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On 24 October 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin still quartered about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mainly with artillery insignia. From 14 to 24 October, soldiers daily trained with six 37-mm AA guns in the western training area. Crews also daily improved the emplacements. On 17 October, thirteen 37-mm AA guns were in the barracks yard. On 20 October and other days, soldiers trained with sixteen 85-mm AA guns, four Fusco III ballistic directors and one radar set with parabolic reflector in the southeastern training area. From 16 to 21 October, discharges of rifles and machine guns were heard almost daily from the target range. Enlisted men daily were at maintenance work on stored motor vehicles in the southwestern section of the barracks installation. From 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., 200 to 250 men daily drilled in the barracks yard.

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[Redacted] Comment. The barracks installation quartered one light and one medium regiment of the 32d AAA Div (US) prior to late October 1953. [Redacted]. The radar set with parabolic reflector probably is a model Whiff ballistic director for AAA.

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