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1. Prior to March 1951, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Dessau-Kochstedt was located in the former Artillerie Kaserne in Kochstedt. Still below authorized strength, the VPD numbered 1,300 to 1,500 police and was organized into a headquarters, four infantry Kommandos, and seven Sonderabteilungen. * 50X1-HUM
 2. The officers of the VPD included VP Kommandeur Erich Fischer, school commandant; VP Oberrat Tittel, (fnu), chief of staff; VP Kommandeur Burghardt, (fnu), PK officer; VP Kommandeur Krueger, (fnu), director of training; VP Oberrat Gaertner, (fnu), operations officer; and VP Oberrat Wullmann, (fnu), commanding officer of 1st Kommando.
 3. Each Kommando was equipped with 3 or 4 light mortars, 8 model 34 light machine guns, 20 Soviet submachine guns, 30 to 40 model 44 submachine guns, and one carbine for each police man. The Sonderabteilungen had one T-34 tank, 3 or 4 guns of undetermined caliber, several heavy mortars, and several light AT guns. The destroyed buildings in the VPD billeting area were being reconstructed.
- * Comment. Since the VPD in Dessau-Kochstedt received many police from the former 5th VP Bereitschaft (Arty) in Erfurt on its activation, it is believed that one of the four infantry Kommandos mentioned in the present report is actually an artillery Kommando. 50X1-HUM

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