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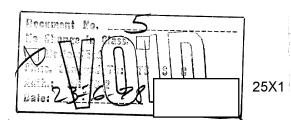
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- The Headquarters and 1st Co of the VP Lachbattalion "Gross Berlin" (Berlin guard battalion) is on Seckendorfstrasse, Berlin-Pankow. The 2d, 3rd and 4th Cos are in Berlin Johannisthal and the 5th and 6th Cos in endenschloss, Berlin-Koepenick. The unit has 700 police. Kommandeur Schneider, (fnu), is CO of battalion and Oberpolizeirat Schnittinger, (fnu) is chief of staff. Oberpolizeirat Alexander (fnu), is chief of the personnel section.
- 2. Each VP man had either a carbine, model 98 K, or a pistol, models OS and 38. They received political indoctrination, basic infantry training, and training in liring and guard drill. The battalion personnel wear black-red-gold cockades on their caps.
- 3. The unit guards all Berlin ministries and public buildings of the German Democratic Republic.

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