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information on the Potsdam-Eiche (N 53/4 63)
Volkspolizeibereitschaft

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Strength: About 850 police; number to be increased upon completion of three new buildings.

Organization: Stab (headquarters), a Sonderkommando and the 1st through 3rd Kommando.

Personnel: Oberpolizeirat Kluegel, CO of Bereitschaft
Polizeirat Lau, deputy CO of Bereitschaft
Polizeirat Blasung, PK-Leiter. *

Armament: Eight 105-mm guns of Soviet origin. **
Three 75-mm AT guns
Eight machine guns of type 42
Four machine guns of type 08
Eighty submachine guns of type 44
Three hundred rifles of type 98K
Forty assault rifles
Sixty pistols of type 08.

Motor vehicles: One 3.5-ton truck and two passenger cars.

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Data on strength, organization and personnel of the Potsdam-Eiche Volkspolizeibereitschaft confirm previous information. The unit was previously identified as the 6th Volkspolizei-bereitschaft.

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* Oberpolizeirat and PK Leiter Blasung, mentioned in a previous report, is presumably the Polizeirat Blasung mentioned in the above report. The officer's correct name is not known.

** It is not known to what type of Soviet 105-mm gun



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