

COUNTRY: Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC: Military Information from Kuestrin
25X1X

EVALUATION: [REDACTED] 25X1C

DATE OF CONTENT: 9 to 29 May 1952

DATE OBTAINED: [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED: 16 June 1952

REFERENCES: 25X1A [REDACTED]

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REMARKS:

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- 25X1C 1. At 9 a.m. on 26 May 1952, a train carrying an AAA unit with eight 37-mm guns and 28 [REDACTED] arrived at the Kuestrin (O 53/V 66) railroad station from Justerbog (N 52/E 69) via Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63). [REDACTED] Six 37-mm AA guns were seen emplaced in the western section of the training area on the Oder River island. During the period from 11 to 22 May, troops were seen daily receiving training on a total of 11 x 76.2-mm AA guns, engaged in sports activities and gymnastics, marching and singing at the Artillerie Kaserne on the Oder island. On 22 May, truck [REDACTED] was observed. It towed a range finder, about 4 meters long and 120 to 150 mm in diameter, mounted on a tripod, about 1 meter high. The truck was occupied by one officer and six soldiers and left the installation. The range finder was emplaced about 100 meters west of the culvert. After about 4 hours of training, the truck returned to the installation, mounting the range finder and occupied by its crew. On 23 May, truck [REDACTED] towing a 25X1 heavy AA gun with muzzle brake was seen engaged in a practice east of the culvert and subsequently leaving in the direction of Manschnow. On 25 May, a column of four trucks each towing a 85-mm AA gun and a truck with a trailer and a field kitchen and about 60 troops left the barracks installation in the direction of Manschnow. A total of seven motor vehicles towing six 37-mm AA guns and carrying about 50 troops arrived at the Artillerie Kaserne from the direction of Manschnow on the same day. On 9 May, on Highway No 1 near the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station, 25X1 [REDACTED] a march column of 1 major, 6 other officers and 88 soldiers, arranged in rows of four who were unarmed and in dress uniform, marching in the direction of Manschnow. *
2. No military shipments to the east or west were seen at the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station during the period from 23 to 29 May.
- 25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. The train, which was also reported [REDACTED] on 25 May, 25X1 as proceeding from Justerbog to Kuestrin, undoubtedly carried to Kuestrin elements of the light AAA regiment of the 32d AAA Div which, in late February 1952, had 25X1A gone to Justerbog in two trains. [REDACTED] However, only part of the Artillerie Kaserne is believed occupied by units of a light and a medium regiment of the division, as units of these regiments are still believed stationed in 25X1A Wustrow. See [REDACTED]

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