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TOPIC Soviet Air Force Troops in Wittenberg

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REFERENCES

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- 1. Up to 6 June 1952, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Soviet women wearing air force uniforms were observed entering and leaving the installation. In the southwestern section of the barracks installation there was an AA gun emplacement with three AA guns which probably were of 85-mm caliber. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a camouflaged parking site for motor vehicles were not far from the guns. Duty performed in the installation on 5 July included callisthenics, swimming, drilling and maintenance of motor vehicles. *
- 2. The alternate airfield adjacent to the barracks installation was occupied by 3 PO-2s on 6 June. On 9 and 17 June, long training flights were made by bi-planes. On 3 July, a PO-2 [redacted] made long practice flights over the field. The same air activity was observed on 5 July.

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5. Between 6 and 11 June, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was fully occupied. Many new trucks were parked in and in front of the garages. The buildings of the air force headquarters were also occupied to capacity. Trucks [redacted] moved to the gate of the air force headquarters building. A telephone line was being laid from the railroad line to Elster via Friedrichstadt - Wittenberg past the Baseler Kaserne and across the Belzig Highway into the woods north of Coswig. Another line branched off from the line to the headquarters building. An additional line was under construction from Meinsdorf toward Coswig. This line did not yet reach the woods near Coswig.

6. On 5 and 6 June, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was fully occupied by an air force unit. About 20 air force recruits with close cropped hair were given field training on the meadows near the barracks installation. There was flying by six biplanes which practiced dropping sand bags on targets. On 18 June, an estimated 500 air force soldiers were quartered in the barracks installation. Field training was again performed by recruits on the meadow. The biplanes made practice flights.

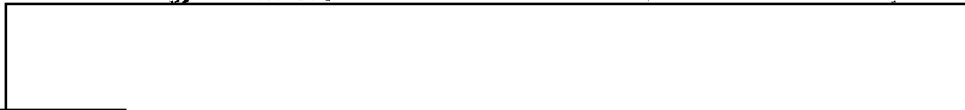
7. On 2 and 8 July, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 500 air force soldiers, who were from 20 to 25 years old. The soldiers were engaged in callisthenics and maintenance of motor vehicles. About five trucks, which were camouflaged by bushes were parked in the southwestern corner outside of the barracks installation. One of the trucks was fitted with an antenna rod which was 3 to 4 meters long. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. For detail sketch of Brueckenkopf Kaserne, south of Wittenberg, see Annex.

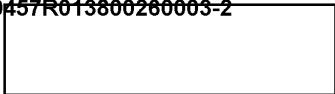
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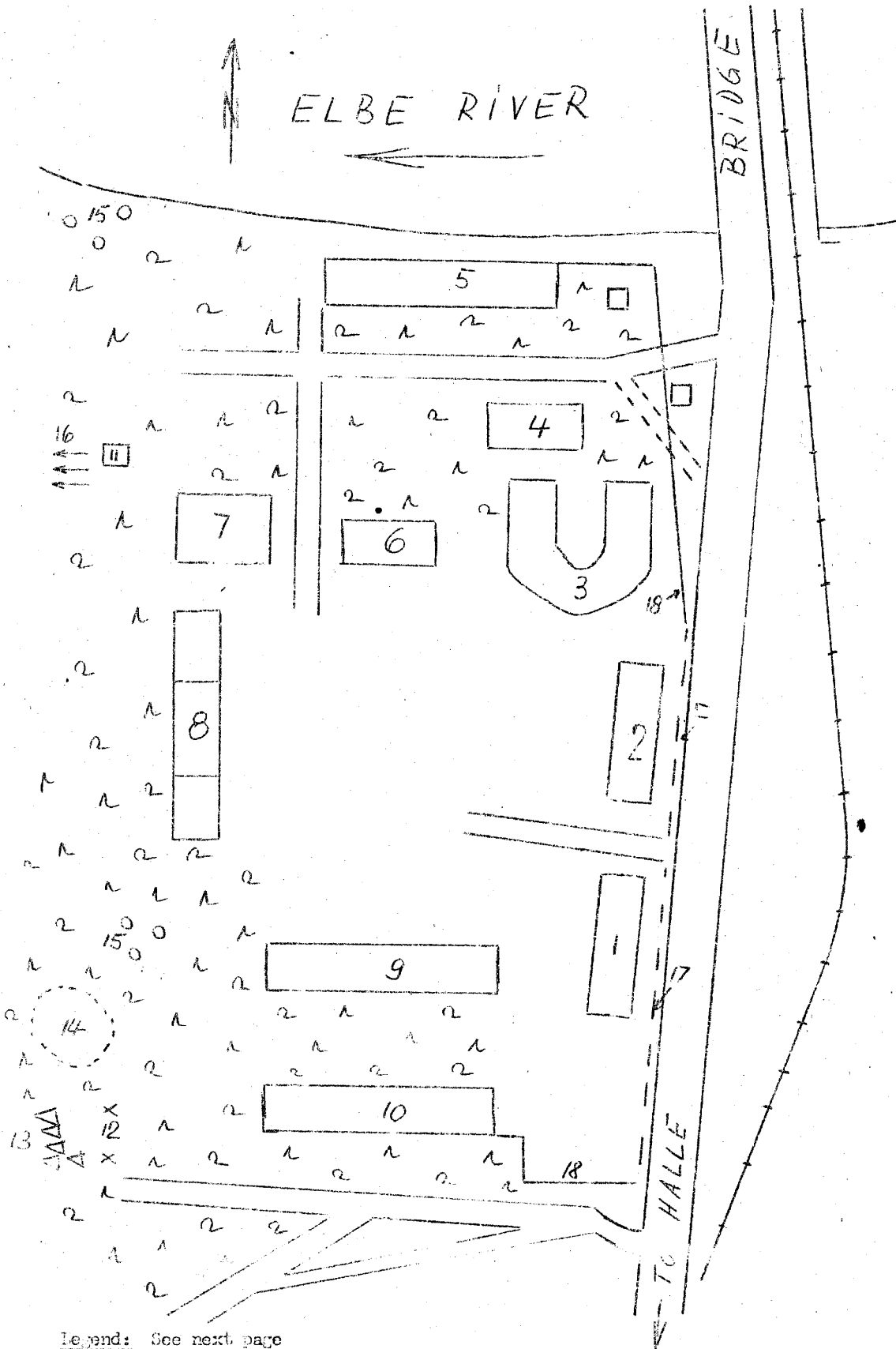
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[redacted] Comment. The report does not indicate a change in the occupation of the installations in Wittenberg. Wittenberg is occupied by the headquarters of the Southern Ftr Corps and its subordinate units.

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Bruckenkopf Kaserne near Wittenberg



Legend: See next page

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Brueckenkopf Kaserne near Wittenberg.

Legend:

1. Four-story barracks building; 14 windows each on second and third floors, 12 windows on fourth floor; about 40 meters long with red brick roof.
2. Two-story barracks building with red brick roof; a total of 18 windows on front side toward the road.
3. Two-story U-shaped building having roof covered with roofing paper; 68 windows along road front.
4. Undetermined building.
5. Brick building, about 90 meters long, roof covered with roofing paper.
6. Old framework building, about 25 meters long, with brick roof; probably houses the kitchen.
7. Two buildings converted to one building, about 30 meters long and 9 meters wide, with tar board roof, probably storage shed for tools.
8. Old framework building with brick roof, about 70 meters long, probably used as garage and tool shed.
9. Wooden garage, about 90 x 4 x 3 meters, with tarboard roof, open to the south.
10. Brick garage, about 60 x 4 x 3 meters, with tar board roof.
11. Building, partly destroyed, purpose unknown.
12. Radio installation.
13. Tent camp.
14. Motor pool.
15. AA gun emplacement with three guns of 88-mm or 105-mm caliber, hardly visible because of trees.
16. Dispersal area for 3 U-2s.
17. Brick wall, about 2 meters high.
18. Board fence, about 2 meters high.

The barracks installation is surrounded by a plantation of young trees.