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TOPIC Soviet AAA Troops at Apetlon

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REMARKS

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- 1. The following three trains with Soviet AAA troops arrived at the Wallern (P 48/X 84) railroad station on 1 and 4 August 1951:

1 August, 8:30 a.m. About 150 officers and men with red-bordered black epaulets, 8 heavy AA guns, 1 ballistic director, 14 trucks, 1 field kitchen and 2 box-carloads of ammunition.

The unit [redacted] came from Hungary [redacted] was met at the station by soldiers in jeep [redacted] from Apetlon (P 48/X 74). *

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1 August, 10:30 a.m. About 130 to 150 officers and men with red-bordered black epaulets, 8 heavy AA guns, 1 ballistic director, 14 trucks, 1 jeep and 1 field kitchen.

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4 August, 2 p.m. A unit with 11 officers and 50 men with red-bordered black epaulets, 4 heavy AA guns, 1 ballistic director, 9 trucks and 1 field kitchen.

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- 2. Troops were seen drilling with heavy AA guns at Camp Apetlon on 2 August. The gun barrels were from 4 to 4.5 meters long and mounted a muzzle brake with six vertical baffles. In addition, two canvas-covered searchlights were noticed in the camp. Other gun crews were observed at aiming practice with one officer relaying data from the range finder to each gun crew. Truck [redacted] was identified near a generator-charging station.

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- 3. Following a break of about eight days, firing practice was resumed on the morning of 5 August. The break was allegedly made because of harvesting.

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