

TOPIC Military Information from the Bad Koesen Training Area

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EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [redacted] 25X1 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 12 September 1952

REFERENCES [redacted] 25X1

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REMARKS



1. On 22 July 1952, 12 to 15 barracks, each about 25 to 30 meters long, were observed in the camp on the north side of Forst Prota, on both sides of the Bad Koesen (M 52/J 78) - Kukulau road. Soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including 80 percent without branch-of-service insignia, 10 percent with signal insignia and 10 percent with motor transport insignia were seen in traffic to the cantonment. Sedan [redacted] stood in the billeting area. Thirty front sections, 30 middle sections and 30 rear sections of pontoons and a large pile of planks were stored on the bank of the Saale River. One motorboat was in the water and two were loaded onto truck trailers. Bridge sections of pontoons were constructed on the Saale River. A pile driver was on a ferry. [redacted] about 1,000 troops occupied the camp, but residents stated 1,200 and 1,500 troops were quartered there. Between 2 and 5:30 p.m. on 6 August, no changes were noticed. There was no training activity activity. Trucks [redacted] were in the storage area.

2. On 6 and 9 August, the engineer camp at Bad Koesen was occupied to capacity. Most of the soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets and a few red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Three motor pile drivers were in operation at three different places on the river. At one site below Rudelsburg, troops practiced the pivoting of preassembled wooden bridge sections with the help of two hoisting gears mounted on a three-axle truck. [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] From 70 to 80 pontoons, 1 motorboat, 1 large amphibious car and 1 small amphibious car [redacted] were seen near the engineer training sites. Trucks seen in traffic to the camp [redacted] transporting soldiers with red epaulets, [redacted] transporting soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia and trucks [redacted] 25X1  
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\* Comment. [redacted] the same engineer camp. Compared with another report [redacted] paragraph 2 which covered a period until the end of July 1952, it appears that the training area was more heavily occupied after the beginning of August 1952. The motor vehicles [redacted] belong to the Eighth Gds 25X1  
 Army. [redacted] Elements of the Eighth Gds Army loaded engineer equipment in Dessau on 16 August. It is possible that engineer units returned to Bad Koesen from this area. [redacted] 25X1