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1. From March 1949 to April 1951, a Soviet unit of about 60 men, under the command of a sublieutenant, was quartered in a castle near the Ronafoe dairy-farm, 8 km southwest of Magyarovar (P 48/Y 16). A workshop for the manufacturing of dummies used for target practice was also housed in the castle. A bombing range has existed since 1948 and was 3 to 4 km east of Ronafoe. Five control towers were located on two edges of the bombing range and connected by telephone lines with the castle. Dummies representing tanks, aircraft, guns, trains, railroad embankments, bridges, and fire trenches were trucked from Ronafoe to the bombing range.
 2. Source observed that twin-engine bombers flying in three flights of three planes each appeared daily about 9 a.m. if the weather was favorable. The aircraft approached the targets three or four times, releasing bombs on each approach. The next group practiced bombing about half an hour later. During the interval, a single-engine reconnaissance plane appeared and probably took photographs of the results. According to local residents, the bombers came from Austria.
 3. Numerous telephone lines were observed leading from Ronafoe Castle to all sides, such as to Mosonszolnok-Mosonszentjanos (P 48/Y 05) and to Magyarovar (P 48/Y 19). *
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* **Comment.** For location sketch of bombing range, see annex. This is the first report on Ronafoe bombing range. The statement by local residents may be correct since exercises by bombers of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army which is stationed in Austria have been repeatedly observed in the Hungarian border area by another source.

1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

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