

Border Guards Honored

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[Text] Berlin, 13 Aug (ADN)--To mark the 20th anniversary of building the antifascist bastion [Berlin Wall], wreaths and bouquets were laid today at memorials and graves of border troops who were murdered while doing their duty to protect the GDR state border.

During the morning, soldiers, NCO's, officer cadets and officers paid tribute to their unforgotten comrades at the memorial to the GDR Border Guards who fell on the state border with West Berlin. Delegations of workers joined them there. In front of the granite stone which bears the inscription "Your Death Gives Us an Obligation," where members of combat groups of the working class formed an honor guard, they laid flower wreaths in tribute to Sgt Helmut Just, NCO's Peter Goering, Reinhold Huhn, Siegfried Widera, Joergen Schmidtchen, Egon Schultz, Rolf Henniger and Ullrich Steinhauer.

Delegations and border troop units, together with relatives, representatives of local party and state organs, and delegations from plants and sponsoring schools in GDR bezirke and the GDR capital, paid tribute to those who were murdered. In Berlin they laid flowers at the last resting place of NCO Klaus-Peter Seidel at the Oberschoeneweide Cemetery.

In Schierke, Harz Bezirk, tribute was paid to Lt Lutz Meier, who was murdered in a cowardly manner on this section of the border with the FRG on 18 January, 1972.

Together with border soldiers, the citizens of Werdau visited the grave of NCO Juergen Lange.

In Erfurt Cemetery's Garden of Remembrance, delegations paid tribute to the memory of Capt Rudi Arnstadt, who was a victim of an armed attack on 14 August, 1962.

NCO cadets and officers of the "Egon Schultz" NCO's School of the GDR Border Guards paid tribute to Egon Schultz, whose example they were following at his grave in Rostock.