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Military Information from the Altengrabow Troop Training Grounds

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REFERENCES [redacted] 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 25 May to 14 June 1952, no arrivals or departures were noticed in the upper section of the north camp in Altengrabow (II 53/Z 00). The artillery unit daily trained with guns during the period from 8 a.m. to noon and strung telephone lines in the training area along the Altengrabow-Doernitz road. The troops who remained in the lower section of the north camp received the same training as the troops stationed in the upper section. \*
  2. The barracks installation was occupied to capacity. Residents stated that 4 Volkspolizei (VP) wearing Soviet uniforms were quartered in the low wooden building for captains, while 8 or 9 VP in Soviet uniform were quartered in the low wooden buildings for lieutenants. They had a police star on their caps instead of a Soviet star as worn by Soviet units. The officers' buildings were occupied by officers of the north camp and of the unit stationed in the barracks installation. The Berg-hotel was occupied by officers of the units stationed in Rathenow.
  3. During the period from 8 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., mortar units were seen engaged in aiming practice along the Altengrabow-Doernitz road. Artillery units at the same time practiced emplacing guns and securing gun emplacements with machine guns. Firing with live ammunition was heard daily during the time of observation. Two observation aircraft were involved in the firing practice. Dug-outs were constructed at the training area. Props, 3 meters long, and about 20 cm in diameter were used for the construction. They had been stored at the railroad station.
  4. Five carloads of supply daily arrived at the supply depot. Trucks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] were seen hauling supply. A tank car with fuel arrived on 11 June and was emptied into tank vehicles and barrels.
  5. Two areas of about 370 acres each in the woods near Genthin and Ziesar were cut, allegedly for the erection of two athletic fields. [redacted] all 25X1  
villages and houses for a distance of 3 km from the troop training grounds would be vacated. Villages located in that 3 km zone included Altengrabow, Doernitz, Drewitz, Reesdorf, Lagdeburg-Fort, Gross Luebars, Rosian, Schonendorf and Schweidnitz. \*\*

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6. On 17 June, the north camp was occupied by between 300 and 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four 76.2-mm field guns were seen through the open gate. Trucks were seen leaving the installation. Service of the piece drill was performed on eight 85-mm AT guns in the terrain opposite of the installation. One officer and eight men were with each gun. \*

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7. Between 30 and 35 guns were parked at the gun parking area. 25X1  
 field howitzers and 122-mm field guns. 25X1  
 there were still other types of guns. More than 150 trucks, 25X1  
 were seen in the southwestern section of the area.

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8. Between 80 and 100 trucks, arranged in three rows one behind the other, were seen at the filling station of the ammunition depot. Two men stood on either side of each vehicle, probably for an inspection. Individual firing of guns of various calibers was heard from the training area during the period from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 17 June. Four trucks, each occupied by 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 57-mm AT guns, came from the direction of Cross Luebars at 4 p.m. They proceeded to the garages and the repair shop 25X1  
 Motor vehicles seen in the area of Altengrabow

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\* Comment. It is believed that the north section of the north camp is still occupied by units of the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig. It appears plausible that the south section is still occupied by rear details of the corps artillery brigade of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps which moved to Kostock and there is a possibility that upon completion of the training period the brigade may return. 25X1

\*\* Comment. It is believed that the troops stationed at the Altengrabow troop training grounds were engaged in normal training activity including individual and battery firing until mid-June 1952. The construction sites would become athletic fields possibly were airfields for observation and artillery aircraft. Further to 25X1 determine whether the 3 km zone around the troop training grounds is an 25X1 addition to the training area or only a restricted zone.

the occupation up to mid-June 1952, with a few exceptions, corresponds with information supplied late May 1952. It is believed that units of the 31st Arty Div (US), units of the 6th Arty Div, including the 65th Mort Brig (US), units of the Army AT Arty Brig and the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army, 25X1 units of the 43d (Gds) Army Arty Brig and the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army were concerned.