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Since May 1953, the barracks installation in Kochstedt had been occupied by a Soviet AAA unit of about 800 troops, who were equipped with 37-mm, 76.2-mm and 85-mm guns. Major Vasilenkov (fnu), chief of the camp administration, stated that the occupation of the installation would be increased to about 5,000 to 6,000 men by 1 October. The installation included four large kitchens; a fifth large kitchen was under construction.

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[Redacted] Comment. In late April 1953, the 62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army, stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne at Kammersdorf-firing range transferred to the barracks installation in Kochstedt. The transfer was confirmed by several sources. [Redacted]. Provided that the occupation strength of 800 men is correct, it might result from the fact that elements of the division are continually employed in the protection of the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army in the Adolf Hitler Camp in Jueterbog and the Elbe River bridges near Dessau. Other elements were continuously rotated to the Wustrow AAA firing range. [Redacted]. The occupation strength of 5,000 to 6,000 troops allegedly scheduled for 1 October would correspond the strength of at least two AAA divisions.

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