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1. On 8 December 1951, Colonel Smirnov (fnu) was identified as the commanding officer of the unit in the Flak Kaserne on Gousaerstrasse, Merseburg (M 52/D 91). Source noticed no particular training activity, but observed that officers, NCOs and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were able to get town leave easily. A destroyed barracks building in the billeting area was being reconditioned.

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2. Source determined that the ration strength in the Flak Kaserne was slightly above 1,100 men in the middle of November. *

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Comment. confirm the 38th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in the Flak Kaserne on Gousaerstrasse. The strength of the unit was periodically estimated by this and another source at between 900 and 1,200 men. It is therefore believed that the majority of the components of the brigade are stationed in Merseburg.

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