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TOPIC Military Information from Bad Koesen

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REMARKS

1. On 17 June 1952, the Bad Koesen (H 52/J 78) training area was occupied by an estimated 500 to 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, blue-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. An estimated 2,000 to 2,500 soldiers had left the area on 2 June. While almost all the officers [redacted] were engineer insignia, the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets and a small number of soldiers had tank insignia and motor transport insignia.
2. On 6 June, the wood camp near Bad Koesen was less heavily occupied than on 24 May. [redacted] about 200 soldiers were still there. No motor vehicles were noticed in the entire training area. The soldiers were seen engaged in athletics and cutting timber. Between 350 and 400 Volkspolizei (VP) received infantry training with carbines in the training area north of the wood camp. [redacted] they came from Naumburg.

\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the engineer battalions of the Eighth Gds Army which had moved beginning 2 June to the area of Dessau, subsequently left Bad Koesen. [redacted] 25X1

Other reports have meanwhile confirmed that the 19th Indep Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army and the 67th Engr Bn (US) of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned from Dessau to Bad Koesen on 21 and 22 June. They probably had left large rear detachments with recruits in Bad Koesen. An infantry officers' school of the Volkspolizei is in Naumburg.

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