

## ARMY REMOVES SOME ANTITANK BORDER BARRIERS

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[Text] Berlin, 29 Mar (DPA) -- Using a large number of men and machines, work started in the East Berlin border strip opposite Kreuzberg [in West Berlin] today to remove antitank obstacles. Near the Prinzenstrasse inner city crossing point some 50 men in the working dress of the GDR National Peoples Army are digging out the steel crosses. Mobile cranes are lifting the obstacles onto trucks, which then take them away in the direction of East Berlin. The dismantling of the obstacles is taking place over a stretch of 1 km. A special camp has been set up for the construction workers directly behind the watch tower of the area concerned.

The terms and vehicles are watched by armed Border Guards. The trucks are arriving and departing through a gate which has been made in the wall and which is operated only by Army patrols. The antitank obstacles are situated about midway between two walls, which lie 100 meters apart, and are embedded deep in the ground of the border strip. On several occasions they have been responsible for the failure of escape attempts in vehicles.