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On 12 September 1953, Colonel Yusupov, (fnu), was in charge of research laboratory [redacted] of the post hospital on Totendamm in Schwerin, whose staff included Senior Lieutenant Pelovski. On 19 September, the building at 5 Hagenower Strasse in Schwerin was reconditioned for VP officers' dependents. On 15 September, the Fritsch Kaserne in Schwerin quartered an infantry unit commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Pochevalski. On 21 September, [redacted] General Sakharyev of the Magdeburg High Command jointly with General Olenikov from Wuensdorf inspected the tank and artillery units in Schwerin and Parchim for the second time within the past five weeks.¹ On 19 September, [redacted] MVD Hospital [redacted] moved from Guestraw to the Eberswalde area on 15 September.² On 21 September, the last construction sections in Prora were completed by Bauunion Kueste and were turned over by the Ministry of the Interior to Artillery Unit [redacted] under Colonel Hodus (fnu), Artillery Unit [redacted] under Colonel Belig (fnu), Motorized Unit [redacted] under Colonel Kilibatov (fnu), and another artillery unit. The unit under Kilibatov included Lieutenant Colonel Kramchek (fnu). The entire installation was heated by 12 central-heating boilers, each with a heating surface of 32 square meters. VP engineer units which had bivouacked in tents in the nearby woods moved to the permanent and separate buildings which Soviet troops had vacated. They had disposal an area of about 1.5 square kilometers with truck and pontoon storage sheds.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] presumably belongs to an office of the GOFG in Wuensdorf. [redacted] General Sakharyev (fnu), probably belongs to the Third Shock Army Headquarters in Magdeburg and General Olenikov (fnu), to the GOFG Headquarters in Wuensdorf.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] belongs to an MVD hospital in Guestraw. In September, [redacted] several hospitals moved within East Germany.

3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] confirms the headquarters and [redacted] confirms: regiments of the 4th AT Arty Brig [redacted] in Prora on Ruegen Island prior to 21 September 1953. The brigade is assumed stationed in the northern sector of the former KdF (Nazi Recreation Organization) spa Mikran, now Prora. [redacted]

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