppe zum Zwecke der Bewährung". Probably the "Bewährungsbataillon" (Rehabilitation Bn.), a penal unit for soldiers whose court martial sentence has been suspended to give them an opportunity to redeem themselves at the front. Different from the "Feldsonderbataillon" (Special Field Bn., see VI, 34; VII, 3), a punishment unit proper.

Fiesta was to be won over by the prospect of gaining Iraq, which would (in addition to the oil wells) have fulfilled her age-old desire for a warm-water port on the ocean.

Goering wanted Air Force personnel to be free of any restrictions in buying the things that could be bad in French stores. Gen. Halder wanted regulations that would enable Germans without soldier connections to get some of these goods.
p. 227 * (Thiele: ..., b) Illegal Transmitter Locating Cell) "Schwarzsender Kp."

p. 227 ** (Dr. Etscheit,)
A political confident of Gen. Halder. He was Syndicus (legal adviser) of the Berlin Foreign Press Assn.

p. 227 *** (Gen. von Stuelpnagel, ..., b) .. French Transition Army.
Footnote canceled.

p. 227 # (Gen. von Stuelpnagel, ..., e) .. Succession by Mieth not acceptable.)
von Stuelpnagel wanted to leave Armistice Commission and proposed Mieth as his successor. (See also p.229)

p. 228 * (Gercke, ..., Otto program.)
First mention of code for railroad program in preparation for Russian campaign.

p. 228 ** (Gercke, ..., Coal, sugar beets, potatoes.)
Gen. Staff planning must take into account the normal transport needs of the economy (coal) as well as the additional requirements at harvest time (sugar beets; potatoes). The requirements for "Otto" must be brought in harmony with these, and vice versa.

p. 229 * (Heusinger-Reinhard, ..., b) .. Terrain for training.)
The Gibraltar task force needed a training ground reproducing as closely as possible the conditions they would encounter at Gibraltar.

p. 229 ** (Fellgiebel-Thiele, ..., Take down of lines in France.)
Lines put up in the war.

p. 229 *** (von Ziehberg, ..., Personnel changes contingent on "Seeloewe").
I.e., on the cancellation of "Seeloewe", which was announced on that day.
The original plans for Seeloewe submitted by the Gen. Staff were always matched by Navy counter-proposals that offered less than what was called for by these plans. When Gen. Staff readjusted its specifications to fit the Navy's contribution, the Navy found that it could not give as much as previously promised, and that went on until plans for invasion were postponed indefinitely.
p. 230  *  (Top: ... least desirable solution.)
This would have been the same as "Military Administration" but with the emphasis on OKW instead of the OKH.

p. 230  **  (Gen. Stb. Vetc.)
Footnote canceled. See Glossary.
Gen. Halder was opposed to such specialization as he was against overspecialization throughout the Army. Such troops would be idle most of the time.

Wartehain, see p. 196, note *.

Germany wanted to buy Mariampol from Russia.

Guns on self-propelled mounts (SPM).

A poison gas.

I.e., the surgeons of the peacetime Army.

I.e., for serious and light casualties.

Pfundtner was State Secretary in the Ministry of the Interior. Dankwarts was one of his officials who was temporarily assigned to Gen Qu's office. Very active in administration of occupied countries.

Periodical reports on condition of Divs., especially regarding material shortages. Correction: 1 met. Ren. Co. (instead of Bn.).
(General Intendent Klebinger,)
Chief Administrative Officer, under Gen Cu/

Promotions conferring on officers (mainly re-activated after retirement) a higher rank without increase in pay.

"E" stands for "Ergaenzung" (supplement) and is not to be confused with officers of the Ersatzheer (Replacement Army). E-Officers were retired company officers who (with the consent of the Allied Military Commission) could be used in office and administrative positions in the 109,000 men Army. They were no uniforms and had status of civilian employees. In addition to their regular pension they received only a small stipend. In World War II they put on uniform and were placed in jobs which required no up-to-date field officer training. Promotion of regular Army officers was not impaired by seniority of E-Officers, whose status called for different considerations.

A "Kette" consists of three aircraft.

The time lapse between Felix and target date for Barbarossa (May), i.e., four months.

Should be "Felix" (code for operation against Gibraltar).

Enemy convoys in the Channel.
The lightly-armored locomotives were to be detached in the combat zone, where the heavily-armored Diesel cars would take over.

The Ta Officer (see Glossary) is often referred to as the Gen. Staff Officer.

Jodl Jr., not Alfred Jodl, Chief of Armed Forces Operations Staff, OKW.

Security Zone in Slovakia: A German-controlled zone on the Moravian-Slovak border, to protect the Protectorate to the east.

Met the conditions for a training area for the Gibraltar operation. (Geological formations.)

Footnote canceled.

Mil. District in the sense of the peacetime Corps Area (Wehrkreis).

AGp. C.

I.e., a strip of French Africa from Tunisia to Lake Chad in Central Africa, embracing portions of Sahara and Equatorial Africa.

Inf. Bns. with special equipment for fighting in hill country.
p. 249. * (Brand reports in as his successor.) Not the Chief Art. Officer.

p. 249 ** (Evening: Grand-Veneur.) A famous restaurant near Fontainebleau.

p. 250. * (Top line: . . for introducing all officers sent to Gibraltar with scouting missions.) The German "einführen" translated as introducing could also mean "briefing."

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The Chief of the Army General Staff.

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p.1 *(von Ziehlberg: Saurat Henne...)*
"Saurat": Title of a high-ranking Civil Engineer in the German Civil Service. - Ed.

p.1 ** (Heusinger..."gas explosion")
German: "Schlagende Wetter," the fire damp (methane) explosion of coal mines. An explosive gas was introduced into the galleries of the Gibraltar "Rock" and then set off to demolish them.

p.2 *(Suhle...b)... Four weak Bns. to Eighteenth Arm. Div.)
I.e., not full strength.

p.3 *(Oqi IV: Buzzings from the Reich Chancellery (Engel))
One of Hitler's aides, who sometimes came with inside information. The German word used here is "Nebengerausche" (buzzings).

p.3 ** (a)... Leopold...)
King of the Belgians.

p.4 *(1600...l)... (Steinbauer)...)
Kuebler's Artillery Officer.

p.5 *(Max, Gerti and Ruth, Major and Mrs. Max Leyherr and Ruth von Hobe. (Two daughters and a son-in-law.)

p.5 ** (3 November,... transitional Army).
France was to have a transitional Army of 200,000 men, as an intermediate step between the larger peacetime army and the army allowed her under the terms of the Armistice.
(5.) Air Defense Service
I.e., British air warning system.

(5b.) Turkish Thrace
I.e., Turkey in Europe, from Bulgaria. -Ed.

(10.) Civilian internees in Switzerland will be returned.
Civilian internees in Switzerland. (Note is incomplete. --Ed.)

(Asterisk omitted.) (Engel,...)
I.e., Instructions from Fuehrer, brought by Engel, an aide.

(Tock Auth.....)
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(Ulex:...c)... “Chord” position.
German: “Sehnenstellung,” translated here as chord (of a segment). I.e., the line of fortification forms a straight line, not following the curvature of the frontier.

(Adamsite shells.)
“Stossgeschoss Adamsit,” Gen. Haider thought they were fired from mortars.

(Heuser: We discuss the manner in which the work of the General Staff..... should be presented.)
I.e., for a history of the War.
p.13 *(Amphibian tank:* Green color patch *)
To be worn on the uniform collar.
Riflemen of the Armd. Div., did not want to wear the white collar patch of ordinary Infantry.

Roehling projectiles (super-long AG shells).

p.13 *** *(Jacob:* SS, Herbert and LZ bridge equipment.)
Super-heavy (SS), heavy (Herbert) and light sectional (LZ), bridging equipment.

p.14 *(OQu I:* Definite objectives)
I.e., they should now concentrate on firm planning for matters which up to then were more or less theoretical projects.

p.14 **(Major Seiderer).
Major George Seiderer, son-in-law.

p.14 *(Asterisk omitted): (Heusinger:*4)....
German High Command, i.e., the Commander of German troops in the event of Bulgaria's participation.

p.14 *** *(Fricke)
Naval Operations Staff.

p.14 # *(Battery Gneisenau).
Footnote canceled.

p.15 *(Gercke:* a)...Askania).
Code for Eastern Chq. (cf. vol IV, p.218

p.15 ** *(Gercke:* h) Trains....cannot go to the ZI).
For lack of locomotives.

p.15 *** *(Gercke:*i)...this means a very long march).
I.e., to the southern border of Bulgaria.
p.16  *(10 Nov., 1944, Rohm and H.-Selting),
- Schowsky and Baron von Hobe-Selting, two
relatives by marriage.

p.17  *(Eleventh Arm. Div., Schweidnitz),
- For time being to Schweidnitz troop-training
center (Silesia).

p.17  ** (Missions for Hansen and for Bulgaria),
- Hansen to Romania.

p.17  *** (Col. Gen. (Gen. Obst.) Strauss, ....., to cover
Foerster),
- I.e., to protect Foerster against Hitler's
hostility.

p.18  * (Asterisk omitted), (Gen Qn. Organization of
"Supply Districts")
- "Versorgungsbezirke", or Home Supply Bases,
groupings of supply depots, and workshops for
individual armies.

p.18  * (Gen Qn. will be static)
- I.e., not loaded on trains.

p.19  * (Portug: ....3 - 0 - 3.)
- 3 Inf., no Cav., and 3 Arty. Regts.

p.20  * (Org. Sec., d) Alert groups).
- "Bereitschaftsgruppen", which are kept on
alert for earlier employment than the rest, if
they should be needed.

p.21  * (Gen. Mueller; ....XXXIX Corps)
- Kuebler's Corps, training for Gibraltar
operation.

p.22  * (Greece: culprit in Italy and Germany.)
- I.e., for the launching of false interpreta-
tion of situation.

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p.24 *(Keitel...f) E - Officers Corps).
See IV, p. 239, note ***

p.26 *(b.) The Dardanelles.

p.27 *(Heusinger 1)...Felix).
Code for Gibraltar operation.

p.29 *(d)...Forschungs - Institut.)
Also known as  Heuschsforchungsaamt, a telephone line-tapping organization, set up by Goering and kept under his exclusive control throughout.

p.32 *(Buhler:.....of the Twelfth Draft).
*...they will receive full complement of trucks.

p.32 ** *(b).....Third Draft).
*i.e., One personnel Str'y., as cadre.

p.35 (Asterisk omitted) (1100....Canaria....Etcheit)
Etcheit, legal consultant to important foreign newspapers in Berlin, belonged to the 1938 opposition against Hitler.

p.37 *(h).....-run bridge, no decision yet).
This weak bridge would have to be strengthened for any military rail transports into Spain. Any work of that nature would immediately be correctly interpreted by enemy agents, and therefore had to be put off to the last moment.

p.36 *(b) Hq for Armd. Group)
Question whether they should be given same status as army Hqs, or remain subordinate to army Hqs. The first alternative was not adopted before fall 1941, and then only for two Armd. Groups; see VII, 112 for first mention of the new status.

p.38 ** (Kinzel.....a)...Their demands are put aside,
We give them and can ignore the rest of their demands.
(Romania:...Size of his Staff.)
Military Mission to Romania.

(Juettner).
C of S of Lutze, Chief of the S A (Brownshirts)

(Juettner:...d)...Feldherrnhalle)
SA unit.

(General Mueller:...c)...no replacements can
be found for armament workers.)
Armament workers were furloughed back into
their factories.

(Gersche:...c). Mining of railroad bridges in
France.
Installation of demolition charges in recon­
structed bridges.

(von Eisdorf...blame on the Army.)
The Italian policy makers tried to shift all
blame for the military reverses in Albania
on the Generals.

(Heusinger:...Ireland:...Heinkel planes...for
four arm. Divs.)
Gen. Halder could not reconstruct the meaning
of this entry.

(Gibraltar:...gas explosion).
Cf. p.1, note **

(Eng. Brand:...Must be taken from our flank).
I.e., from the Channel Coast defenses. — Ed.

(c)...Ninth Section)
Cartographic Section. — Ed.

(f)...Mantzinger - Warlimont: Against Nigeria,
through Sahara.)
To forestall British and Free-French attacks
on Dakar.

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p. 50  *(Heusinger, Jodl)*
Jodl jr., a General in the Mt. troops. —Ed.

p. 50 *(Asterisk omitted) (1800, "Marita")*
The code for the march into Bulgaria. —Ed.

p. 50 **("Otto program")*
Preliminary to "Barbarossa", the code for the invasion of Russia. — Ed.

p. 57 *(Obd...a M 60)*
Probably the 61.5 cm Karl Howitzer. —Ed.

p. 57 **(Hillersleben),
Artillery Proving Ground near Magdeburg. —Ed.

p. 61 *(d)...Attila)*
Occupation of Vichy, France.

p. 61 **(p)...my operational plan
I.e., for "Attila".*

p. 61 ***(b) ...Sec. Foreign armies)*
Probably Section Foreign Armies West.

p. 63 *(h)"Zone of communications Hungary."
Hungary becomes Com Zone of the German Army.

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* (Night flight training at Brieg). Flying School in Silesia.

** (Oe sternmann, Chief of the Finnish Gen. Staff

*** (Release of colonial experts.) I.e., from Pw camps.

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(Asterisk omitted) (Heusinger: b),... I.e., Seventeenth Army takes over in the East. Twelfth Army Hq is assigned to "Marita".

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(Gercks: a),... (at least two weeks). The start of the Russian campaign will be delayed at least two weeks.

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(Valvela, offensive to the Southeast) The plan for an offensive against Leningrad, through the area between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega, based on Finland.

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p.73  *(100 pair skis).
A small number, but probably only for patrols.

p.73  ** *(c) . . . Chenillettes).
French track-laying armored ammunition carriers.

p.73  *** *(f ... Judicial authority? (No!))
Twenty-second Div., trained for air landings,
was now under Air Force tactical control.

p.76  *(Asterisk omitted) *(Hemmerich ... Business procedure.)
*Correction.* "Geschaeftsgang", chain of command.
Map section was then directly under Gen. Halder,
but a change was desirable.

p.76  *(Asterisk omitted) *(Heusinger ... as a precaution.)
* i.e., by way of a conservative estimate.

p.76  *(Heusinger ... b) ... Problem.)
Road construction had always been treated as
a local affair; which precluded large-scale
and unified planning. Coordination under Transp.
Chief desirable.

p.77  *(von Ziehlberg ... Canteen girls).
In G-Hq.

p.77  ** *(Radke ... a) . . . Hesse)
A writer and protégée of ÖdbH, employed by
him on propaganda tasks.

p.78  *(Gercke ... a) ... Light rail bridge)
Sectional railroad bridge for rapid construction.

p.78  ** *(Gen Qu ... with Baentgen and Wagner).)
Herbert Wagner, in Transp. Section, not Gen.
Wagner, Gen Qu.
p.79  *(Leyherr),
  Family of Gen. Helder's son-in-law, Maj. Max
  Leyherr.

p.80  *(Field Replacement Bus,..., Chief of Army
  Equipment)
  BdE.

p.80  **(Peace time organization,..., Inspector of Training
  ing also desired.)
  Footnote canceled.

p.80  ***(Mil. District VIII),
  Silesia.

p.81  *(von Thomas), ... (Gin)
  Locality in Russia.

p.82  *(Gercke), ... 52 trains,
  i.e., per day.

p.82  **(Ochseni, heavy bowitzer H)
  K 60, Cf. p. 57, note *.

p.82  ***(Kurow),
  In Poland

p.82  # (Paulus, c)...going on leave)
  Footnote canceled.

p.83  *(Och IV; ... c)...Movement and Party).
  Footnote canceled.

p.83  **(d) Uthmann)
  Mil. Attaché for Scandinavian countries.

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p.86 *(Osu I: ...a decade's pay)*.
Pay was not computed by weeks, but by ten-day periods.

p.86 **(b) Ho at Praid*.
Locality in Romania, summer residence of the King of Romania.


p.87 ** *(a) von Briesen's theories. Test firing under Ott)*.
Von Briesen had developed new patterns of infantry fire. His theories were to be tested under supervision of Gen. Ott (Inf. Chief).

p.87 ***(Osu IV: b) Heinricha.*
The new Chief of the Finnish General Staff, replacing Oestermann.

p.87 *** *(von Altenstadt: b) as of 1 February 1941)*
Deportation to the Lublin "reservation".

p.88 * *(von Ziehlberg: books. Frederick the Great)*.
It was the custom on the birthday of Frederick the Great to make presents of books to Gen. Staff officers in recognition of services rendered.

p.88 ** *(Dorling assassinated in Bucharest.)*
Major in the German Gen. Staff. Was assassinated by a Greek in Bucharest on that day.

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A “Kette” consists of three aircraft. The Do 17 probably is Do 217. - Ed.

Political adviser to List.

Designated by OKH as German Commander in Libya.

To leave on that date.

Footnote canceled.

Following diplomatic representations by Russia, OKH was directed to clear with OKW before starting any bridge construction on Danube.

Left his post as OQu IV. Incoming OQu IV is Matzky.

Entry could not be reconstructed.

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p.92 * ( a ) Gershe. 
Gersek's personal troubles relating to his first marriage.

p.92 ** ( c ) Rokieno. 
Another name for Fixipet marshes, which were an important factor in the planning for the initial operations in Russia.

p.92 *** ( c ) 400 interpreters. 
Signal Service, for radio intelligence.

p.92 # ( b ) Barbarossa 
Code for the Russian operation appears here for the first time, supplanting "Otto". Originated sometime in December, 1940, after Molotov's visit to Berlin.

p.92 ## ( 3 ) Regiment Brandenburg. 
800th Regt. for special missions (z.b.V.). Trained for "Kommende" type missions and sometimes operated in foreign uniforms. -- Ed.

p.92 ### ( 4 ) "Sonnenblume". 
Code for the campaign in North Africa.

p.93 * ( Afternoon... c ) Cord 
Major Cord von Robe, a son-in-law.

p.95 * ( Bogatsch... Ketten...) 
Footnote canceled.

p.96 * ( Koestling. ) 
Mil. Attache in Moscow.

p.96 ** ( Roessing. ) 
Mil. Attache in the Baltic States and Finland.

p.96 *** ( Bruckmann. ) 
Mil. Attache in Bulgaria.

p.96 # (...special German unit...) 
Probably the Co of Regt. Brandenburg mentioned on p.92. -- Ed.

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p.99  *(Ott...Brien exercise...)*  
See p.87, note *.

p.100  *(Buhle...c) "Alpenveilchen".)*  
Unidentified operation.

p.102  *(f)..."Renntier").)*  
Probably OKW theater in northern Norway.

p.103  *(c) Eight-wire overhead line.)*  
Another explanation suggested for "achtfaches Gestaenge" was "telegraph poles with 8 insulators."

p.104  *(Commander...Libya)*  
"Befehlsnaber der deutschen Heeresstruppen in Libyen", title of Rommel. Theoretically he was under OKH control, but such control was ineffective.

p.106  *(Gen...Leeb,...Pennants for automobiles.)*  
Only troop commanders were entitled to them, but Rear Services wanted them, too.

p.109  *(a)...Plovdiv...)*  
Philippopol, in Bulgaria. --Ed.

p.112  *(Gen Q)...Ic Adp, D.)*  
Adp is the operational term for Mil. Commander France.-Ic, see Glossary.

p.112  **(Osu V)...Eight Army in Poland.)*  
Attack on manner in which Blaskowitz conducted operation in Poland. He always remained under a cloud.

p.112  *(Asterisk omitted) (0930....)*  
Revival of custom as "Barbarossa" approaches.
German troops in Romania were not to use Romanian money.

This is not a function of Gen Qu, who is in the General Staff.

The question was whether the Op. Off. at Div. level should be given C of S status. (Has it only from Corps upward.)

"Do" is designation for Rocket Projectors.

SS (Sicher-Heavy) or S (Uberschwer-Super-heavy) were joint developments of Army and Navy for "Seeloewe". Consisted of two pontoon-like, covered craft, to which a deck was hinged. Could be used in rough seas (surf) and up to wind velocity 5. Each craft had an engine. Popular with troops and supply service. Could be loaded on railroad flatcars and on flatbed trailers.

Another type used was the "Sybel Ferry", named after the manufacturer of an aircraft engine. At the outbreak of the war, Sybel had a large number of these engines on hand from a canceled export order, and proposed it through Udet (Air Force) as a marine engine. The idea was accepted, and engines with aerial propellers were mounted on decks fastened rigidly across pairs of old-type open pontoons. The Army did not like this type (noisy, high fuel consumption, non-sectional construction, but Göring pushed it. Manufacture was discontinued and the ferry disappeared when the supply of engines was exhausted.

I.e., of German troops and supplies to Libya.
Possibly the ancient invasion route through the Shipka Pass in Bulgaria.
(Impassable before end of February because of snow.)

**Oberkriegsverwaltungsrat**
High-ranking civilian employee in Gen Qu Section.

**OKW Counter-intelligence organization, headed by Admiral Canaris.**

**Chief Armored Troops Officer.**

**Government—General (Poland). Mil. Government was the World War I designation.**
FOOTNOTES TO VOL. VI

p. 3  *(f.) ... is being watched.)
By German Intelligence.

p. 4  *(ObdH ... 3.) 110 Renault.)
French Arty. Prime Movers.

p. 4  **(Leyherr family.)
I.e., visit by family of M. Leyherr, son-in-law.

p. 7  *(Bogatsch: a) Air Support Hq Staff ....)
Koln Luft Stab – Kommandeur der Luftkraefte. In charge of
Air Force elements attached to Ground Forces (Rcn., AAA),
usually at Army level. Abolished after 1942, when Air
Force took control also of Rcn. missions.
"signal communications" (Nachrichtenverbindung) might
refer also to channeling of Intelligence reports.
b) "Air Force" should read "Air Fleet" (Luftflotte),
the territorial air command. - Ed.

p. 7  *(Bogatsch ..... e) ... 22-24, i.e. 50%.)
Should read: We have specified 50 Bns.
Received 51 mixed Bns; requested /figure missing - Ed./
(received 60-80% of total requested.)
11 light Bns.; requested 22-24 (received 50% of total
requested.)

p. 8  *(Fellgiebel: ... Seehausdienst.)
"Chi—Ueberwachung" could be a reference to the OKW digests
of all intercepted press and radio reports. — "Sonder-
dienst Seehaus" was an organization of the German Foreign
Office for the purpose of monitoring foreign broadcasts.

p. 9  *(ZL. Weise.)
Hubert Weise, General of AAA.

p. 9  *(Asterisk omitted) (Buhle: ....)
800th Regt. is Regt. Brandenburg, an organization trained
for sabotage and commando-type actions. The Regt. was
here proposed as a highly mobile riot squad, as it were.

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p. 10  *(a) Snadwind.* Code of a study dealing with a possible French uprising against occupation forces.

p. 14  *(a) on the "Mountain"). I.e., Berghof, Hitler's mountain villa at Obersalzberg. — Ed.

p. 17  *(a) ... Lofoten raid.*) The British commando raid on the Lofoten islands in Northern Norway. — Ed.

p. 17  **(Brand: b) ... citadel) "K Battery". The reference is to heavy siege guns. — Ed.

p. 18  *(d) A projectile.) Roehling projectile. Named after the industrialist who had promoted development of this super-long shell with folding fins. Very effective against concrete and armor plate.

p. 19  *(Gen. Ott ... kneeling position for aiming etc.) Refers to the reintroduction of the kneeling position in firing, to increase stability for the rifle.

p. 20  *(Hausinger .... propaganda show.) I.e., to do actual work on frontline positions only and leave rear positions (which would have only defensive character and so would not be needed) in the talking stage. Yet, both troops and officers were to be encouraged to believe that all preparations were for defensive purposes only.

p. 23  *(Asterisk omitted) (Wagner .... c) "Command Posts" of Gen Qu. "Befehlsstelle" should rather be translated by "Forward Gen Qu Hq". These Hqs were instituted to make the top command of the Supply Organization more flexible.
p. 24 * (Wagner... a) ... Delivery of the cruiser.
Sale of S.S. Luetzow was part of the commercial deal between Germany and the U.S.S.R. Rumor had it that the design of the cruiser was faulty.

p. 25 * (Operations Sec.:.... Seventeenth Army... Mountains...
I.e., the West Beskid range on the northern edge of the Carpathian Mts.

p. 25 * (Bottom of page; Zeppelin,
Code for GHq at Zosse, outside Berlin. Had the largest signal center of any Army installation.

p. 26 * (Buschenhagen: Skivaer.)
Gen. Halder could not reconstruct this entry.

p. 27 * (Barbarossa: 60% cannot be taken out of Norway.)
I.e., for operation "Silberfuchs", the campaign in Northern Finland, to seize Murmansk.

p. 27 ** (Personnel .... "furlough personnel".)
To avoid the hazardous transfer by sea, these troops were to be shipped through Sweden, which had granted transit privileges for personnel going on furlough.

p. 29 * (5. in Great Russia)
Russia proper, as distinct from the Ukraine and White Russia.

p. 30 * (Asterisk omitted) (Wagner:... c).
Gen. Halder suggested that the reference to OKW Rear Area, an unusual term, might be to Finland, which was an OKW theater of operations.
It does not appear unlikely, however, that the reference might be to OKW intentions in Rear Areas of the Russian front (see p. 29, 5, Rear Areas). Wagner, whose function as Gen Qu comprised also administration of occupied territories, would have to know about them. Ed.

p. 32 * (Gen. Rommel .... on the base line of the arc)
"Man wird nicht auf der Sehne .... angreifen können." The line from Agedabia to Tobruk, forming the base line of the arc-shaped coastline of Cyrenaica.
Ernst von Weizsäcker.


Intermediary units between Inf. and Mt. units.

Date line: 27 March 1941.

List's right wing, deployed on the Bulgarian border for invasion of Greece, was leaning on the Yugoslav border, directly north of the Yugoslav-Greek border. With Yugoslavia's entry into the war, List's mission was facilitated in that he was enabled to strike into Greece through a small corner of Yugoslavia. (That is, his right wing helped his right wing, i.e., himself, get into Greece.)

Driving a wedge through southern Yugoslavia, would prevent a link-up of Yugoslav and Greek forces.

Ernst Merk, Deputy Gen Qu in Romania.

"Operation 25." Code for the operation against Yugoslavia. (Entry should have had separate line. Is not connected with "Administrative Orders", which refer to "Barbarossa".)
p. 44 * (Conference with ObdM... Iron Gate*)
The name of the narrow gorge of the Danube near Orsova. Blockage of this passage would have interrupted the steady flow of vital oil barge convoys from the Romanian oil fields.

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p. 45 (Asterisk omitted) (Gen. Brandt... c)...
K 3 is a 24 cm gun with high muzzle velocity.

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p. 47 * (O VII... a) Jaeger Ein. 27Idean.
Finnish formation created by Ludendorff in 1916/17, under German command.

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p. 47 ** (O VII... c) Birchcr, Danniker.
Swiss Army officers, who were very close to German Gen. Staff.

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p. 47 *** (O VII... d) Gen. Marras.
Gen. Marras, Italian Mil. Attaché.

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p. 47 # (Kaital... e) B-officers.
Footnote canceled. See IV, 239, note **.

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p. 51 (Asterisk omitted) (Housinger:... c).
See Footnote p. 44.

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p. 52 (Asterisk omitted) (ObdH... c)...)
Should read: Have Heinrich and Vietinghoff launch attack ahead of schedule. ("Vorverlegen... und V...")

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p. 53 * (Housinger: 1.)... Zagreb.
Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Hungary, feeling technically bound by a Treaty of Friendship with the Yugoslav State, insisted her soldiers could set foot on Yugoslav territory only after that State had ceased to exist with the creation of a Croat national State. - Ed.

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p. 54  * (Schuchard .... Wiesbaden:)
  I.e., the Armistice Commission set up at Wiesbaden.

p. 54  ** (Heusinger:.... 2.) Sixteenth Regt."
  Paratroop Regt.

p. 55  * (Morning reports: Operation Iron Gate...
  An airborne operation to prevent blocking of the river
  passage. See note *, p.44.

p. 56  * (Heusinger.... c). Mil. Distr.VIII)
  Silesia.

p. 56  ** (Mil. Distr. IV)
  Saxony.

p. 57  * (b.Mil.Distr. XVII)
  Upper and lower Austria.

p. 57  ** (Mil. Distr. VIII)
  Silesia

p. 57  *** (Mil. Distr.IV)
  Saxony;

p. 57  # (Mil. Distr. III).
  Brandenburg.

p. 57  ## (d)... Mil>.Distr. XVIII)
  Tyrol.

p. 57  ###(Mil. Distr. I)
  East Prussia.

p. 58  (Asterisk omitted) (a.) Waffen SS - Poland.)
  The 1939 incidents complained of by the Army.

p. 59  (Asterisk omitted) (Org. Sec.... Estimated Needs:.....)
  The Mobile Div. was a projected new type of Div., inter-
  mediate between a mot. and a conventional Inf.Div. (e.g.,
  1 mot. Regt.)

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p. 59  * (Hausinger:...... I Do 17 Group)
Probably DO 217 K-2, a bomber. — Ed.
The "Groups" referred to here are "Gruppen" (see Glossary.)

p. 59 ** (Paulus:.... "Haifisch".)
Code for deception measures maintained after cancellation
of "Seeloewe" (invasion of England.)

p. 59 *** (....ObdH... Vesskneb.)
Other name of Skoplje. Already reported taken, might be
mistake for Nish. — Ed.

p. 60  * (Maria - Theresia Academy.)
Military Academy, founded by the Empress Maria Theresia.

p. 61 * (Hausinger:.... b)... 52nd Do Projector Regt.)
Six-barreled rocket projectors, 15 cm caliber. — Ed.

p. 61 (Asterisk omitted) (Wagner: Greek Army....)
The shorthand entry read for Army was not quite clear,
and Gen. Halder had no direct recollection of the
conversation. However, such a policy, as regards the
Greek army would have been entirely justified inasmuch as the
German Army was impressed by the effective Greek resistance
to the Italians.

p. 63 * (Conf. ObdH.... 2.) Transfer 60th Div. )
Was stationed in East Bulgaria for political reasons
(as a means of pressure against Turkey.)

p. 64 * (Wagner:.... b) Constanza: One ship can sail.*
Refers to shipping of supplies for List through
the Bosporus.

p. 64 ** (List needs nothing for Kavala.)
Port in Greek Thrace, where supplies could have been
received by sea via Bosporus.

p. 65 * (von Greiffenberg... British still have artillery in
area!)
I.e., fighting is still hard.
p. 66 *(Irmingard.)
Gen. Halder's daughter, married to Maj. Georg Seiderer, one of the instructors at the Maria Theresia Academy at Vienna-Neustadt.

p. 70 *(Operation Silberfuchs.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 70 **(Conference with ObdH:... Airborne Div.... once it is landed in Africa.)
If not dropped over the battle area, it would need motor transport of other units to get to the front.

p. 74 *(Conference with ObdH.... Io.)
The Io Officer is in charge of transmission of reports apart from enemy intelligence.

p. 74 ** (von Gleise..... to keep out Italian instructors.)
Because of the unpopularity of the Italians in Croatia.

p. 74 *** (Wagner.... "flying start".)
The offensive is launched before deployment of all Divs. in the assembly area has been completed. The Divs. arriving after opening of the attack are fed directly into the offensive. This method requires a very adaptable supply machinery.

p. 76 (Asterisk omitted) *(von Ziehlberg:.... Organization of training in Gen. Staff....)
The usual career of the Gen. Staff officer after completion of the requisite schools begins as 1st officer at Div., followed by a similar top at Corps or higher. If he shows himself good material he goes back to Div. as IA officer, and from there to higher posts, e.g. C of S. The culmination of any Gen. Staff officer's career is a command post in the field (Div. and up).

p. 77 *(Dr. Handloser.)
Surgeon General.

p. 81 *(Zermolin.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 81 **(Georg Seiderer.)
Footnote canceled.
p. 83 *(Sending airborne troops...)*  
See p. 70, note **.

p. 84 *(7.) 900th Brigade.)*  
A Training Brig. sent to front to gather first-hand experience.

p. 84 **(8.) Special Field Bns.**  
Penal units. Sentences were actually served in them, instead of in prison. Different from Rehabilitation Bns., in which a man rehabilitated himself, and which therefore carried a lighter moral stigma.

p. 84 *** (a.) Technical Emergency Service.)*  
"Technische Nothilfe" (Te-No). An organization started shortly after World War I, for the object of operating vital services in case of Leftist strikes. Later became part of the Nazi Party system.

p. 86 *(Wagner... Forward Gen Qw Hqs.)*  
Footnote canceled.

p. 86 **(b)... additional 10,000 cubic meter)*  
10 million liter, roughly 2.5 million gallons.

p. 87 *(Greece: Embarkation of enemy troops)*  
British troops, not Greek.

p. 87 **(Operation "Morkur").)*  
The operation against Crete.

p. 88 *(Felligelb: a)... short wave sets.)*  
*(Monitoring companies as relays.)*  
Footnote canceled. (Explanation incorporated in text.) The signals were in the codes of the Army Gps. in order to enable these Hqs to listen in.

p. 88 *** (Buhler: Foreign Legionnaires for Africa.)*  
Germans from the former French Foreign Legion.
p. 80 *(Brennecke:... Push straight ahead into the country!)
Refers to the mission of AGp. North in the impending Russian offensive.
AGp. North was instructed to push straight on Leningrad and not seek flank protection on the Baltic. In the subsequent campaign, this plan was followed and AGp. North was at Leningrad long before Estonia was cleared.

p. 89 **(Wagner (Gen Ocu)... Corps Headquarters (reduced)).
"Hoeheres Kommando". Corps of lower establishment, lacking some of the usual Corps troops.

p. 89 *** (Heusinger,... a) land march elements.
Wheel vehicles of Arm. units use roads in redeployment. Tracked vehicles are transported by rail to save tracks.

p. 89 #(Mil. District XVII)
Upper and Lower Austria.

p. 89 ##(Mil. District III)
Brandenburg.

p. 90 * (...2.) OKH Monitoring Co.)
See p. 88, note ** (Should be Intercepting Co.)

p. 90 ** (von Ziehlberg... Salmuth/Greiffenberg/Joertsch)
Salmuth gets an Army Corps. Greiffenberg takes Salmuth's place, Foertsch Greiffenberg's.

p. 91 * (Fuehrer:...b)... Ploesti)
Center of the Romanian oil district.

p. 91 ** (...b)... Cernavoda)
Site the important Danube bridge in the Dobrudsha.

p. 92 * (Odh... will talk to Fuehrer)
Von Brauchitsch did not want Goering (Odh) to have complete control of disposition and employment of Ground Forces assigned to that mission.
Suggested improvements for 1941.

The German word "Befehl" was not well chosen here. It is rather an emphatic reminder of what OKH thought best for the operations in Africa. Being a plan for that theater it is directed more to Rommel than to Paulus. Rommel formally, was still under OKH at the time (see 3 May) but OKH also was heard. The result was confusion.

Tiedemann had sharply criticized the conduct of the SS in the invasion of Holland. The SS was sending reports directly to the Fuehrer and claimed all credit for itself.

Mith, who was indiscreet in his talk about Hitler was denounced by a reserve officer present at the time. (See entry 10 March, 1941, Radke,... p.20) From that time on, Hitler, quite characteristically, would make spiteful remarks whenever Mith's name was mentioned, without ever saying clearly what he had against him.

Gen. Haider could not reconstruct the incident.

I.e., the scheduled date for the invasion of Russia; the Japanese Attaché was returning via Russia.

For copper mines.

I.e., the instructions outlined on p.93.
(16 Divs. unallocated)  
Remain very far in the rear.

(2 x 2)  
Two behind the other two.

(b) implementation orders  
Footnote canceled.

(Asterisk omitted) (Paulus...)  
It was very difficult to keep any sort of check on Bommel. Rockless, if successful, he went in for the spectacular and neglected such pedestrian functions as looking after his supply lines, etc. All means to control him failed. After he had managed to shake off the OKH, he tagged along with the OKW, and when he tired of that, he began to deal directly with the Italians, playing Mussolini against Hitler.

(West:... our movements to the West)  
The "Haifisch" deception operation.

(Southeast:... in the Banat.)  
Wholesale stealing.

(Salmutli... d) taking over of XXX Corps  
See p. 90, note **

(Buhle:... Siege Gun units, partially mobile)  
With not enough traction for all pieces, a traction pool furnished transport when needed.  
Paragraph c) probably refers only to GHQ troops.

(Capt. Loyker... c) to that post.)  
The time-consuming coastal route to Benghazi tied up much-needed shipping, but while Malta was under British control it was impossible to cut across to Benghazi from Sicily.

(as result of waterfront explosions)  
Explosion of an ammunition ship, which damaged harbor installations.

(Kruppelt O2U-2)  
O2U (Supply Officer) Second Army.

(••• show enormous rapacity,)  
I.e., a vast appetite for booty and insatiable hunger for spare parts and tools, which they keep losing continuously. He cannot keep control of his own supplies.
p. 100  *(Ehlfeld... will weaken the West for about three weeks)  
  I.e., until the arrival of new Artillery.

p. 101  *(d) Bordeaux Supply base for "Isabella"
  Code for defense measures against an Allied invasion of Spain.

p. 102  *(Beogatsch...d)... 9 Me 111 (Twin-engine fighters.)
  Messerschmitt 111.

p. 103  *(Mueller... death sentences... during operations)
  Death sentences formerly had to be confirmed by ObdH.  
  Requirements of operations called for relaxation of  
  rule so that Cds of Armies and Army Gps. (supreme  
  judicial authorities) could decide.

p. 104  *(Gru IV... a)... for propaganda purposes.)
  In India.

p. 105  *(Gen. Buhle;.... b)... the third Btryz.)
  I.e., personnel only.

p. 107  *(Wagner...d), Advance Supply Point system)
  "Stuelpunktystem". Forward supply bases within the  
  zone of operations shorten supply hauls for troops and  
  so enable them to advance faster. If supplies do not  
  follow quickly enough, troops start requisitioning,  
  which is wasteful of time for a force on the move, or  
  develop a tendency not to move too far away from the  
  nearest supply point.

p. 108  *(b) Political instructions for Greece.)
  On relations to the Italians and the German-Italian  
  demarcation line.

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Report that Bulgarians started requisitioning of rolling stock.

In view of the chronic shortage of trucks, it appeared more appropriate for Air Force to transfer the Div. by air.

Supply difficulties were used by them as an alibi for the Tobruk defeat.

Used for supply along coast.

2 Bns. composed of former German members of French Foreign Legion.

(“Referent z.b.V.”). Propaganda for the Army, in which von Brauchitsch took an intense interest.

Ia, Africa Corps.

Being railroad guns, they used up too much rail trackage.

Footnote canceled.
The Nazi recreational organization.

ObdH took someone along when going to the Führer to report, Gen. Halder intended to note down with whom and afterwards must have forgotten to.

Exchange of conventional for tapered-bore tubes.

There were two types of ferries used by the Army: S or SS, and Sybel ferries. S (Schwer, heavy) and SS (Überschwer, super-heavy) ferries were a joint Army-Navy development for Seeloewe, to serve as landing craft. They consisted of two covered, ponton-like craft, with individual power plants, to which a deck was hinged. Could be used in rough seas (surf) up to wind velocity 5. Were very popular with troops and supply services. Could be loaded on RR flatcars and flatbed trailers. Sybel ferries were named after a manufacturer of a small aircraft engine. At outbreak of the war, the Sybel concern had a large quantity of these engines on hand, from a canceled export order, and proposed the type to Gen. Udor as a marine engine. The idea was accepted and the engines, with aerial propellers, were mounted on decks struck across two conventional open pontons. Army did not like the type (noisy, high fuel consumption, rigid construction of ferries) but Goering pushed their use. Manufacture of Sybel ferries was discontinued when supply of engines ran out.

Possibly refers to special conditions prevailing in hot climates, reducing the effectiveness of ammunition.
p. 115  * (Diehcr, enforth)  
Army Training Ground.

p. 115  ** (Oct. 1941)  
Date when available in quantity.

p. 115  (Buhle  (First line, Omission)  
List of Divs. showing respective level of readiness....

p. 115  (Asterisk omitted)  (Report from 22nd AB Div.)  
Gen. Halder was opposed to any kind of over-specialization. Specialized troops just sat around doing nothing against the time when they would be needed, and developing the attributes of primadonas. He would have had all Divs. trained in the elements of air transport loading and unloading.

p. 115  *** (Buhle: .... Replacement Reserve II)  
World War I term here used by Halder in talk with Buhle, another World War veteran. Ersatzreserve I consisted of trained men over a certain age. Ersatzreserve II were all untrained men not yet called to the colors.

p. 116  (Asterisk omitted)  (Conference with ObdH.... 3.)  
One of the attempted compromise solutions for the situation created by Rommel's unwillingness to cooperate with OKH. "Deutscher Chef" could not be put over Rommel since he was Rommel's junior, but as a trusted OKH man, he was to "advise" the Italian Chief of Staff. His other function would be, to shake up and take control of the supply organization and rear services so flagrantly neglected by Rommel despite their vital importance for him so far from his home base.
p. 118 *(4.) ** President of the British Veterans Assn.)
This is a mistake due to confusion of names. The
President of the British Legion at that time was Sir
Ian Hamilton. — Ed.

p. 118 ** (1230... b) must not follow... too far forward)
Would interfere with troop movements.

p. 118 *** (b) No. (3-ton truck columns on secondary roads)
Would choke secondary roads.

p. 118 # (a) Armies Groups are echeloned in great depth!
Several days' marches deep.

p. 118 ### (b)... hoardish hoarding by units)
A certain amount of hoarding was tolerated, though it was
contrary to regulations. However, the practice de vel-
oped to proportions where some units had serious
shortages because others put away too many "silent"
reserves".

p. 119 *(von Z... c) Gause to be promoted to General.)
On becoming German Chief of Staff attached to
Italian Gen. Staff.

p. 119 ** (d)... Spala and Reichshof.)
Reichshof: Germanised name of Rzeszow, a town in
southern Poland.

p. 119 *** (Askania)
Code for GHq in East Prussia.

p. 119 # (Kloenne)

p. 119 ### (Me and I... planes.)
Messerschmitt and Heinkel.

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p. 120  * (Mines... 15,000 S Mines)
Anti-personnel mine.

p. 122  * (Heusinger: d)... we cannot move their ground elements)
I.e., trains, workshop units, etc. The situation is different if the Div. should revert to Army control.

p. 122 ** (2 Cos to Asp. North.)
Regt. Brandenburg (800th) assigned for protection of Hqs.

p. 123  * (c) Evacuation of 60,000 children.)
From East Prussia in the event of Russian air raids.

p. 123 ** (Adenauer.)
Brother of the well-known Mayor of Cologne and Center Party leader.

p. 123 *** ("Veilchenreichtume").
Title of a musical comedy.

p. 123  # (Gen Cu:... missions requested... must be refused.)
According to Gen. Halder, these SS police units wanted to be as far forward as possible in order to be first in place when police action was called for. Since they forced themselves into the scheduled road movements, their requests came under the purview of Army Hqs.

p. 124  * (Conf. with ObdH... c) Hanstein's out-of-turn promotion committee)
Footnote canceled.

p. 124 ** (Heusinger... a)... command set-up in Romania.)
I.e. the question of the status of the German Training units in relation to Antonescu as C in C of Romanian Army.

p. 124 *** (1500 - 1730... Kleist/Zeitzler.)
Zeitzler was Kleist's C of S.
p. 125 (Asterisk omitted) (Buhle: .. 4.)
"Panzer Ersatz Div.," not a conventional Army term. Was probably coined by Buhle with tank repair centers, where Armd. Divs. were refitted between the Yugoslav and the Russian campaign.

p. 126 * (von Thoma; Traffic control.)
The important question for Armd. Divs. as to who had priority to pass whom.

p. 126 ** (von Etzdorf; Supply line via Toulon (?!).)
In view of the difficulties of maintaining the flow of supplies to Africa, not the least of which was the limited capacity of the Brenner railroad line, it would have been highly desirable to secure Toulon as a shipping base. ?! indicates Gen. Halder's mournful realization that nothing would come of the plan.

p. 126 *** (Papen protests against his mission.)
Entry could not be reconstructed.

p. 127 * (Col. Ochsner; Safety regulations for Rocket Projector Troops.)
They were too complicated for troops, which resented them as slowing down loading, etc.

p. 127 ** (Ossoaviachin.)
A Russian peacetime organization to promote air-mindedness and interest in parachute jumping. The organization had jump training towers in several cities.

p. 127 *** (Heusinger; b) .. Agp. South.)
This would require sending German troops to Hungary, which were more urgently needed to concentrate weight in Agp. South.

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Mistaken translation. Should read:

"I instruct him that in placing the reserves, account must be taken of the fact that the West-East railroads might have to be used all at the same time (die möglicherweise gleichzeitig notwendige Belegung der West-Ostbahnh.) Reserves were to be placed so that they could be moved east rapidly; accordingly they were to be strategically distributed to avoid mutual interference of the movements when all lines of the west-east system had to be used to their fullest.

Losses were reported in the order of the difficulty of their replacement. Tanks were the hardest to replace.

Operational reserves are the reserves which, e.g., an Army Gp. will use to influence a large operational plan. Strategic reserves are unallocated reserves far in the rear of a country, which will be assigned to one of several operating elements (Army Gps.) according to need.

Transfer of this unit to the Normandy for exercises was part of the deception maintained after cancellation of Seeloewe in the fall of 1940. The local population was expected to pass on information to England that "big things were doing here" and so help maintain a state of continuous nervousness.

The Germanized name of Rzeszow, in southern Poland.
p. 134  *(Italy... 100,000 are to be shipped by rail).  
From Romania.

p. 134  ***(Syria... Training... in Syria.)  
I.e., Training of German detachments by French instructors with knowledge and experience of warfare in that part of the Near East.  
Gen. Haider was not sure whether these plans were proposals or agreements.

p. 135  *(Gen. Buhle:... b)  
Hqs, later to be placed under a Reich Commissar (for Lithuania, White Russia, Ukraine and one more for the Caucasus.) The Barbarossa plan envisaged these territories as independent regions, in which the Wehrmacht Erschließerhaber (Armed Forces Commanders) would act as diplomatic-political representatives.

p. 136  *(Lt. Col. Radke:... SS... Reich... across Germany.)  
As a propaganda tour.

p. 136  ***(Lt. Col. Radke:... a)...(religious orders).)  
Refers to the wholesale closing of religious institutions going on at that time.

p. 137  *(Stieff:... the Italians... looking after the country.)  
The occupied country was supposed to be administered jointly.

p. 138  *(Keitel... influx of E officers.)  
Footnote canceled.

p. 138  ***(von Bormuth - Buerker)  
Security Div. Command understands that Div. must be broken into Bns. for effective action against partisans etc. These direction beams were essential in desert warfare where owing to the lack of cover, tanks had to attack in smoke blankets.

p. 138  *Schienenschlepper." The traction unit of a truck trailer train that could be used also on railroad tracks. They were put to use wherever abandoned rolling stock was found (locomotives were usually either gone or damaged). Even hauls as short of 50 km, as between two demolitions, were considered economical for transloadding from and to trucks. These tractors were very useful also in taking sections of trains across improvised bridges which would not have supported locomotives.
p. 139  * (Heusinger: .... b) "Harpwy").
Code for deception on coast of South Norway, directed against East coast of England.

p. 142  * (Morning: ..... "ideal situation").
Western Gs of S, idle at the time, were given assignment of working out an old project of developing the "ideal vehicle", i.e. the supply vehicle of the "ideal Division" incorporating all wishes of the troops, for the "ideal situation", i.e. the time when Army would have all the funds they wanted and would not have to "skimp".

p. 143  ** (Fallglobal:..... Signal communication..... through Sweden.)
Telecommunications to Finland and Northern Norway.

p. 143  * (Navy:..... under cover of diversionary maneuvers.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 143  ** (Buhle:.... b) New Balkans set-up ..... supplement on political function.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 144  * (e) Questions relating to Army officials.)
Re-opening of the question of assimilation to military rank and status.

p. 144  ** (Heusinger:.... f) Hungary:... before B plus 6.)
B stands for target date of "Barbarossa".

p. 144  *** (...can be sent to Presov)
Locality in Slovakia.

p. 145  * (The link between Romania and Hungary.)
"Romania" is probably a mistake. Is more likely to mean "Seventeenth Army".

p. 146  * (Keitel....b)... take care also of the southeastern operation.)
Refers to the offensive between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega.

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By air to front, Warsaw (von Hobe).)
Maj. Cord von Hobe, a son-in-law.

(The imposing vastness... "Tuchfühlung")
"Tuchfühlung", literally, keeping in close touch with the next man so as to touch the cloth of his uniform. Keeping that sort of contact meant that there were no gaps in the front that could not be swept by interlocking fire. In "Barbarossa", gaps of 8 to 10 km were permissible, less in wooded country. - Divisions were to be kept together as operational units, regardless of resulting gaps.

(All the work of decades)
I.e. since the end of World War I.

New phase of "Heifisch", the deception maintained on the Normandy coast (see p. 151.)

To mask movements of reserves from the West to the East.

OKH insisted on getting the actual aerial photographs, not the interpretations by Air Force. Valid results depended to some extent on coordination of interpretation and mutual supplementation of ground and air observations. "But Goering thought he knew everything."

It was thought that the war in Russia would be all but concluded by next fall, in which case Turkey might come over to Germany's side. This railroad bridge in Turkish Thrace (Adrianople) near Bulgarian border, would then be an important link. See also "Future plans: b)" p.199 - Ed.

"Inspektion der Eisenbahntruppen" existed before the war but lost out in importance to "Befehls- -Befehls- haber der Eisenbahntruppen (Commander of Railway Troops)- which was in charge of field operations. Restoration became necessary when activation of new Railway Troops and many other organizational and training matters required the full-time attention of a ZI Hq. - Brig.Hqs were needed for control of new Railway Regts.

"Wehrmacht-Befehlsbahr Sudost"
(See p. 89 (Wagner, Gen Qu).)
* (Op. Sec.: e) Reception Hqs, assembly and transfer to front.

"Ausladegruppe." A temporary Hq of Army Corps status, acting as "reception committee" for freshly arriving Divs., in unloading areas. Looks after billeting, feeding and additional training until Divs. are sent up to front. Sometimes the Hq becomes a Corps Hq (reduced), going up with the troops. The three phases are: Unloading, assembly and transfer to front.

** (Tobruk: Fa'a Div.) The name of an Italian Arm. Div.

*** (Romania: Dismantling of tracks on railroad bridge.) Probably the bridge at Gernavoda, which would be needed for motorized movements.

# (Romania: Radio communication with Navy.) Between Germany and the 'German Navy in the Black Sea and Coastal Defense units. Difficulties resulted from the difference of codes.

* (Author omitted) (COn lV Position of Attachés ...)

Sphere of action of "Deutsche Generale in (Bulgaria, Finland, etc.) had to be kept strictly apart from that of Attachés. The "German Generals" form the Liaison in operational matters, "giving out", while Attachés, furnishing the home office with information on war potential, etc. of the guest nation, were chiefly "taking in".

** (Buhl: Special Br. Iraq volunteers) A specially trained group that would carry the war to that area in "Lawrence of Arabia" fashion.

*** (Conf. with Oth: a) Proclamation... Must set forth the reasons.) i.e., for the attack on Russia.

Last line should read: Radio ..... shifts of Hqs.
Askania, near Mauersee (see p. 119). The threat was not an actual one, and so the material and the work that went into protective minefields appeared sheer waste.

A neighbor, who liked to drop in for: "inside information".

Gerti Leyherr, one of Gen. Haider's daughters.

Married men would not be returned to the theater.— Two per cent to ZI; i.e., 40 per cent of all furlough personnel; other 60 per cent in Africa.

150,000 looks like an excessive figure for attrition losses, but it might have been a deliberately pessimistic estimate.

900th Brig. would be security force for GHq (Askania).

Locality near Bialystok. More concern about GHq. — More concern about GHq.

Comes under German control.

Being the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, one would have expected a proclamation kept on a more military level on the eve of so momentous a campaign.
The start signal for "Barbârosa".

Troop Training Center in East Prussia.

b) Gen. Epp, head of the Colonial League, dedicated to the recovery of German overseas colonies, had sponsored this organization to assemble and train special personnel for the re-acquired colonies. Such projects had to be dropped for the time being.

c) Rommel vs. von Kirchheim; fundamentally, Rommel vs. everybody.

a) In case of trouble let some troop transports drop out in favor of supply.

c) "Holmstab Uebersee". An OKW attempt to supply a solution for Rommel's largely self-inflicted logistical problems.

"Auforстehungskolonnen", someone's whimsical designation for the columns of conscripted privately-owned French trucks to serve as a transportation pool in event of "Attila" (occupation of Vichy France).

A prestige offer. Commitment was considered on Romanian front (Balkans).
In this way only one prong of the pincer was left.

"Askania" near Angerburg.

In view of the desire to destroy the Russian armed forces west of the Dniepr, Gen. Halder welcomes the enemy's stand.

The drawback would be the great detour. The advantage the greater ease of crossing a river near its source.

Conversion from the wider Russian to the German railroad gauge.

Because of Italian aspirations to the Black Sea.

Exceptionally, Gen. Halder reads the situation map from north to south. Usually the entries begin with the southernmost unit in the sector of A&G South, and then pass on to Center and North (from right to left.) - Ed.
p. 171 *(Finish Gen. Gequist....Erfurth)*
Gen. Waldemar Erfurth, Chief of German Mil. Mission in Finland.

p. 173 *(Asp. South.....The conveyor belt system would be necessary here! A continuous flow of new Divs., on a conveyor belt, as it were.)*

p. 173 ***(Asp. Center.....Behind them......) I.e., east of these Russian forces.***

p. 174 * (von Ziehlberg.....Clausius affair) A row with his CO. Replacement needed.

p. 175 *(Asterisk omitted) (Evening reports..... Moscow.....operational High Command.) This would indicate that Moscow now has a clearer picture of the front and can substitute centralized direction for the uncoordinated reactions of field commands surprised by the attack.***

The country between the Dniepr and Dvina rivers, the only gap in the belt of major rivers protecting Moscow.

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Should read: "Reckless" and not indications of an operational, let alone strategic withdrawal.

Operational withdrawal: withdrawal is on the own initiative, to organize a new front. Troops must disengage quickly to regain operational freedom on a line further to the rear.

Strategic withdrawal: abandoning of very large areas, e.g., the entire South of Russia, to concentrate on the defense of other parts of the country, considered of more vital importance.

Because these two Divs., were located more favorably for this purpose.

The correct designation is "RW (Reich-Wagner) Geraet", a heavy railroad bridging equipment. Eleventh Army, deployed behind the Prutti river, and still inactive, would need much of the scarce bridging equipment, which meanwhile might be needed on the active fronts.

I.e., in the course of the offensive Army Gr.B had already moved outside the territory of the Government-General, where it was also in charge of the static military establishment.
p.182  
(2nd paragraph, eastern part of Polesia)
The region of the Priepet marshes.

p.185  
*(Enemy intelligence: Rositten)*
This Rositten is in Latvia (Rezekne). The high (Army Gr.) Hq had disappeared some days earlier.

p.185  
**(Spain: Rembertow)**
Troop Training Center near Warsaw.

p.186  
*(Asterisk omitted) (To celebrate lower Staff)*
"Unterstab", the NCO clerks of the GHq.

p.187  
*(top line, with combat forces)*
I.e., not just reconnaissance forces

p.187  
**(Afternoon, visit by the Fuehrer to the camp)**
I.e. OKH Hq

p.190  
*(Asterisk omitted) (In AGp Center the hand supplies,)*
The term used here is "Handkoffer" (hand luggage) a term coined by Gen. Halder to distinguish smaller truck load, carrying a few days' supplies and moving with the combat troops, from the "Passagiergut" (the heavy luggage sent by express), the complete carried issue of supplies which follows in bounds.

p.190  
*(b) Fuel situation, beginning 6 July.*)
Start of a new offensive.

p.190  
**(Gen. von Wuldaue, of air strength)**
 against Leningrad. Omitted in the translation.
---Ed.---
p.191  * (Col. von Ziehlberg: Decorations, 10 July and 1 August)
Possibly Historic dates. They were target dates for distribution of decorations throughout the entire Army.

p.191 ** (In Army, North I Corps should better not move to the East.)
The enemy was trying to divert it in that direction.

p.191 (Asterisk omitted) (Evening reports, Approve date)
Should read: "Date is approved." There were divergences between Obd&, who wanted to go easy, and Gen. "Alder", who wanted to move in the direction of Moscow as quickly as possible.

p.192 * (top: by the old Russo-Estonian frontier.)
I.e. before Russian annexation of the Baltic States in 1939.

p.192 ** (Field Marshal von Leeb...b)...to move up XXII Corps...)
GHq Reserve. The principle followed was to let the command most likely to need reinforcements do the moving of GHq Reserves to the front. Being interested in getting these reinforcements, the command would overcome any obstacles in getting them in back of the frontline.

p.193 * (Fourth paragraph, This accounts for his passivity.)
Footnote canceled.

p.196 * (Fourth line: "in pursuit")
The Hungarian report is quoted ironically. It was no "pursuit" of an enemy that the Hungarians had beaten; the enemy just withdrew.

p.196 * (Enemy intelligence, 3rd paragraph: in the space of two weeks.)
Gen. Halder explained this sentence meant only that the forces of the first Russian mobilization wave had been destroyed within two weeks from the opening of the war.
p.199  * (Bottom line... by groups. concentrated at the crossings.)
I.e. Dvina river will not be held by a continuous enemy line.

p.200  * (Col. Ochsner:... Do Projector)
"Do" Six-barreled Rocket Projectors.
Heavy Rocket Launcher: In 1941, 230 or 320 mm rockets fired from their shipping crates. The necessary elevation is given by a tilted frame on which the crated rockets rest.

p.200  ** (Wagner &... Bv. TO)
Sevollmaechtigte Transport Offizier ---
Plenypotentiary Transport Officer, the representative of the Transport Chief (Oercke) at Army Gp. or Army level.

p.200  *** (c.)... Center: Armor within close distance from Moscow)
I.e., that much fuel, and in the case of Infantry all the general supplies could be delivered to enable these troops to reach the named Moscow looks like a long distance, but may be correct due to the fact that the road net in sector of AGp. Center was relatively good.

p.201  * (In North... as far as Ostrov)
Should read: Hoepner, beating off attacks against his flank, has pushed as far as Ostrov, just north of the Dvina river.

p.202  * (Heusinger:... a) the last Regt.)
The second aRegt. of the 4iv. (two-Regt. Div.) is diverted while in transit.
p.203 * (Wagner..., B v TO)
Footnote canceled

p.203 ** (Suble;...a...organization has proved unworkable!)
I.e., the combination of horses and motorized equipment. The Cav.Div. was a hobby of ObdH. It became an Armd. Div. in 1942.

p.203 *** (b)... Suitable for new missions (...on Balkans etc.,...))
Gen. Filder was thinking over possibilities just in case Hitler suddenly wanted to start a new war somewhere on the globe. Anatolia was mentioned a few days earlier, see p.197.

p.203 # (d) Chenillettes)
tracked armored ammunition carriers.

p.203 ## (e)... supply installations have been diverted(?)
Probably to the Murmansk front.

p.205 (Asterisk omitted) (Gen. Ott...Inf. Supply Olms,...) Erroneous
Erroneous Translation: Infanterie Kolonnen-
An innovation: ammunition Olms. like that of Artillery (not a Supply Olms.)

p.207 * (Evening situation South: ...in Romania.)
I.e., the "Romanian front.

p.207 ** (South:......inside the enemy positions)
The line on the old Russian border.

p.207 *** (Finland:.....only the last Regt.)
I.e., only the second Regt. was diverted.
(cf. p. 202, note.)

p.207 # (Situation: South:...far to the south(road conditions?))
Are roads really so bad that Corps must spread itself over such a wide area? Armor should be kept together!

p.207 ## (....west of Minsk)
"Minsk" is wrong. In the absence of a situation map the mistake could not be corrected.

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p.208 * (Summary:... north-south operation east of the Dniepr.)
This refers to the possibilities of cooperation between Army Groups Center and South in this eventuality. Center would help South, which had been checked in its advance by the Dniepr river.

p.209 (Asterisk omitted) (2300... "inner ring"...
"outer ring"...)
These are not encircling rings in the same sense as in the battle of Białystok. The question here is whether the operation should be limited to slicing off a small area by an Armor-Inf. team, or be given maximum scope.

p.212 * (3) Details:...b) battle at Smolensk)
It was assumed that a crushing defeat in that battle would dispose of organized opposition all the way to the Volga river. ArmA. thrust then would destroy the remaining war industries east of the Volga.

p.214 * (Situation: South... on both sides of Mogilev).
I.e., one Russian Div. on each side of Mogilev. -Ed.

p.214 ** (Seventeenth Army... Stalin line...)
Not the real Stalin Line. Any time a line of prepared positions was breached, the field commands reported a breakthrough of the "Stalin Line".

p.214 *** (Center:... from the direction of Nevel.)
Footnote canceled.— "The heading "North" should have been several lines earlier, preceding "Also von Leeb's right wing...". The right wing of A.Gp. North is here reported on under "Center" because its operation has bearing on Third Arm. Gp. (Hoth) of A.Gp. Center.
"From north to south" is mentioned specifically because this is a reversal of the customary order of notation (from south to north). The notation is consistent with usual practice, however, in that it is from right to left.

Longer sentences were served in "Penal Bns." A penal unit for soldiers whose court martial sentence has been suspended to give them an opportunity to redeem themselves at the front. Different from "Special Field" Bns., where actual sentences were served, see p.84.

Fog probably should read Log (6 km NW of Strugi-Krasnenje)

Possibly Twelfth and Seventh Arm. Divs.

This designation was indiscriminately applied to all sorts of fortified lines.

80 cm Gun. Range 51,400 yds. weight of projectile (AC) 16,540 lbs. —Ed.

In order to dissociate himself from the order and to indicate that he could not assume responsibility for it, Gen. Halder would pass it on with the opening phrase "The Fuehrer has ordered...." Since it implied criticism, this form of transmittal was later prohibited.
p. 236  * (South: . . . SS "Wiking")
An SS Div., made up mostly of Scandinavians, Dutch and Flemish.

p. 238  * (Gen. Jacob: . . . b), material from Belgrade
Footnotes canceled.

p. 238  (Asterisk omitted.)  (Evening . . . )
Correction: Both Reinhardt and von Manstein commanded Arm. Corps, not Divs.

p. 239  *(Gen. Brennecke . . . rushed off to the west)
I.e., into Estonia, which was not yet entirely
in German hands.

p. 239  (Asterisk omitted.)  (Situation: South)
I.e., on the western bank of the Dniestr, which makes a wide turn.

p. 241  *(Gen. Buhle: a . . . including Second and
Fifth in the total.
These two Divs. existed already, but needed
much new materiel after the Balkans Campaign.

p. 241  (Asterisk omitted.)  d)
Correction: Should read "Heavy Rocket Launchers!"

p. 243  *(b . . . Upper Dniepr)
Should be "Dniepr".

p. 243  **  ( . . . transloading at Varana)
Locality in Slovakia, but identity uncertain.

p. 247  *(Adp. North: . . . The "eastern front")
Adp. North also had a "western front", facing
Estonia.
p.248 (Gen. Wagner...2) Transfer instrument receives signature.
Gen. Halder signs for ObdH, who is at AGp. North. (Performance of functions which normally are in ObdHs province is usually noted in the Diary. —Ed.)

p.251 (c) i) Observed enemy movements (from north to south)
(See cf. note p.215)

p.253 (Asterisk omitted) (Col. Liss,...a)
Correction:.....that the units are still Brigs. and not Divs.,...........

p.256 (2.4 A special organization under Balk)
Armd. Forces Chief in OKH
(Correction:.....for checking....)

p.256 (Asterisk omitted) (Gen. Wagner...a)
Correction:.....native food stocks

p.260 (I stress the following points: a)....XXXV Corps.)
The organization is not a full Corps, but a "Hoheres Kommando", i.e., a Hq of Corps status with fewer special troops than the usual complement of a first-line Corps Hq. When acting merely as an Hq, this type of organization is referred to throughout the translation as "Corps Hq (reduced)". In the field, with combat troops attached, it is more convenient to refer to it as Corps. Reichenau was given this incomplete Corps because there were no other reserves available. —Ed.

p.261 (Development of the situation:....the eastern front von Kluge's Army...) In the wide envelopment, von Kluge's Army has a western front, facing the rear of the enemy fronting west, and an eastern front.

p.261 (Development of the situation: (Second Paragr.)...a damper on all higher Hqs.) i.e., Army and Army Gp. Hqs, and OKH.
III Corps motif is turned over to Reichenau's Sixth Army, for the battle of Kiev, which Gen. Halder opposed.

The intended meaning is "in general direction of Stalingrad, Second Army (von Weichs) takes the right wing of Ninth Army to its north, while Ninth Army (Strauss), its own left wing, assumes command of right wing of A.Gp. North (von Leeb). (von Leeb's left wing is an error in the original). - Ed.

This refers to the objective (i.e., the high ground of Smolensk) set forth in the initial directive for the invasion.

From the Beresina river to the line now reached.

von Kluge's new group, von Kluge (Fourth Army) assumes control of elements of Second and Ninth Armies for investment of Smolensk.

"...also many guns captured."

To be brought to full strength.
Contact between units is not absolutely essential, especially if depth can be maintained. See p.147, note**.

Should read: "need for clear-cut allocations (i.e., of supply) by (front) sectors."

The "resources for developing opportunities" are the reserves and special troops available to Army Gp. Hqs, which are to make the most of the initiative held by their troops. In both North and South, there are openings for exploitation with these reserves.

The objectives given at the outset of the campaign are nearly reached. Thought must be given now to the continuance of the operation, in order to avoid an operational vacuum when these goals are achieved.

ObdA calls up von Bock
ObdA had to call up, because Gen. Haider did not want to be in any way identified with the new project.

Slip of the pen for Kurdistari.

Hitler did not have the patience to let anything come to fruition that by its nature required a slower development.

Gen. Haider considered such a frontal advance senseless, because Moscow was defended by a whole series of fortified lines, one behind the other.

The implication was that this was not an important front, so that Bock could take his time.
Here is the origin of Hitler's obsession to yield an inch of ground even after holding a position no longer gave any advantage. He thought he could thus disrupt the enemy's operational designs just as similar tactics on the part of the Russians disrupted the German plans.

At the beginning of the war Hitler was afraid the Russians might withdraw and so escape destruction, now he was annoyed because they did not budge.


p.275 **(e) to the Staff of the Armored Troops Chief) One of the "Arms Chiefs" in OKH.

p.276 *(Evening: AGp Center, guarded by partisans) This method had the purpose of compelling the Germans to halt to open fire, and so pinning them down for a time.


p.278 *** (Fellgiebel: Cipher operations procedure) i.e., when code should or should not be used.

p.278 ***(Lt. Col. St.off: Directives, not orders!) Armd. Gr. 3 protests against being given "orders" wants only broad "directives" (i.e. indication of objective, with details of execution left to its own judgment).
p.279  *(e)....for immediate needs, i.e., the "Handkoffer" (hand supplies). See note on p. 190.—Ed.

p.279  ** *(e).... immobilization of trailers.) Trucks were not powered to pull trailers (one or two) on roads turned into bigs by heavy downpours.

p.279  *** *(Center:...ridge___) Footnote canceled.

p.279  # *(Col. Breith....Traffic...control) To keep unauthorized vehicles off certain roads.

p.280  *(a).....cooking kettles...) A critical item, because of the glycerine filling between the two jackets, which had to be replenished from time to time while in use. This glycerine bath, on the double-boiler principle, prevented burning of food in the kettles, the contents of which could not be stirred while the kitchen was rolling.

p.282  *(Center:..... from their Sectors..) For rehabilitation.

p.282  ** *(c)...for the period of rehabilitation) i.e., their ground personnel.

p.283  *(Major Meyer-Rides.....from Libya) Probably should be Syria. —Ed.

p.284  *(Evening situation:.....On the Eastern front..) i.e., the eastern front behind the Uman pocket.
p. 285 *(The movement of the Inf. Div.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 285 ** (Radke: a)...Basic order.)
On handling of secret material.

p. 286 *(Second line:....finally closed.)
See pp. 50, 49, 58, 76, 94.

p. 288 *(End of volume VI without date: )
Possibly 25 July 1941. —Ed.

p. 288 ** (foresighted supply!)
Equipment of troops with smoke ammunition is not a matter of changing basic issues (organization). The necessary orders must be given to the Supply Chief ample time.
p. 1  *(2.)... on its extreme left wing.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 3  *(South:.... Eleventh Army.)
Entered separately in this tabulation, because it operates from supply base in Romania.

p. 3  ** *(a) West:.... for an amnesty)
For French civilians.

p. 3  *** *(c) The crime rate is down)
Among soldiers.

p. 3  *(e) Special Field Br.)
Penal units, see Vol. VI, p.84 note**. - Ed.

p. 5  *(Asterisk omitted) Evening situation... Center:... eastern flank... eastern front.)
The envelopment east of Smolensk.

p. 6  *(GHQ Reserves: 0 : 28)
All GHQ reserves allotted, none available any more, as against the enemies 26 reserves Divs., which can be committed on any part of the front.

p. 6  ** *(Center:.... are building a bridge across the Dniepr.)
To the southern bank of the river.

p. 7  *(East:... Cooperation with the Economics Organization)
"Wirtschafts-Rüstungsamt." - Reich agency concerned with planning of economic exploitation of prospective occupied territories in the east, in connection with procuring raw material and food for the German Armed Forces. - Ed.

p. 8  *(c) Quarters.... kitchen kettles)
See Vol. VI p. 280 (footnote)
To be careful whom he takes into his Staff, so as to have a strong OKH group.

At the weakest part of any ring enclosing the pocket, i.e., where the link up is made in the east.

i.e., the sector of his Army Gp. east of Smolensk.

Compare preceding page, note *: The Armd. Gp. on the eastern end of the pocket was naturally subjected to heavy pressure from the enemy trying to break out eastward.

Correction: The Home Det (Versorgungsbezirk) offered eighteen ammunition trains.... ten ammunition trains.... lost in Marshalling Area (Sammelgebiet) (Warsaw - Frankfurt/Oder).... Sammelgebiet (Marshalling Area) is the railroad net where supplies are kept loaded in trains subject to "call" from front Supply agencies.

The original reads Gen Qu (I); probably means Gruppe I of the Gen Qu Section, Planning and Organization of supply in the field. - Ed.

Gen. Halders' private address in Berlin. - Ed.


German Mil. Attache in Bucharest.
p. 19  * (Gen. Brand: Z 3 Br.)
  24 cm, range 41, 011 yds.

p. 22  * (Third Par., ..., between the frontier and Minsk.)
  I.e., railroa'd traffic has been restored on this section of the line.

p. 24  * (Center: .... This will have to be settled by OKH
  order).
  This was strictly an Army Gp. command matter, but
  Guderian did very much what he wanted and the matter
  had to be enforced by a top echelon order.

p. 24  ** (von Ziehberg: .... internal tensions)
  I.e., within the Gen. Staff about decorations and also
  politics.

p. 24  *** (his full confidence in my policies)
  Adding the advice not to let himself be deflected
  from his clear line by what was going on.

p. 25  * (1700 ...b) .... operational objective.)
  Gen. Haider's opposition to any major operation against
  the Korosten Group, as wanted by Hitler, (see p.30, 2.)

p. 26  * (Fourth line, ..., GHq Reserve of 135 trains.)
  I.e., trains kept loaded with supplies, ammunition, etc.

p. 26  ** (b) safety margin)
  Silent reserves and conservative estimates.

p. 31  * (von Bock, on phone: ..., offensive with limited
  objectives)
  "Kleine Losung".

p. 32  * (3.) Boetticher's)
  German Mil. Attaché in Washington. - Ed.
p. 33 * (Major Pieterus ... Schubert's Group)
A Combat Team made up of elements of AGp.'s Center and North.

p. 36 * (Second paragraph;... are separated by natural obstacles (marshes).)
"Capability for modifying the situation" means here: Possibilities for regrouping forces.

p. 37 * (.) Supplies;... 3 day reserve on hand)
All this applies to ammunition.

p. 37 ** (.) Nikolayev;... are reported already moving northward
I.e., to push eastward again since there is no enemy left to cut off in the south.

p. 39 * (Situation: In South;... The same old story again!)
This Arm. drive from the north was useless, since it was bound to arrive too late to catch the enemy, who had always an escape route open to the east.

p. 39 ** (2.)... "Bridgehead"
A salient in the frontline.

p. 39 (Asterisk omitted) (Situation... old story again!)
It is too late to accomplish anything by moving south. Should have moved eastward in the direction in which the enemy was fleeing.

p. 40 * (Lt. Col. von Kahlden;... Artillery emplacements are a problem.)
Water table to close to surface.

p. 40 ** (Gen. Wagner;... Organization Todt II program.)
Second echelon of Todt organization, working in the areas farther to the rear.

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p. 42 *(Noteworthy: ... propaganda in enemy territory.)
Refers to the work of the Propaganda Section of OStH in
Ukraine (Hesse, see III, p. 64, Note ***, V, p. 77,
note ** and VI, p. 20.).

p. 42 *(Situation: ... Center: ... The costly ** fighting.)
Costly for both sides.

p. 44 *(North: ... They want to take Third mot. Div. out ...)
The original has "30th mot. Div." No such unit existed.
Confusion due to fact that 30th Inf. Div. operated in
the adjoining sector.

p. 46 *(Asterisk omitted.) (Third line from top)
Correction. Read: "Scheduled" for "balanced supply
movements".

p. 46 *(Gen. Keitel c. . a) . . the number of Division
Commanders c. . is steadily mounting.)
The two main factors were nervous strain and incompetence.

p. 46 ** (c) . . Naples to Murmansk.
I.e. Personnel Div. was in contact with all theaters
of operations and so had its finger on the pulse of
general opinion.

p. 47 *(Third line from top.)
The tracks would be ruined.

A narrow corridor from the main front to Narva.

p. 49 *(Wagner . . 2.) . . hoarding of supplies.)
The old complaint about too many "silent reserves",
causing shortages in some units and generally disrupting
planned allocation.

See p. 44, note *.
The German settlements in the Ukraine had been decimated by the 1923 famine and the countryside had begun to revert to its original steppe character.

The way the Roman numeral is written in the original may easily be misread for L (50).

Reference to the foreign volunteer legions which were then in the planning stage.

No explanation could be obtained. - Ed.

I.e., defensive warfare is impracticable on this front.

I.e., the part of the front of Center facing east.

Other parts of this projecting sector were facing north and south and even west, because of the enemy pocket.
p. 62 (Asterisk omitted:) (Conference with Gen. Obst. Guderian.)
Gen. Halder, von Bock and other high-ranking generals opposed a major battle at Kiev, which loomed so large in Hitler's mind. Even Guderian was against it because Moscow was a much more attractive objective, and it was hoped that Hitler might listen to him.

p. 63 * (Gen. Table: . . 4) "Service Companies."
Germans: "Betreuungskompanien."

p. 66 * (Capt. in the Gen. Staff.)
Bock introduced in the Gen. Staff Corps the distinction between "in (im) the Gen. Staff" and "of (des) the Gen. Staff." An "in" officer was one who worked in the Gen. Staff proper, an "of" officer was one with Gen. Staff training assigned to a troop unit. The distinction was never widely adopted.

p. 66 ** (Gen. Wagner . . f) Shifting of ammunition stocks.)
Stocks left over from the French campaign.

p. 71 * (First paragraph: . . The final decision is up to Fourth Army.)
I.e., buck-passing by von Bock.

p. 71 ** (Gen. Table: . . 4) Russian 7.62 cm Gun.)
A Krupp design sold to Russia after being rejected by the German Army Ordnance Office. The Russians demonstrated the effectiveness of the gun against the German Army, which then accepted it for its 42 Artillery.

p. 71 *** (g) French Legion.)
Composed of French volunteers, sponsored by the Vichy Government.

p. 73 * (General von Waldau . . air-borne operations on the Crimea is vetoed.)
By Goering as Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force.

p. 79 * (Moon: . . fall of Viborg.)
Gen. Oehquist was the former Commander of the fortress of Viipuri (Viborg), ceded to Russia after the Russo-Finnish war 39/40.

For the Danube.

Date probably wrong, possibly mistake for 21 August.

I.c., of its C in C, von Leeb.

OKH is directed to order Guderian back.

Here, the far bank of the meandering river. - Ed.

Between Iron Cross First Class and Knight's Cross. This was the "German Cross" (in gold or silver). Its appearance gave rise to the Army slang "Spiegloli" (Fried Egg).

I.o.f., Arm. Grp. 1, in AGrp. South, forming the other prong of the drive.

Gen. Halder could not explain the figures.

See Glossary.

The area around Yelnya.

I.o., Russian attacks.
p. 100 * (Zone of action.)
For the big offensive against Moscow ("Teifun"), see p. 134. - Ed.

p. 100 ** (Gen. Paulus: Arm. Corps. Reinhardt.)
I.o., XXXI Corps. Gen. Halder often referred to units by name if he knew the Commander well. This sometimes may cause confusion with the Combat Teams or Groups of Div. or Corps strength put together for special purposes, which were officially designated by the name of the Commander. - Ed.

p. 102 * (Evening situation: eastern central front.)
I.o., of Agp. Center, see notes p. 61 and 99.

p. 104 * (Evening situation: South: the encircling ring has now been closed.)
I.o., the ring around Kiev.

p. 104 ** (from the outside.)
I.o., from the east.

p. 104 *** (turn to his new mission.)
In the direction of Tula.

p. 104 # (west of the Neva.)
I.o., on the western bank of the Neva.

p. 105 * (Gen. Follgiefel: between Agps. South and Center.)
I.o., telephone connection between the two Agps. east of the Dniepr.

p. 106 * (southward from the Dniepr.)
With the Dniepr swinging sharply to the west in the area, the southern bank is the far bank. - Ed.

p. 106 ** (like billiard balls.)
I.o., they bounce off one side and then butt against the opposite side.

p. 106 *** (Hausinger/Stieff: for operation Teifun.)
Code for the big fall offensive against Moscow, see p. 100, note * and p. 134 sqq.

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p. 107  * (von Sodensten... he would like to get rid of them.) Primadonnas, publicity-minded, and generally not popular with the Army.

p. 107  ** (Gen Co a)... AOp. Rear Areas.
Now turned over to OKW administration; therefore the mention of safeguarding of our (i.e. OKH) interests.

p. 107  *** (...with the Reich Marshal.)
Reich Marshal Goering, as head of the Four Year Plan Authority; — Ed.

p. 107  # (...20-day stock).
An iron reserve.

p. 108  (Asterisk omitted:) (Schedule of arrivals Naval...)
...of units transferred from North to Center for the big fall offensive against Moscow.

p. 109  * (AOp-North, second paragraph:... cave-ins...)
Roadbeds collapsed under the weight of tanks.

p. 107  ** (Gen-Co a)...Ed.

p. 110  * (Group Guderian:)

p. 110  ** (Group Guderian:)

p. 111  * (First paragraph:... Group Mackensen.)
A Combat Team. — Ed.

p. 111  ** (Center and North:... Center...)

p. 111  (Asterisk omitted:) (Bogatch-Kirzel:... a) operational defense line...)
I.e., a defense line of more than tactical significance, one that has bearing on the defense plan for a theater.

p. 107  *** (von Sodensten,...)
...the enemy facing AOp. Center. — Ed.
p. 112  *(Situation . . . of the encirclement.)
I.e., the moment when the encircling ring is sealed. The friendly troops are fewest there and the enemy usually throws his weight against that weak link.

p. 112** *(Seventh paragraph: . . XXXI Corps Hq.)
Footnote canceled.

   d) Snow-tractors.*
   b) Also for Southern Russia.
   d) Iron runners to which wheels of horse-drawn vehicles are clamped, converting these vehicles to sleds.

p. 113** *(Gen. Wagner . . e) . . Gauleiter Koch.)
Reich Commissar for the Ukraine. - Ed.

I.e., the XXXIX mot. Corps.

p. 116  *(Situation: South: . . "Defensive opposition".)
In quotes because Gen. Halder did not believe the report correct; it seemed to him that the enemy was really attacking.

p. 116** *(. . Taking out of Divo. for Guderian . . )
For his drive on Tula within the framework of the big fall offensive against Moscow. With the ring around the pocket consolidated, they were no longer needed there.

p. 117  *(Gen. Wagner: . . b) . . OKW order.)
I.e., OKW must issue the order because OKH lacked jurisdiction about those areas.

p. 119  *(Gen. Jacob: . . b) Sybel ferries . . a great success.)
Perhaps mistake for "S or SS-ferries", since Sybel ferries were generally unpopular.
Footnote canceled.

**p. 126** *(c). . . Col. Muthmann.)*
C of S, Sixteenth Army.

**p. 121** *(l). . . [Rehabilitation Bn.]*
Probationary unit, see vol. VI, p. 216, note *

**p. 121** *(2). . . Reichshof.)*
Germanized name of Bronzow in Southern Poland.

**p. 124** *(Col. IV . . Special Staff F.)*
P probably stands for Folin.

**p. 124** *(Col. Hugingert . . . c). between it and Seventeenth Army.)*
Footnote canceled.

**p. 127** *(Top line: Cross-checked tabulations.)*
Comparison with older observations, corroborated by FW statements.

Either "stationed at Teheran" or "coming from Teheran".

**p. 129** *(In South . . . over the Samara.)*
River northwest of Dniepropetrovsk. - Ed.

**p. 129** *(Situation: South: . . against enemy artillery.)*
Kloist, in a surprise thrust, carried penetration as far as the Artillery positions.

**p. 133** *(Gen. Wagner: . . Military Administration employees.)*
Gen. Haidor was against bringing up this perennial question (assimilation to military status), which he wanted shelved for good.

**p. 133** *(Col. Popoff, . . Col. of the Gen. Staff Knech. .)*
Footnote canceled.

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* (Afternoon... on behalf of Goerdeler.)
Goerdeler's name is written in shorthand, as precaution, see Editor's Foreword. Count Lehnordorf was well chosen as an emissary since he lived on an estate nearby and so could make this visit look just a neighborly one. His son was arrested in connection with the events of 20 July, 1944, and executed.

* (Evening situation:... brought forward to the front.)
This was an indication that the enemy intended to make a stand.

* (60th Birthday of OdD... (Lutze)...)
G of S of the SA (Brownshirts). — Ed.

* (a)..."Feuerwehr")
Code for a very silent reserve of BfZ, which did not necessarily appear in periodic reports, but could be produced when the "impossible" was demanded.

* (.... for their rapid mobilization.)
By public notice or postcard.

* (Situation:... South... Kleist's Panzer Army...)
and ** Armd. Gp. 1 (and 2) had been raised to the status of full Armies. Armd. Gp. 3 and 4 were elevated some months later.

* (... the lagging elements...)  
I.e., the Inf. attached to Armd. Gp. 2. — Ed.

* (Armd. Gp. 4)
Hoeppner's Group. — Ed.

* (Armd. Gp. 3)
Hoth's Group. — Ed.
146 * (...under two Air Fleets.)
Air Force command approximately equivalent to Ground Forces Army.

p.146 ** (...Banher Gru nen.)
See Glossary.

p. 146 *** (... Rau, Staffcld)
See Glossary.

p. 146 # (d. . Systems "Hell" and "Dunkel.")
I.e., night interception with the aid of searchlights ("Hell" - bright) or electronic devices ("Dunkel" - dark). System "Hell" was eventually discarded.

p. 148 * (...for conversion to light Divs.)
An intermediate form between Inf. and Mt. Div.

p. 149 * (Second line: ... Benefits for disabled soldiers.)
Was to be given prominence in propaganda (Rada's department), since troops were particularly interested in this question (e.g., also occupational retraining, etc.)

p. 149 ** (Van Bock ... "Special Communiqués.")
This may refer to a "special communiqué" (Vomracht communiqué), in which von Bock felt slighted, or von Bock may have thought it was time to get one out to show the impressive progress of the offensive.

p. 149 *** (Gon. Wagner ... e) ... Monthly requirements 80,000.
Probably 30,000 tons.

p. 149 # (Gon. Wagner: ... 20,000 prisoners.)
This figure seems too high, since that number of prisoners would just make a Div. It might mean 1 Bn. of guards. - Ed.

p. 150 * (10 October: ... Thoroughbred stallion.)
Mentioned by Gon. Halder in self-derision because he considered his accident a fitting punishment for a man of his age unwise enough to mount such a horse.

p. 150 ** (Fort Boyen.)
An obsolete fort in the East Prussian fortifications zone converted into an Army hospital.

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Gen. Halder deliberately uses a horseman's expression ("vorwaertstreibende Hilfen", embracing spurs, thigh pressure) to imply a combination of sharp order and gentle persuasion.

A Section of the General Armed Forces Office (AWA, see Glossary), maintaining liaison between OKW and civilian agencies in ZI.

The choice of establishing a line that can be held with maximum economy of forces, or one that offers the best jump-off base for next year's operations.

I.e., the Cs of S of Army Ops. and Armies, so that they too could make their suggestions.

Anti-partisan units with great mobility and special toughness. — Ed.

A Liaison Officer was no longer needed in ASp. North where the situation had become static.

German: "General der schnellen Truppen", one of the Arms Chiefs (see Glossary under OKH).

In the Ukraine, to save the 1941 crop. Population was gone. The plan called for six to eight Divs. Two or three were finally assigned.

From this base it was planned to send out expeditions to destroy the Russian armament industry in the Ural region.

I.e., no operations in Iran or Afghanistan.
OKH Press Relations officer, see VI p. 136.

In the absence of OtdH, Gen. Halder had to deal with this matter, which was the exclusive province of OtdH.

There were no longer any Gen. Staff Liaison Officers, since they were needed in OKH, Army Gp., too, could not find out what he was doing.

von Bock meant this as a reproach, which was unwarranted.

This fact is specifically noted, because the enemy in this sector had shortly before lost his artillery.

The National Socialist Motor Corps (Nationalsozialistisches Kraftfahrer Korps) had functioned as Motor Transport Auxiliary since the Polish Campaign.

This sector is being taken over by Inf. Divs.
p. 173  * (Ministerial-Direktor.)
Ministerial Director. High-ranking civil servant in a ministry (here the Ministry of Food), immediately below State Secretary. — Ed.

p. 173  ** (Bosat.)
Rich agricultural district in Yugoslavia, north of Belgrade, with many German settlers and under direct German administration, see VI, p. 95.

p. 173  *** (word illegible.)
Perhaps "Darrö" (Minister of Food). In that case entry should read: Darrö's food program.

p. 174  * (Gen. Bogatsch . . to Zeppelin.)
OKH Hq Zossen near Berlin. The portion of his staff was not needed at the front during winter.

p. 175  * (Generalsyhetabesart.)
Medical Corps Officer of the rank of a Lt. Gen. — Ed.

p. 176  * (Bottom line: February 1941.)
Should be "1942". — Ed.

p. 178  * (Col. von Bernuth . . Baunholdcr.)
Troop Training Center in the Palatinate. — Ed.

p. 180  * (1400 — 1660 Arns.)
Artillery training ground in East Prussia, near Angerburg. — Ed.

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p. 182 ** (Entries in Wehrpass.)

Wehrpass is the military record in booklet form which every male German of military age had to possess. All data connected with his military life and training were entered, incl. the battles and campaigns, for which a standard nomenclature was needed. During active military service, the Wehrpass was turned in for the Soldbuch, or paybook, which also contained all pertinent data. - Ed.

p. 183 * (Lt. Col. Redko .a.) .. Rabonau's religious writings.)
The Oqua V had very deep religious interests.

p. 184 * (Situation conference.)
Footnote canceled.

p. 185 * (Fifth paragraph: ... a road across Lake Ladoga.)
I.e., across the ice of the lake. - Ed.

p. 194 * (k) .. 15 cm Guns (11,3-c).) ..
The figures indicate range in meters. - Ed.

p. 194 ** (1)Caucasian Legion.)
A formation of anti-Soviet Caucasians.

p. 198 * (Gen. von Gaendell.)
"Commandant of GHq.

p. 199 * (Agr. North... east of the Neva.)
The figure "50" appears unreasonably high.

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Gen. Halder agreed that as an exception to the rule, he could go ahead in the matter, but should only act as an adviser, not press the matter.

Changing the gauge of Russian tracks did not solve all problems of operation. Water pumps and coaling points were much farther apart than on western railroads, as Russian engines were built for longer runs.

Speed is indicated by bridges. I.e., road rating of bridges. Trains must slow down to a walk in going over improvised bridges. It is, however, not so much the weight of the cars as that of the locomotive, which is the limiting factor. Also some bridges were so weak that trains had to be put across in sections.

I.e., attack through the sector of 291st Div., adjoining that of 223rd Div.

I.e., as a precaution against a possible landing attempt by U.S. forces.

20% of the engines could not be kept in going order at the prevailing low temperatures and French and Belgian locomotives froze in even before the German did.

Being with, but not of, the Army, the Rcn. Staffeln were not treated too well by Army Supply, and, while being of, they were not with, the Air Force which, not getting anything out of them for itself, thought the Army ought to take care of them.

"Deutschgeschosse": Shells containing a charge producing colored smoke on detonation to indicate target areas, e.g., to aircraft.
p. 211  *(Situation, third paragraph: traffic in a western direction.)
Might also be troop transports, which would indicate that previous movements in an eastern direction were not evacuations but rather took out relieved troops.

p. 212  *(Asterisk omitted.) (Mietzky-Kinzel: Interpretation Group)*
To evaluate and digest individual reports.

This term comprizes both Arm. and mot. Divs.

p. 213  *(Situations... North: reconnaissance.)*
"Kronstadt area" refers to the mainland south of Kronstadt (Ingermanland).

p. 215  *(f) Arm. Gr. 4...)*
According to the situation map this should be "Arm. Gr. 3". - Ed.

p. 216  *(Ten line: Ground Forces Liaison at OKHL)*
"General des Heeres" (not necessarily a General). This position in the Air Force was analogous to that of the "Arms Chiefs" in OKH (see Glossary under OKH).

p. 216  ***(Gen. Buhle... f) Army Artillery Commanders.)*
Before that, there had been only Corps Artillery Commanders.

p. 216  ****(e)...)*
Letters a) and d) missing. - Ed.

p. 216  #(e)... Transnistria)
The territory between Bniestr and Bug. - Ed.

p. 216  ##*(f)... police records.)*
German "Attransport 1662 unbelbeleumundeter Franzosen."

p. 217  *(Center... Burslowy.)*
Locality not found on situation map or otherwise identified.

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The Reich was obstreperous, considered itself a purely commercial concern.

i.e., not for loss replacement but for reorganization of Ground Forces and Aviation preparatory to operations next spring.

i.e., scheduled movement of a whole Div. (50-60 trains).

Fuel supply cut through.

The Div. was taken back from a salient to a straight line because Hitler insisted on freeing some Bns.

Two waves of new activations.

Radio and wire.

Troop training centers. - Ed.
Men in occupational deferment status and the last gleanings from the Replacement Army.

Many of the deferred men were key workers in the critical automobile industry.

I.e., Goering will speak to the Fuehrer about it.

I.e., drafting of proclamation to troops.

Supply, materiel, personnel, etc.

General reinforcements, i.e., construction troops, material.

Southern shore of Lake Ladoga. — Ed.

To get NCO replacements for the front.

Raiding Bns, for special raiding and mopping-up purposes and anti-parachutist work, thus mainly committed against partisans. — Ed.

I.e., Fromm will find out, when these units would be available.

It should be remembered however that these are open trucks, a drawback at that time of the year.

Because of age.

Railroad specialist.
P. 230  *(b) ... sounds rather listless,)
Fellgiebel (Signals) monitored radio traffic between Army etc., Hqs and units to supervise radio discipline. OKH received reports.

P. 231  *(Gen. Matzky: b) ... 70° longitude)
Boundary between respective spheres of interest runs through western Siberia (approximately Tobolsk) and Iran. — Ed.

P. 232  *(Brennecke: ... of the "corridor")
The narrow strip on east bank of the Neva, east of Leningrad held by the Germans.

P. 233  *(1309 ... Carry on the functions, ...)
I.e., Gen. Staff functions.

P. 233  ** *( ... administrative part,)
I.e., that part of ObdH's functions which normally would be carried out be a War Minister.

P. 233  *** *(1) ... and cannot be created.)
It is German tactical doctrine in drawing up plans for an offensive not to consider rear positions.
... Troops react negatively if they know that rear positions have been prepared. It makes them feel the command does not expect success.

P. 233  # *( ... threats to the flanks,)
Hitler thought such threats did not matter.

P. 233  ## *(d) ... must be transferred by sea.)
So as not to tax the overburdened railroads.
The new organization of the garrison need not have the structure of a Division.

German: "Feind führt Verstärkung auf Bahndamm heran," Theoretically this could also mean: "against the railroad embankment," but the map suggests the above translation. — Ed.

(p. 234) Field Marshal von Kluge. . . Enemy in Lepa!

Footnote canceled.

(Situation conference: . . . no prepared positions in the rear.)

Footnote canceled.

(Situation, third paragraph: . . . Odzyev.)

Not located on 1:300,000 situation map. — Ed.

(Fourth paragraph: . . . The Commanding Generals.)

I.e., Corps Gs. — Ed.

(Discharging of officers . . . self-confidence.)

To get them to understand the situation, OKH cannot help because of lack of transportation.

(22 December . . . hollow-charge projectiles.)

Hitler had reserved the decision on their release for combat use to himself, since he feared copying by the enemy.

(Center: . . . defensive successes.)

German: "Abwehrerfolge". Means that the enemy has gained no operational success and was beaten back with heavy loss. If friendly forces pass to counter attack, a "Verteidigungserfolg" may grow out of it. The two terms are often used very loosely.

(Hausinger . . . von Hob.)

Footnote canceled.
von Kluge was simultaneously Army Gp. C in C and C in C of his old Fourth Army. His thinking was still concentrated on Fourth Army.

Should read: "Troops of XXIV Corps under Hq of 216th Inf. Div.

Because Seventeenth Army has its front facing north.

Larger structures put together from pre-fabricated sections; reinforced concrete beams.

Forced labor formations.

I.e., in case the West Wall should be needed again.

Richthofen, an Air Force General, who was always very critical about the effectualness of Ground Forces Commanders, was put in command of an Army Corps on Gen. Halder's insistence, to show how he would do it. He did not last long in his new command.

OQü I, in charge of operations, had to see to it that tactical experiences were speedily applied everywhere on the front.

I.e., a situation that may affect the entire southern theater.

A factory near Leningrad.
Any kind of rear position was taboo to Hitler. He prohibited even theoretical consideration of such alternatives. Hq Ninth Army, like most other Hqs, however, considered several potential lines of resistance in the rear. Although such discussions were kept to a very small circle at top level, the idea had spread throughout Ninth Army that such positions actually existed. With increasing enemy pressure, unit commanders gave the order to fall back on one of these non-existent defense lines and so created a very difficult tactical situation.

One of these lines had somehow been given the name "Koenigsberg position", and Hitler jumped to the conclusion that it was all von Brauchitsch's fault (he was gone two weeks at the time) and let go at him in a frenzy of rage, merely because von Brauchitsch had at one time been commandant of the Fortress of Koenigsberg.

Gen. Försjor (cf. p. 244) was involved in this retreat.
Formerly Armd. Gp. 4 Ed.

From AGp. Center. Ed.

** (Gen. Wagner: retreat of AGp. Center.)
I.e., if and when the need should arise. Nothing of this planning was to come to Hitler's ears.

Probably one of the gloomiest days of that winter. The Cs in C about that time were almost unanimous in their desire to abandon the Russian front and fall back to the Government-General. Darkest pessimism was intensified by a book on the retreat from Russia in 1812, by Gen. Coulaincourt, which had just been put out by a Paris publisher. The copies of the book passed from hand to hand, were avidly read and had devastating psychological effects. Its circulation was finally prohibited. Gen. Halder, for whom the Russian winter was a family tradition through the diary of an ancestor who had survived the retreat, was well aware of the hardships suffered, but realized that giving up the ground conquered at such great cost was no solution and more lives would have to be paid for recapture the following spring.

** (20th Day.)

Ger. Gross

The "Fried Egg", see p.83, note*, Bonin was the first to receive it.

von Bock took over the command of AGp. South after Reichenau's collapse.

His idea was that the development of Arty. lay in the field of Do" projectors.

I.e., an inference made from intercepted radio traffic. Actually the offensive was further south.

On boundary of AGps, Center and North. See 19 January.
The question mark denotes that the availability of these DvAs is uncertain.

Vyazma contained large supply dumps. Evacuation had to be prepared beforehand against a general retreat.

Buildings and other structures, as well as, e.g., fruit trees, in German fortress areas were subject to special legislation, whereby they could be razed on the approach of the enemy, so as not to obstruct the field of fire or afford cover to the enemy.

Oberstabsarzt is equivalent to Major, Med. Corps. — Ed.

There is a marked decrease in diary entries since the resignation of von Brauchitsch (OdBH) in Dec., 1941, which continues, with some exceptions in spring and summer, 1942, to the end of Gen. Halder's official career in Sept., 1942. It was now his function to come to the daily Führer situation conferences, and what notes he needed for them he put on loose sheets of paper which were later destroyed. Notes on Gen. Halder's situation reports during that period can be found in Gen. Jodl's Diary. — Ed.

This case was connected with the affair of the nonexistent "Koenigsberg" position. (See p. 247.)

The first cluster on Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross. — Ed.
When the deep snow on Russian roads melts and turns to slush and the water has not yet drained off, locomotion between towns is all but impracticable. Any sort of outdoor activity in villages is suspended. That is the time, after the real winter is over, when the Russian peasants must hole up for as long as two to four weeks.
p. 272 * (Capt. Weygold, ... Very impressive.)
The two battleships "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau" successfully ran the British gauntlet in the Channel and reached their home base. — Ed.

p. 272 ** (Major Weller (Qu Rome),)
Chief of German Supply Hq in Rome, controlling supply and troop movements to Naples on their way to North Africa.

p. 272 *** (von Ziehlberg, ... by reorganization of OKH.)
Gen. Halder had always signed "i.A." (in Auftrag, by order, i.e., of ObdH) and continued to do so after von Brauchitsch had left. He thought it improper that Keitel, in OKW, should send him instructions, etc., without any such qualification, as if these instructions came directly from him and not from the Fuehrer. The issue was settled by Keitel using his own letterheads, not OKW's.

p. 272 # (Gen. Hausner ... Southeastern operation.)
Against the Caucasus. — Ed.

p. 272 ## (State Secretary Kleinmann.)
Hitler gave State Secretary Kleinmann a date by which the unsatisfactory railroad transport situation would have to be cleared up or he would turn him over to the Gestapo, adding ominously "and you know what that means."

p. 273 * (22 February ... "Fortress Demyansk").
The area around Demyansk became a fortress under siege by the Russians.

p. 274 * (24 February ... paradoxically quiet day.)
(German "aufgefallend...") The Russians had the troops and the opportunities, but did not undertake anything. (There should be no emphasis under quiet day.) — Ed.

p. 274 ** (In the Izyim pocket... pressure to the north.)
Inside the pendulous sac on the west bank of the Volkov. — Ed.

p. 275 * (Gen. Herrlein ... Inf. Chief to ObdH.)
Should be "OKH". — Ed.
p. 276 * (Maj. Zögler . . . German Detachments.)
German: Deutsche Kommandos", i.e., the
Demonstration units detached to the Romanian Army.

p. 276 ** (Maj. von Below: . . . Army Arms Schools.)
German: "Waffenschulen der Sonderwaffen". "Sonder-
waffen were branches of the Army other than Inf.

p. 276 *** (Ministerialdirigent Dankwartse)
High ranking civil servant in Ministry, directly
below "Ministerialdirektor". See p. 173, note *. - Ed.

p. 276 # (28 February . . . from both sides.)
I.e., out of Sevastopol and from the Kerch front. - Ed.

p. 276 ## ( . . . weaker ones against II.)
XI Corps, fronting the Izyum bulge. - Ed.

p. 276 ### ( . . . western wing of XXIII Corps.)
The Russian breakthrough on the boundary of AGps. Center
and North in January had cut very far to the south
behind the front of AGp. Center. This bulge roughly
resembled Cape Cod Bay, with the sectors of Armd. Op. 3
and Ninth Army forming the shape of Cape Cod. On such
a map, XXIII Corps (Ninth Army) would be holding the
area of Provincetown, fronting north, west and south
(with another Corps to its east). - Ed.

p. 276 ## (Asterisk should be after "Oak leaves").
See p. 263, note *.

p. 277 * (3 March 1942 . . . on the eastern front . . .)
There was also a small western front on this salient. - Ed.

p. 277 ** (3 March, third paragraph: . . . corridor to II Corps.)
The Corps was isolated. - Ed.

p. 278 * (Gen. Brand . . . Karl Gun . . .)
The "Thor" (Hammer) siege howitzer. Two models, 54 cm and
61.5 cm caliber. Used against fortifications. - Ed.
Gen. Halder, who came from the Artillery (the traditional
arm of his family since the 16th century), considered
these and other super-heavy guns wasteful toys. The
Führer, however, who rated himself, among other firsts,
as "the world's greatest Artillery specialist" (eclipsing
also Napoleon), doted on these expensive noise-makers.

p. 278 ** (Col. von Ziehlberg: . . . Kommandogruppen von Seydlitz and
Zorn.)
Combat Teams of more than Div. strength, given the
mission to open a corridor from Staraya Russa to
II Corps, surrounded in the "fortress" Demianisk.
p. 279  **  (Gen. Keitel . . . Compliments about the Personnel Div.)
Gen. Halder was dissatisfied.

p. 279  **  (Gen. Gercke . . . Will.)
Col. Will, Co of the Railroad Troops in the field
(Bodois). - Ed.

p. 280  **  (Second paragraph: . . . offensive Army.)
I.e., the maximum strength that could be given it.

p. 280  **  (Gen. Zorn . . . in II Corps sector.)
To protect southern flank of Seydlitz, attacking south
of Lake Ilmen.

p. 281  **  (9 March . . . western front of Ninth Army.)
Of. p. 276 note ###.

p. 281  **  (10 March . . . Georg Schedler.)

p. 282  *  (Enhorner conference . . . immediate impressions . . .)
His attention became absorbed by any minor attack
of the Russians, and in the process he lost sight of
the great picture and what his reaction to that pin­
prick might mean for the over-all situation.

p. 282  **  ( . . . western front of Ninth Army.)
Of. p. 276, note ###.

p. 282  **  ( . . . too much freedom of decision.)
In keeping with his neurotic personality, Hitler some­
times would drop a decision into someone else's lap,
who then could be blamed in case of failure.

p. 283  *  (Col. Thiele . . . on transfer to OKW.)
A signal communications specialist entrusted with the
delicate task of protecting Gen. Halder's telephones
against tapping by political agencies. Together with
his Chief, Gen. Fallgaspel, he was killed after the
20 July, 1944.

p. 283  **  (Gen. Brand . . . Dora Gun.)
80 cm Gun, range 51,400 yards, weight of projectile
16,540 pounds. Also known as "Gustav". - Ed.
p. 284 * (Gen. Jacob . . . rate of fuel consumption.)
They were kept mobile to be committed wherever needed.

p. 285 * (Gen. I . . . warfare in the East.)
This was no longer warfare of Armies, but guerrilla warfare, causing relatively heavy losses. Also discussion of problems to be coped with when spring weather would turn the forests into bogs.

p. 285 ** (von Kuechler . . . Volkhov breach.)
The narrow access to the pendulous sac in this sector. — Ed.

p. 285 *** (Zorn's sector.)
Zorn protected the south flank of Seydlitz in his attack from Staraya Russa to relieve Demyansk.

p. 286 * (Col. Peters . . . ByTO.)
See Glossary.

p. 287 * (Major Leyherr.)
A son-in-law. — Ed.

p. 287 * (Maj., von Hobs.)
Another son-in-law. Appointed in Grossdeutschland Div., which Gen. Halder considered a critical post with respect to possible political developments.

p. 287 * (23 March . . . islands operation.)
Islands in Gulf of Finland. Troops came from OKW theater, Finland. — Ed.

p. 287 * (Gen. Lt., Mueller . . . outside the Army.)
Nazi in the Army would go with their grievances not through channels, but directly to the Party.

p. 288 * (Gen. Hausinger . . . "Siegfried").
Code for assembly for operation "Blau" (the 1942 summer offensive).

p. 288 * (25 March . . . center . . . supply road.)
The front here was right at the vital supply road Roslavl – Tukhnev. — Ed.

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** p. 289 (G-en. Lohmann was the new Air Force representative. at OKH. - Ed.)

** p. 289 (Reich Labor Leader Hiehl.)
Former teacher of war history at the War Academy; also Gen. Halder studied under him. Had personality difficulties in the Army and so, at an early date, looked to the Party for a more suitable field of activities.

* p. 289 (28 March . . . our "bridge").
A thin barrier pushed across the bottleneck access to the sac. - Ed.

** p. 289 ( . . . most talkative beside").
He was continuously on the phone, talking to Gen. Halder.

*** p. 290 (29 March . . . against the "corridor").
Between II and X Corps, see p. 285, note **.

* p. 290 (28 March . . . our "bridge").
A thin barrier pushed across the bottleneck access to the sac. - Ed.

*** p. 290 (29 March . . . against the "corridor").
Between II and X Corps, see p. 285, note **.

# p. 290 (Gen. Schmundt . . . disciplining.)
Gen. Schmundt approached Gen. Halder with the argument that, as an outsider, Hitler was denied the confidence of the Officers' Corps, and suggested that it would be beneficial all around if he were to go to the various Hqs to "sell" the Fuehrer.

## p. 290 (Col. Ehfeldt: . . . Assault badge.)
The Artillery considered itself entitled to it just as much as the frontline Inf. man.

* p. 291 (30 March . . . von Witzleben.)
Relieved of his post as Mil. Commander France, von Rundstedt took his place.

** p. 291 (31 March . . . "Brueckenschlag").
A simultaneous drive northward from Rzhov and southward from Demjansk, to pinch off the big bulge between Aops. Center and North. (I.e., "striking a bridge" from Provincetown to Gloucester, of p. 276, note ###.)

*** p. 291 ( . . . in the East Area.)
Against partisans and the Russian Cav. Corps Belay.- Ed.

# p. 291 (Heerespezialgeschubfahrer.)
In charge of all horse-drawn-... - Ed.
In each of the successive phases of "Siegfried" ("Blau"), as the three offensive groups were launching their part of the larger operation, there was to be a different commander. The signal network had to be planned accordingly.

Gehlen, a very able Gen. Staff Officer, became the new Chief of Section Foreign Armies East.

Refers to revival of the old plan to have the SA (Brownshirts) take charge of pre-military training.

Hitler's birthday. - Ed.

At Staraya Russa, see 16 March, etc. - Ed.

Pogostya, an important road and railroad junction, had to be held at all cost.

The great summer offensive against the Don. - Ed.
p. 297 * (Gün I... Anti-partisan Jagdkommandos.)
Enng. trained for fighting partisans. - Ed.

p. 297 ** (Gün I... Assault Eng.)
Same as "Schockbataillone" in World War I. Gen. Halder did not like them because of their "primadonna" attitude, which made them unavailable between special assignments.

p. 297 *** (Lt. Col. Christ... new Hq AGp. South.)
AGp. South was to be split into two new Gps., a southern and a northern, designated respectively "A" (Caucasus) and "B" (Don, Stalingrad).

p. 297 # (von Ziehlberg... Liaison Officer from Org. Sec.)
Christ was not the right man for the job.

p. 297 ## (Count Stauffenberg... troops of its own.)
So that they would not always have to ask for them from Gen. Halder.

p. 297 ### (Average daily casualties... 3,478 (581.)
The figures in parenthesis refer to officers. A comparison with the casualty reports indicates that the last line should read: 3,402 (73). This is interesting for the mounting officer casualty rate. - Ed.

p. 298 (Asterisk omitted.) (Gen. Brand... Artillery tactics.)
Correction: "Employment of Artillery." (German: "Artillerie-Kampffuehrung") The meaning here is: What are appropriate Artillery targets? - Ed.

p. 298 * (Col. von Ziehlberg... A.Gp. A.)
Mission in Caucasus. - Ed.

p. 298 ** (16 April... Russian Thirty-third Army.)
Was encircled after the Battle of Vyazma. - Ed.

p. 299 * (Reich Labor Service Leader Hierl... incorporation into Army.)
E.g., as AAA, Guard, etc. units. Retained their distinctive uniform and organizational identity. - Ed.

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The official unit war diaries of the Polish Campaign were stored in a wooden structure in Potsdam, pending construction of permanent storage space in the War Archives. Second copies could be obtained because the units, contrary to regulations, had kept two copies during the campaign with a view to having one for themselves. It was suggested at the time that there might have been foul play on the part of those close to the Party, who wanted to write history with a special slant. Hitler had war diaries abolished in 1942, undoubtedly out of a desire better to control the facts on which writing of the history of the war would have to be based.

In Germany, the doctor title becomes an integral part of the name. There were a number of higher officers who had acquired degrees while attending universities as part of their official duties to become specialists in some particular field.

Would be needed in this sector because of the marshy terrain.
Exchange Telegraph, a news agency in Moscow. — Ed.

The reading of the shorthand for "Heerwesen Abt." is not certain. — Ed.

Gen. Halder's hostess at Godesberg in 1940 (cf. IV 47.) called at GHq in her capacity as high official of the German Red Cross.

The German corridor between II and X Corps. — Ed.

The ever-recurrent question of their assimilation to military rank and their treatment in the Army.

I.e., of the German economy for the war effort.

Tanks V and VI.

Footnote canceled.

The thin skin over the enemy sac behind the front of his sector, see p. 290, note *. — Ed.

Gen. Mueller knew that the Italians were building fortifications along their border with Germany. Although any spying on the Allies was strictly forbidden, he had the fortifications surveyed from the German side with very efficient long-range optical instruments.

There was not enough to go around, as many had been lost during winter. Now the question was, which units should get the new guns.

Code for the operation to liquidate the Izyum salient prior to launching "Blau".

Hungarian Reserve Army, corresponding to German "Landwehr" (see Glossary).

New trucks were brought to the front by road because there was not enough rail transportation for them. Preparations had to be made for this by setting up filling stations, repair shops, etc. on the route of march.

German: "general der Nebeltrume."
The area on the mainland south of Kronstadt.

I.e., for trucks on construction jobs for the Atlantic Wall.

The First Guard Cav. Corps, led by a very enterprising and skilful commander, broke through the German lines, was cut off later, and worked with partisans around Yelnya and Dorogobuzh. Large elements managed to evade encirclement by moving south (still behind the German lines), merged with other partisan groups, and finally escaped.

The front of AGp. Center in this area, between the regular Russian forces and the Cav. Corps had a depth of only 20 km (12 miles). – Ed.

Footnote canceled.

Gen. Halder did not want to be bothered by them during the big offensive.

Owing to the favorable tactical situation, von Bock proposed to start the Volchansk operation before the opening of "Blau", and obtained the Fuehrer's agreement.

A "Schneise" is a very straight lane kept open in forests to indicate border lines and facilitate care and exploitation. The breached front of Wandel's Combat Gp. which was periodically closed, ran parallel with such a lane, named "Erika" for identification purposes.

"Anton", a modification of the "Attila" plan (occupation of Vichy France) in cooperation with Italian forces. "Ilona", a modification of the "Isabella" operation to counter a British landing in Portugal. The ports of Bilbao and Santander would be seized to forestall the British and troops would move to the Spanish-Portuguese border. AGp. D. There was only a Military Command France, (since France was no active theater), but in respect to possible military operations, the organization was synonymous with AGp. D.
"Herkules": A projected Italian operation to seize Malta.

p. 322  ** (Hungarian Gen. Utassy (Second Bureau).)
G-2 Section. — Ed.

p. 323  * (Hausinger, cannot yet be estimated.)
In "Blau" (see p. 296 note *) three groups were to attack successively. The time intervals between the attacks had bearing on priority for transportation of replacements.

p. 324  * (Callers: In Sight Armi. Div.)
Gen. Halder could not remember the name after the caller had left.

p. 324  ** (Col. von Ziehberg: for the Fuehrer.)
The Fuehrer had assigned this mission to a protege, who was to write the history of the war for him. Col. Scherff, a Gen. Staff officer and capable writer, was given the mission of writing the history of the war as a personal glorification of the Fuehrer. Gen. Halder protested against this reversal of previous arrangements. (Cf. p. 300, note **.)

p. 324  *** (11 June, Situation have escaped south.)
I.e., into a sort of no-man's land behind the German line.

p. 324  * (Col. Ehrlhardt: possibilities.)
The transfer of Artillery to the Leningrad-Kronstadt front after completion of the siege of Sevastopol.

p. 325  * (Lt. Col. Cramer)
A confidant of Gen. Halder.

p. 327  * (15 June: boundary of Agps South)
Should be "Center" and North. — Ed.

p. 327  * (16 June: is rather embarrassing)
More of a liability than an asset.
I.e., as situation indicates. There should be no rigid plan and leaders should be able to take advantage of new opportunities.

The Volzh pocket was German and moreover in AOp. Center territory. Probably the Volkhow pocket was meant. — Ed.

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Footnote canceled.

To cover "Blan", Center will do as if it were to launch an offensive.

Experimental station for "V"-weapons. — Ed.

The body of the officer was not found, but the condition of the plane left no doubt about his fate.

Quarters formerly occupied by von Breuchitsch, now a VIP house.

Called after a popular song on Frederick the Great's famous Cavalry General ("Seydlitz aus dem Busch"...). The objective was cleaning out the bulge west of Ninth Army.

The references to place names indicate operations planned to capture the areas. The Ostashkov operation by AOp. Center in cooperation with AOp. North, which would push south from Demyansk, was planned to liquidate the Russian penetration on the AOp. boundary. (Cf. pp. 276 and 281.)
German: "..in der Tiefe . . ." i.e., operational reserves far to the rear. Reserves "aus der Tiefe" would not be the concern of the Gen. Staff, as that would refer to tactical reserves directly in back of the front. — Ed.

The Gen. Staff Quarterly and the "Militarwochenblatt". The latter had deteriorated and Gen. Halder wanted influence on the editorial policy to raise its level.

West of Ninth Army, in the great sac (see p. 335 note*)

Probably the narrow foothold east of the Nova, anchored on Schlüsselburg.

(2.) Erratum: Rogostya must be disposed of . . .). Ed.

At Kirishi.

I.e., the pressure rises with the advance and so hits the wing on its flank.

By the Gen. Staff, as observers. The 1942 Army was an entirely new Army after the losses and changes of the preceding winter, and the Gen. Staff had to find out directly what it was worth.

In order to avoid confusion it should be noted that Nikolayevka is a suburb of Alexeyevka on the lower Tikhaya Sosna and not Nikolayevka some 60 km west, just south of Novi Oskol. — Ed.

These organizations were taken over from AOp. A to form von Bock's new AOp. South.
Because of the possibility of a British invasion.

I.e., the Gen. Staff officers in his command. Gen. Halder thought he had too many yes-men around.

I.e. AGp. A, which operated on the sac of Azov.

Armee-Gruppe Weichs. Not an Army Group (Heeresgruppe) but an intermediate command echelon interposed when the number of units becomes too large for Army Grp. to handle. Armee-Gruppe Weichs formed the northern anchor of the southern front, where it jutted out so as to form also a front facing north; here, permanent positions had been prepared by Jacob. Weichs also had an offensive mission (Voronezh). His command also comprised non-German troops. - Ed.

Between II and X Corps.

Obsolete term. Refers to new activation with replacement elements.

Many Russians made their way through the German lines and joined partisan groups.

May refer to a planned evacuation of the population.

A friend of Gen. Halder, then a Col. in Org. Sec.

Refers to Fritjof's II. A change in all top posts would only create confusion and delays.
p. 351 * (15 July.... in the South.)
The asterisk refers to Ruoff (following sentence).
His command was Seventeenth Army. - Ed.

p. 351 ** (Lt. Col. Mueller - Hildebrand: 3.7 cm AT Gun.)
With the increasing thickness of armor on Russian tanks this AT weapons was now obsolete. Recommendation was made to use it as Inf.Gun.

p. 351 *** (How. 42 or 43.)
Available lists show no such Howitzer. Possibly the . . 8.8 cm AT gun is referred to here. - Ed.

p. 351 (Asterisk omitted) (16 July .... Camp Fritz)
"Lager Fritz, a section of Askania, the GHq.

p. 353 * (Lt.Col. Ehrenhaus... Guard Br.)
This Br. changed frequently, since the Bns., being crack units, were sent back to the front.

p. 353 ** (18 July.... Center.... Fourth Army Sector.)
For a long stretch the road closely paralleled the southern front of Fourth Army. - Ed.

p. 353 *** (At the situation conference.... his most lordly order)
Gen. Halder ironically speaks of "allerhoechster Befehl", the attribute denoting the most exalted quality of an order given by royalty.

p. 354 * (18 July end: ..... ("dry front").)
Voronezh to Kursk, a sector of the front without water barriers. - Ed.

p. 354 ** (19 July, Situation..... 97th Jaeger Div.)
First degree of the transition from Inf.Div. to Mt. Div. "Light Div." are the second degree, are therefore nearer to Mt. Divs. Similar in organization and mode of employment to the Mt. Div., but has more motor transport for use in level country. - Ed.
In the southwestern outskirts of Leningrad, 15 km from center of city.

Protection of classified matters against spying by Party.

They were to be combined into one because operation of two was wasteful of food.

Of the big bulge north of Smolensk. – Ed.

I.o., Hitler is incapable of grasping that his constant interference is throwing everything into disorder.

German "Abwehrerfolg", see p. 238, note *.

I.o., the German troops were short of fuel.

The same.

To make Inf. more attractive to volunteers, who preferred everything else, but especially Armor and the Air Force.
A prominent topographical feature north of Stalingrad. — Ed.

Footnote canceled.

"Grossdeutschland" was to go to France; no transportation was available.

To speed up the pursuit.

Seventeenth Army. — Ed.

Gercke's Section. The term is the one used, in World War I. Its WW II equivalent was Chief of Railroad Transport.

Only the officers having to do with operations in OKH belonged to the Gen. Staff Corps.

I.e., to advise the Fuehrer on appointments and promotions. He knew only those who forced themselves to his attention, and his right-hand man, Keitel(OKW), whose career had been confined to offices, had no large circle of acquaintances in the Army. Moreover, Hitler was distrustful of the professional officer class and wanted "Volksoffiziere", officers from the common people.

... of the Officers Corps, especially in the selection of marriage partners, a subject on which very rigid standards were observed.
Second Panzer Army.

Should be Fourth Panzer Army.

Still had a western, northern and eastern front.

Bns. made up of ex-Soviet PWS, mostly of Turkestan and Caucasus origin.

The operations assumed major proportions, far exceeding the scope of more police actions.

Maikop is west of the upper Kuban River.

Anti-Partisan specialist in AGp., Center.

Operation not identified. Plan was abandoned.

Koestring had been Attaché in Moscow and traveled much in Russia.

Operation projected to wipe out the Sukhinichi salient by a drive from the south by Second Panzer Army.
(Cord comes in.)
Cord von Hobe, i.e. Grossdeutschland. Had already left
for France where the Div. was to follow him.

(Lt. Col. Mueller-Hillebrand..., Inf. Divs., having only
six Bns.)
With difficulties in replacing combat casualties steadily increasing, a change became necessary in the basic
organization of the Division. At first the triangular
structure was retained, with Regts. reduced to two Bns.
As the war took an ever growing toll of experienced
Regtl. Commanders, it proved necessary to cut the Div.
to two Regts. of 3 Bns. each. It is an axiom that a
good Regtl. Commander can make up for indifferent Sn.
Commanders, and vice versa.
However, this situation was aggravated by the shortage
of Sn. Commanders which had been bad ever since the
sudden over-expansion of the German Army (viewed as a
danger by all responsible officers), when all capable,
older officers moved into the higher command posts and
newcomers to field rank did not have the time to gather
the necessary experience.

(Col. Hampe..., activities of the Technical Troops.)
A military technical service for rebuilding factories
in occupied territories; had also oil production
specialists, who would soon be needed in the Caucasus
oil region.

(Situation..., Third Arm., Div.)
Should be Third Panzer Army. - Ed.

(Situation..., Salmut..., attacks west and south of
Voronezh.)
Should be east instead of west. - Ed.
One of the first victims of the, retaliation for the 20 July, 1940.

Over the Don.

Over the Don*

Should be "winter".

On an earlier occasion, when Gen. Halder tried to point out the difficulties of operations in the Caucasus (which rises to 18,526 ft. in Mt. Elbrus). Hitler contemptuously replied: "You and your Caucasus! For all you make it out it isn't anything bigger than the Grunewald! (The Grunewald is a pleasant wooded area within the city limits of Berlin, very flat." - Ed.)

Highest peak of the Caucasus and of Europe (18,526 ft.)

i.e., the Fuehrer reinterprets his original intentions.

For lack of facilities and care, horses were lost at a rate of 1,500 a day during the winter. Someone had to be given the responsibility and power to prevent the recurrence of such a disaster in the coming winter.

Too light as an AT weapon and unsuited as Inf.Gun.
Died in the explosion of the bomb intended for Hitler on 20 July 1944.

Richtofen, an Air Force General, who had Goering's and Hitler's ear, was again ranting against the Army.

The narrow/touching Lake Ladoga at Schluesselburg, corridor

The German verb used is "eingebuttert" which is equivalent to "thrown down the rat-hole". In situations provoking such language, the Army often spoke also of "ver-Modeln" or "ver-Rommeln" which would be "fouling up a la Model, or, a la Rommel".

List had convinced Jodl that it would be folly to try to get over the Caucasus.

While the Russians had begun to learn from the Germans how to conduct large operations, Hitler also had learnt a lesson. He had seen how Russian stubbornness in not giving up ground had upset the timetable of some well-conceived operations. That he believed to be the epitome of defensive warfare, and so he intended to prohibit any yielding, for any reason whatsoever. Gen. Halder refused to issue such an order, whereupon Hitler wrote it himself.

Decision between two plans for the main effort against Stalingrad. Either from the central front: Sixth Army, or from the southern wing: Fourth Panzer Army. Sixth Army was eventually assigned to the task.

Correction: ObdH should read C in C (after List's removal.) Hitler took over for the time being.
Famous surgeon; Head of the Charité Hospital in Berlin.

von Ziehlberg, the Gen. Staff personnel chief proposed that the entire inner circle should resign when Gen. Halder left. Gen. Halder declined.

Footnote canceled.

(Cf. p. 361, note.)
Gen. Halder takes the negative stand on that point.

An order states time, place, direction, strength and other details concerning a plan. It would be better to give directives broadly outlining the plan, general objectives, and resources, and leaving the rest to the best judgment of the appointed commander.

Throughout, Gen. Halder was preaching to higher echelon commanders that, e.g., a penetration in a single Div. sector, tactically a setback, need not necessarily have an adverse effect on the over-all operation; as long as it could be contained, it might even react to one's advantage as it drew away enemy forces. The commander must not allow himself to become nervous and view the situation with the eyes of, e.g., the Bn. Commander whose position has been overrun.

Gen. Halder decried the mechanical approach in official relationships, based exclusively on organizational hierarchy. Organization is a two-way relationship, in which both parties give and take. The psychological needs forming its foundation must be recognized and used to best advantage.

Had been loaned to domestic economy.

As Gen. Halder resumes writing in his Diary on recovering the use of his right hand following his accident on 10 Oct., 1941, he computes the calendar to establish the place of the day in the consecutive order of days since the 22 June, 1941.