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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle in Sternbuchholz

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1. In February 1951, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Sternbuchholz near Schwerin (N 54/T 46) was organized into three infantry Kommandos, one artillery Kommando, and six Sonderabteilungen. Each infantry Kommando consisted of three infantry Abteilungen, one heavy machine gun Abteilung, and one medium mortar Abteilung. The artillery Kommando had 400 police and seven heavy Soviet guns of undetermined caliber with their caterpillar tractors. The 1st Armd Rcn Sonderabteilung of 40 police, to be brought up to 60 police, was equipped with one light Soviet armored reconnaissance car and one small German caterpillar tractor. The 2d Mort Sonderabteilung of 60 police was equipped with one heavy mortar of undetermined caliber. The 3d Engr Sonderabteilung had not been issued equipment. The remaining Sonderabteilungen of VPD were the 4th Sig Sonderabteilung, the 5th AA Sonderabteilung, the 6th AT Arty Sonderabteilung, and the 7th Armd Sonderabteilung, which had one T-34 tank.

2. The officers of the VPD in Sternbuchholz included VP Kommandeur Brumm, (fnu), director of training and an ex-captain of the German Air Force; VP Rat Jahn, (fnu), assistant director of training, in charge of the Sonderabteilungen; VP Rat Schoelke, (fnu), assistant chief of staff; and VP Oberkommissar Benne, (fnu), commanding officer of the 1st Armd Rcn Sonderabteilung.

3. The personnel of the VPD were to pass an intermediate examination in mid-March to determine their qualifications for possible promotion. 50X1-HUM

4. According to the commanding officer, the VPD in Sternbuchholz was to be brought up to a strength of 5,000 police, thus becoming the largest VPD in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

5. One-story brick buildings, among them a kitchen and several ammunition storage buildings, were being constructed in the VPD billeting area in day and night shifts.

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