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Artillery Unit Stara Zagora

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1. An unidentified artillery unit is quartered in barracks located just after the last houses on the western outskirts of Stara Zagora, on the southeast side of the road to Chirpan.
 a divisional artillery unit was formerly located here. 25X1
2. a portion of the soldiers of the unit had gone to summer camp near Pancharevo (N 42-35, E 23-24), Sofia Okoliya, where it had been since 1 April 1953. These soldiers went to their summer camp without taking their materiel. Later, on 5-6 May 1953, almost all of the remaining personnel of the unit, both soldiers and officers, together with the materiel of the unit, left their barracks at night they also had gone to the summer camp near Pancharevo. After all these men had left, there were still approximately 100 soldiers who remained at the barrack to take care of their upkeep. 25X1

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- [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] there were approximately 700-800 soldiers at the barracks, not counting any who might have gone to summer camp prior to 1 April 1953. [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] tank as well as artillery personnel there and 25X1
[redacted] the tank group consisted of approximately 15 percent of the 25X1
military personnel located at these barracks. [redacted] 25X1
the artillery men and the tank personnel were not living separately in different barracks quarters but together in the two barracks buildings. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] On 25X1
15 April 1953 the construction of a large brick garage with repair workshops for tanks was started in the barracks area. As of 1 July 1953, the main work on the construction had been completed.
5. The five garages in the barracks area (see No. 8 in the sketch attached as an Appendix on page 7) were filled with guns similar to the 122 mm. M-1910/30 howitzer in the Red Army manual. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
6. The guns mentioned in Para. 5 above were drawn by motor transport vehicles. The parking area (see No. 5 in the attached sketch) was filled with an unknown number of ZIS-5 trucks.
7. [redacted] personal weapons carried by the 25X1
artillery unit personnel. [redacted] Soviet rifles and 25X1
Soviet PP-1941 automatic submachine guns. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
8. In the area of these barracks [redacted] approximately 25 officers 25X1
comprising the command staff of the unit. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
- The commander of this artillery unit is an unidentified lieutenant colonel.
9. [redacted] every summer this unit, together with its materiel section, 25X1
goes to summer camp at Pancharevo where they train from 1 April to early September 25X1
[redacted]
10. The guard of the barracks area consisted of five permanent posts as follows:
- a. One at the gate;
 - b. Three in front of the garages; and
 - c. One in front of the sentry house.

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The watches generally consisted of one soldier per post and two in reserve, changing every two hours. The soldiers standing at the posts were armed with automatics. At night time there were also patrols.

11. This artillery unit had munitions depots [redacted] located somewhere north of town and near the west side of the "Avazmo" [redacted] [redacted] the guard staff assigned to them consists of about 15-20 men from this unit. 25X1
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12. [redacted] 25X1

13. [redacted]

Trudovak Unit Working in Barracks Area of Artillery Unit in Stara Zagora

14. Since 1 April 1953, a Trudovak unit, of Trudovak Company [redacted] subordinate to Trudovak Battalion [redacted] of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade, has been quartered in the area of the barracks of artillery unit, [redacted] Stara Zagora. They are housed in the brick shed (see No. 9 in the sketch attached) and were engaged in constructing the large garage for tanks. It was planned that this unit remain in the barracks area until the end of December 1953, and that after the garage was completed they would carry out some repairs on the barracks. The Trudovaks in this unit had also been there in 1952 when the garages shown as No. 5 and No. 6 on the attached sketch were constructed. 25X1
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Barracks of the Artillery Unit [redacted] Stara Zagora

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15. The barracks area of artillery unit [redacted] Stara Zagora, is in the shape of a capital "L" with branches of almost equal length and about 500 x 400 x 200 meters in size. The area is enclosed by a barbed wire fence on all sides. The north side, with a width of about 200 meters, touches the southeast side of the road to Chirpan, where the barracks gate is located. 25X1
16. Until 1952, the barracks was composed of approximately 13 buildings, as follows:
- a. Two large almost identical 3-story barracks buildings, located near the road to Chirpan, and approximately 100 x 30 meters in size, painted yellow and roofed with stone slabs;
 - b. Two identical 1-story sheds about 40 x 15 meters in size, painted yellow and roofed with red Marseilles tile; these are the oldest buildings in the barracks area; in one of them (see No. 3 of the attached sketch) there are located accommodations for the command personnel of the Trudovak unit, subordinate to Trudovak Company [redacted] and other rooms with unknown use; in the other shed (see No. 4 of the attached sketch) is the "Dimitrov Room" and there are storerooms for cement and other materials and equipment of the Trudovak unit; 25X1
 - c. Five (sic) garages, old brick buildings, about 60 x 15 meters in size, painted yellow and roofed with red Marseilles tile, set in a straight line, and located in the southern half of the area (see No. 8 in the attached sketch); these are 1-story buildings; these garages are for the materiel unit of the artillery unit and are particularly used for storing guns; each garage is equipped with two large wooden double doors;

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- d. One brick shed, 1-story, approximately 30 x 20 meters in size, whitewashed, and roofed with red Marseilles tiles; at the time when the divisional artillery regiment was quartered in these barracks, this building was used as a veterinary laboratory, but it is now used as a warehouse (see No. 9 of the attached sketch); 25X1
- e. One 1-story brick shed (see No. 10 of the attached sketch), without inside dividing walls, whitewashed and roofed with red Marseilles tiles; it is used for the needs of the Trudovak unit completing construction and repair work in the barracks area; and
- f. One 1-story shed (see No. 11 of the attached sketch), built of unbaked bricks, unpainted, roofed with red Marseilles tile, and about 10 x 10 meters in size; used as guard quarters and so forth.

The last three of these buildings are arranged next to each other in the southern part of the barracks area.

- 17. In 1952, a Trudovak unit [] arrived at the area and started constructing new buildings, as follows: 25X1
 - a. Two new, identical 1-story garages for motor transport vehicles in the area between the soldiers' quarters and old garages; these were built of lime bricks and are approximately 50-60 x 20 meters in size; as of 1 July 1953 they had not been painted; they are roofed with red Marseilles tile; (see No. 5 and No. 6 of the attached sketch); after completing these buildings the Trudovaks were sent away from this barracks area.
- 18. On 1 April 1953, another group of Trudovaks composed of approximately 40 men, a detachment of Trudovak Company [] of Trudovak Battalion, [] subordinate to the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade, arrived at the barracks area and started constructing a new, modern, brick garage for tanks and including repair workshops. 25X1
- 19. The garage (see No. 7 of the attached sketch) is approximately 80-100 x 20 meters in size. Its walls are constructed of limestone bricks and the roof is of red Marseilles tile. As of 1 July 1953, it had not been painted on the outside. The windows were located only along the side which is 20 meters long. Inside, the garage is divided into six sections with interior walls of brick. In the middle of each of these sections there is a concrete depression to allow working under the tanks. This is a pit about 3-4 meters long and two meters wide (the dimensions of a tank), and about two meters deep. Along the length of this pit there are two reinforced concrete walls about 50 centimeters thick, over which the treads of the tanks are supposed to be placed. On the two sides of these pits, as a base, there are concrete supports, and the section underneath is also of concrete.
- 20. It was reported that a concrete platform is to be constructed along the entire north side of the garage and is to be 20 meters wide.
- 21. [] this Trudovak unit is supposed to stay at the barracks area until the end of December 1953 and that, after completing the garage, it is to carry out some kind of repair work in the barracks area. 25X1
- 22. Between the new garage for tanks and the two garages for motor transport vehicles constructed in 1952 and the old sheds there is a parade ground. On the east side of the barracks area are the first houses of the city of Stara Zagora; on the south side there are tilled areas and on the west there are meadows.

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Artillery Unit [redacted] Stara Zagora 25X1

23. An unidentified artillery unit [redacted] is located in Stara Zagora in barracks situated in the northwest end of town, in the center of a residential area, on the north side of the road to Kazanluk, through Dŭbrava village, Kazanluk Okoliya. On the southwest side of these barracks there is the Officers Club of the Stara Zagora garrison, and on the northeast side are located the barracks of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade [redacted] 25X1

24. [redacted] 25X1

25. [redacted] personnel wore military clothing and the residents of the area spoke of the barracks as [redacted] an artillery unit. 25X1

26. On 15-20 May 1953 [redacted] four tanks leaving the barracks area headed along the road to Kazanluk. These tanks resemble the TS-1, front type, as shown in the Red Army manual. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] In the summer this unit goes to camp near Pancharevo, Sofia Okoliya. 25X1

Military Units in Kazanluk

27. An unidentified infantry unit, probably a regiment, is located in Kazanluk. It is quartered in barracks located in the center of the town, about 200 meters northwest of the central square, just north of the road from Kazanluk to Koprinka, Kazanluk Okoliya.

28. These are large barracks whose area is enclosed by a brick wall. In this area [redacted] approximately 100 soldiers, but [redacted] the unit was composed of approximately 400 men. [redacted] 25X1
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29. [redacted] in the barracks located immediately beyond the last houses in the western outskirts of Kazanluk and on the north side of the old Kazanluk-Kalofer road, [redacted] about 50 trucks, all ZIS-5s. [redacted] these trucks were rather new. 25X1
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30. [redacted] moving along the road from Gabrovo to Kazanluk about 4-5 tanks which resemble the TS-1 front type, as shown in the Red Army manual. [redacted] there is a tank unit in Kazanluk [redacted] 25X1
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Military Unit in Raykova Mogila, Svilengrad Okoliya

31. [redacted] there is some kind of military unit in Raykova Mogila (N 41-49, E 26-18), Svilengrad Okoliya. [redacted] 25X1
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Sketch of the Artillery Unit [redacted] Barracks Area

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32. The following legend refers to a sketch of the barracks area of the artillery unit. [redacted] Stara Zagora, [redacted] included as an Appendix on page 7:

1. Barracks buildings
2. Barracks buildings
3. Headquarters of Trudovak [redacted] and other buildings 25X1
4. Offices, "Dimitrov Room", and storerooms for Trudovak unit materiel
5. Garage for transport vehicles
6. Garage for transport vehicles
7. New garage and repair workshop for tanks
- 7a. Concrete platform in front of garage
8. Parking area for guns
9. Quarters of Trudovak, [redacted] 25X1
10. Warehouse
11. Quarters for guards
12. Parade ground
13. Meadows
14. Houses under construction on edge of Stara Zagora
15. Tilled ground
16. Stara Zagora-Chirpan road
- Barbed wire fence

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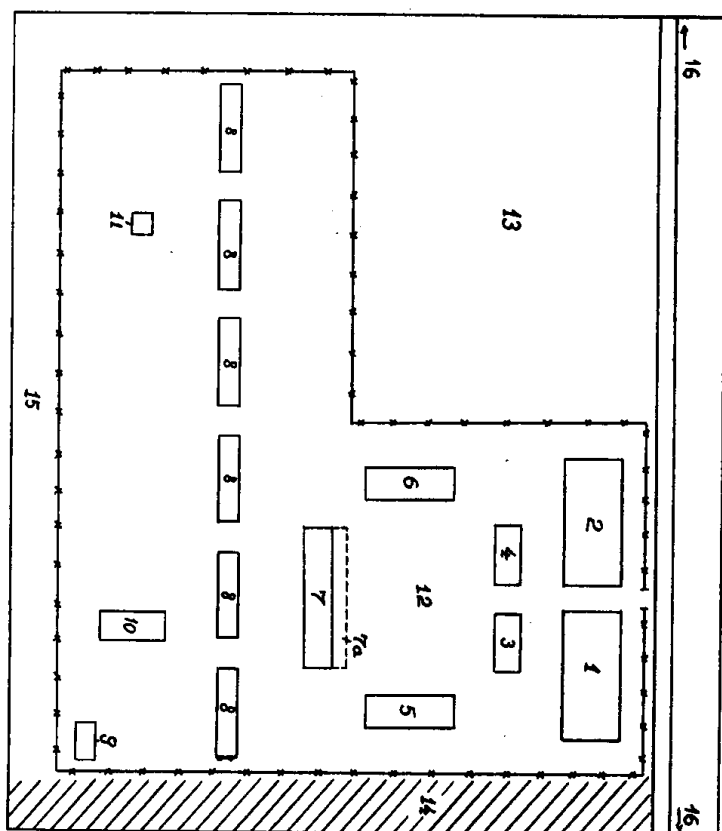
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