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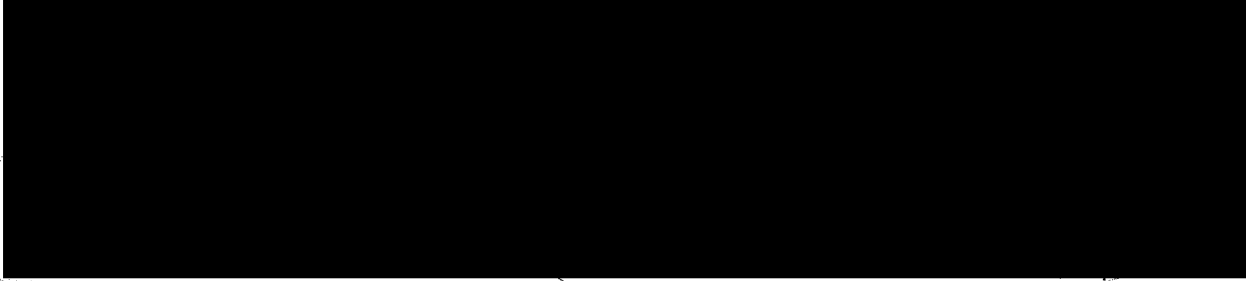
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... an officer who attended the course.
...-president of the DVdI), Hermann
the Luftwaffe), Tappert (fnu)
(formerly an officer in the German army), Paul Mar
of Berlin), Kurt Vogel (previously director of Di
other trustworthy SED functionaries or members of
Deutschland", preponderantly former army officers, attended a staff officers'
train USSR in 1949-50.* The number of participants in the course
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2. Former German general staff officers asserted that in four years at the German military academy they had not been able to assimilate what was taught them in the USSR in fifteen months. During the course, the students were shown many new, still secret weapons.
3. The most important subjects taught were: politics, tactics, deployment of troop units up to army level, partisan combat, assessment of the morale of enemy troop units, assessment of the morale of the population of enemy-occupied territories, propagandizing of enemy troop units, and propagandizing of the population of enemy-occupied territory.
4. The students were taught the relative weight to be attached to various methods of warfare. They were told that, despite the atomic bomb, the infantry retains the decisive share in warfare. In the last analysis, what is important is the high morale and disposition for war of the citizenry and troops.
5. The head of the school was a Soviet general. The chief instructors were Soviet colonels. The teaching staff were all Soviet officers. The long general staff course qualified its graduates for ranks higher than colonel, the shorter course only up to the rank of colonel. The students had to take monthly and quarterly examinations, concluding with a course examination before a special examination of the Soviet general staff.

6. At the end of the fifteen-month course some more Volkspolizei officers (probably between 300 and 400) were sent to the Soviet Union for a six-month course qualifying its graduates for ranks up to colonel. They were under the command of Lenkeit (fnu), at that time of the Brandenburg Bereitschaftspolizei.

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Comment: It was previously reported that in October 1949 Wagner and Mark Markgraf were receiving training in a school for platoon and company commanders at Volsk on the Volga run by Colonel Petrakov.

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