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TOPIC Artillery Regiment of TV Sued in Leipzig.

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1. The artillery regiment, also referred to as B-Kommando, is stationed at Alte Kaserne on Olbricht Strasse, Leipzig N 22, and is subordinate to TV Sued which is located on Georg Schumann Strasse in Leipzig. Units subordinate to TV Sued include Bereitschaft Erfurt, Bereitschaft Dresden, Bereitschaft Halle and the S-5 Kommando Leipzig. Lieutenant Colonel Kahle (fnu) was commanding officer of the S-5 Kommando. During the reported period, the organization and strength of the B-Kommando was as follows:

	Officers	POCs	EM
Headquarters	35	5	5
School	1	14	
Headquarters company	6	12	35
Supply section	1	20	10
Medical company	3	5	15
Reconnaissance battalion	15	50	30
1st through 3d Bns each	26	42	155

2. The following officers were assigned to the unit:

Lieutenant Colonel Rudolf (fnu), CO;
 Captain Swendy (fnu), deputy CO and PA officer;
 Captain Emmerich (fnu), CO, 1st Bn;
 Senior Lieutenant Schubert (fnu), CO, 2d Bn.

3. The B-Kommando was equipped with 24x152-mm; the 3d, 6th and 9th Co each were additionally equipped with three 122-mm guns. Motor vehicles available to the unit included 25 prime movers of Soviet type, 15 model G-5 trucks, 15 model H-3-A trucks, 15 BMW sedans, 3 tank trucks and 12 x 3-ton trailers.

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4. About 10 percent of the personnel belonged to the 1936 class, 20 percent to the 1935 class, 25 percent each to the 1934 and 1933 classes and 20 percent to older classes. About 90 percent of the personnel had served up to 3 years, and 10 percent from 3 to 5 years. About 40 percent each of the personnel came from Saxony-Anhalt and Saxony, and 20 percent from Thuringia. About 10 percent of the soldiers were followers of the regime, 40 percent indifferent, 30 percent were secret opponents of the regime, while 20 percent showed their discontent openly. The morale of the soldiers was poor. This was due to insufficient town leave, a harsh treatment on the side of their officers and irregular duty hours.

Comment. The howitzer artillery regiment of TV ~~1001~~ in Leipzig (Armeegruppe Sued) which had been set up in August/September 1953, was organized in 3 battalions with 3 batteries each and corresponds to the howitzer artillery regiment of Armeegruppe Nord. The armament, however, deviates from that of the howitzer artillery regiment of Armeegruppe Nord which

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is only equipped with 152-mm howitzers.

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