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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Officer candidate schools known on 5 February 1955 included the infantry officer candidate school in Doebeln, the artillery officer candidate school in Torgau, the artillery officer candidate school in Dresden, the tank engineer officer candidate school in Erfurt, the artillery engineer officer candidate school in Erfurt, the supply officer candidate school in Erfurt, the signal officer candidate school in Dessau, the tank and SP officer candidate school in Grossenhain, the AAA officer candidate school in Oranienburg, the radio officer candidate school in Pirna, the motor transport officer candidate school in Potsdam, the athletic school in Potsdam, the interpreters' school in Weimar, the surgeons' school in Leipzig, and the medical officer candidate school in Leipzig. 1 25X1

2. A recruiting campaign which aimed at the recruiting of officer candidates for these schools was in progress. Applicants were not supposed to have relatives of first degree in Western Germany. All applicants were to be individually screened by a committee of the Ministry of the Interior in April 1955 and were to be inducted between 1 and 6 August 1955. The training courses were scheduled to last three years and be finished with a so-called government examination which was to entail a pledge for a term of not less than 10 years service as a KVP officer.

induced to regard the activity as a KVP officer as a profession. Gross payment for the trainees was 330.- eastmarks during the first year, 370.- eastmarks during the second year, and 400.- eastmarks during the third year.

3.  officers detached to training courses in the USSR were to be instructed mainly in defense against atomic weapons. The schools at which they were trained were allegedly located in Moscow. 25X1

4. On 10 January 1955, Major Kroll (fnu) was the political officer of KVP School Naumburg. 1 25X1

5. On 3 January 1955, the Steigervald Kaserne in Erfurt quartered the IIIrd and IVth KVP units. Soldiers entering or leaving the installation wore black-bordered medium-blue and light-red-bordered black collar patches and epaulets with the letter "A". 2

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- 6. On 22 January 1955, Oranienburg Castle still quartered an estimated 400 to 500 men. The soldiers wore red-bordered black collar patches and epaulets with a silver letter "A". At about noon on 18 January 1955, an undetermined number of soldiers received training with 2 x 37-mm AA guns and basic drill in the area of the installation. 3
- 7. In the fall of 1954, Colonel Lewerenz was commander of the artillery officer candidate school in Oranienburg Castle. There were three training courses each of which lasted a year. The officer candidates attended the school for three years. 3
- 8. At 1000 on 21 January 1955, 80 officer candidates were observed at formal drill and training with rifles in the area of the Leibgarde-Husaren Kaserne in Potsdam. On 31 January 1955, 36 trucks, each of which was occupied by 18 officer candidates who carried rifles, left the installation and went toward Nedlitz. On this day, the installation was apparently occupied only slightly even after nightfall. At 0900 on 4 February 1955, two platoons of officer candidates marched from the drill hall across the street to their billets, while two other platoons marched from the billets to the hall. 4

- 9. [redacted] the officer candidates from the Husaren Kaserne had had to act as platoon leaders during the exercises in Kietz which came to a close on 4 February 1955. 4

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1. [redacted] Comment. Except for the signal school in Dessau all officer candidate schools mentioned in the present report are known. Since the report fails to mention the signal school in Halle this school has possibly moved, or will possibly move, to Dessau by early August 1955. The report also fails to mention the infantry officer candidate school in Naumburg which has been confirmed until January 1955, (see paragraph 4), the infantry officer candidate school in Erfurt and the engineer officer candidate school in Dessau.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The service colors observed indicate that the installation quarters the tank engineer officer candidate school - presumably Office Erfurt IV - and the ordnance engineer officer candidate school as reported previously.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Oranienburg Castle is occupied by the AAA officer candidate school.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The Leibgarde-Husaren Kaserne quarters the motor transport officer candidate school. The exercises which were held at the Ferchels-Mehlitz training grounds in Kietz have been mentioned in previous reports.

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