

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**COUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Troops of the KVP Department/Ministry of the Interior andFerchels-Mahlitz Training Grounds

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REMARKS 

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Information

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1. Between 6 and 19 November 1954, 48 KVP officers were repeatedly seen at field training near Steinitz Lake near Eggersdorf. They were apparently trained by Soviet instructors. 1
2. In Camp Eggersdorf, AT guns with muzzle brakes, protective shields, split-trail gun carriages and an estimated caliber of 80 mm were seen.  a total of 25 guns were stationed there. 2
3. Installation Eggersdorf was allegedly to be expanded to three times its present size. 2
4. Between 10 and 23 November. Camp Eggersdorf was occupied by an estimated 1,100 men.  On 1 December, the following personnel was seen passing in review:
  - 520 men of the guard regiment with red collar patches
  - 400 men with black collar patches and
  - 16 men of a band.

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Approximately 190 men were on guard.

Between 29 November and 3 December, daily routine activity included guard service, drill, close-combat training, firing and field training. 3

5. The 50 officers who had been stationed in the camp since 1 November left on 26 November. They were of all branches of service and were drilled in groups and received firing training and field training. They were allegedly inspection officers. The building where the officers had been quartered up to 26 November was still vacant on 3 December. 1

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6. In late November, 80 dogs arrived for the kennels. The 50 tank trucks which arrived on 22 October were employed for supply trips or were lined up in the open up to 3 December. Many motor vehicles in need of repair were seen at the motor vehicle repair shop during the same period. 4
7. In November, the names of Captain Radoltschak of the guard regiment and Captain Steiger of the motor vehicle unit became known. Since November, an increased number of officers with silver-embroidered collar patches similar to those of the former German Army have been observed.
8. [REDACTED] a new AAA regiment was to be activated in Strausberg and that officers and EM from the Ruinenberg Kaserne had already been detached for this purpose. 2
9. Between 8 and 25 November, the quarters on Kliestzer Lake were still occupied by approximately 1,200 men. The troops wore black collar patches. They engaged in drill with and without rifles and athletic exercises. No exercises were made on Kliest Lake. On 9 November, large tents with folded pneumatic rafts were stored in the material depot. From 300 to 400 men were daily detached for the sugar beet crop harvest. 5
10. Between 8 and 25 November 1954, the camp near Ferchels- Mahlitz auxiliary airfield was still off-limits. Heavy-weapon firing and tracks indicated that a tank unit was still stationed there. On 1 December, only a guard detail of about 30 men was stationed there. The training grounds was vacant and unguarded.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. No other information on the officer's course has been obtained so far. The fact that the officers belonged to various branches of service indicates that the training course was held for officers of the KVP department with the Ministry of the Interior.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The arrival of 4 AT guns on 27 October was reported [REDACTED] The caliber was then estimated at 37 mm. The appearance of 25 AT guns cannot yet be interpreted. It is possible that the guns were confused up with AA guns. No information indicating the activation of an AA regiment in Strausberg has hitherto been received; it is plausible, however, that the Strausberg installation will receive AAA protection. The quartering of such troops in Camp Eggersdorf is probable since this installation will allegedly be enlarged.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED] Comment. Engr Regt Wronski is stationed there. It appears that, ~~corresponding to~~ other units, recruit training has already begun. Another source observed 20 tents south of the quarters in October. These tents probably belonged to the material depot mentioned in the present report. [REDACTED]

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