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1. In the morning of 29 May 1951, a train of 11 converted boxcars, whose locomotive was under steam and headed toward Goerlitz, was at the loading ramp of Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad station. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were standing beside the boxcars. *

2. Except for soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets on guard duty and construction work on one of the barracks buildings, no activity was observed at the Alvensleben Kaserne in Cottbus.

3. The bulk of the troops from the Dissenchen Kaserne were at Weisswasser. On 14 June, about 25 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the barracks installation while about 200 men, apparently recruits, practiced rifle and machine gun firing and drilled with two 45-mm AT guns at the drill field east of the road from Dissenchen to the Kerzdorf railroad station. [redacted] entered the installation.

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4. A craftsman employed at the Funker Kaserne said that the guard detail there had a strength of 30 men. No vehicular traffic or radio communication activities were noticed there. **

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