

Summary of the inspection report on the French Armoured Divisions Training Centre (CIDB) in Trier (13 April 1959)

Caption: Division II of the Agency for the Control of Armaments (ACA) circulates its inspection report dated 13 April 1959 on the French Armoured Divisions Training Centre (CIDB) in Trier. The summary of the inspection carried out on 8 April 1959 gives a brief overview of the various activities carried out at the training centre and the centre's equipment. It notes that the numbers are in line with those reported in the annual questionnaires sent by the ACA and that the inspection took place under the best possible conditions.

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INSPECTION REPORT ON THE
FRENCH ARMoured DIVISIONS TRAINING CENTRE
AT TRIER

S U M M A R Y

The Armoured Divisions Training Centre (C.I.D.B.), on a height on the banks of the Moselle⁽¹⁾, some 5 kms S.W. of Trier, was set up by General DEMETZ and was originally intended for training only the troops of the 1st Armoured Division. Its importance grew, in the course of time, and, after being a training centre for all the armoured units in Germany, it became one of the two training centres (the other is in Algeria) for all French armoured troops.

It has a full-time complement of 2,000 recruits, together with a number of men on courses, which, together with the permanent staff, makes between 3,200 and 3,500 men.

All the recruits are given the same basic training, followed by four months' specialized training for future fighting troops.

The Centre trains drivers, navigators and gunners and also gives infantry weapon training.

The Centre is remarkably well equipped. At the present time it has 143 tanks and movements of materiel are infrequent (six Armoured Reconnaissance Vehicles since 1st January 1959); the number of U.S. tanks has not changed since 1957.

The numbers checked on the records agreed with the figures
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(1) N.B. The Bundeswehr "Armoured Vehicles Experimental Centre" is opposite the C.I.D.B. on the other side of the Moselle. It has replaced a NATO H.Q.

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reported in the replies to the 1958 and 1959 Questionnaires and with the quantities on hand in the Centre on the date of the inspection.

This inspection, remarkably well prepared, took place under the best possible conditions and the visit to the installations was a most interesting lesson for the Inspection Group.

The S.I.S.B. is located 5 Km S.W. of Trier on a height on the right bank of the Moselle.

Composition of the Inspection Group

13th April 1959.

Composition of the Inspection Party

Inspection Group

Major General COMBES, Chef de Mission

Colonel CHEN

Major General STANISL

General Staff

Colonel BACHET, Etat-Major de la Défense Nationale

Commandant ARTEL, Etat-Major de l'Armée

Staff of the School

Colonel CAMYSSO, Commanding Officer of the School.

Colonel BOUQUET, Second in Command.

Colonel LECHE, C.O. Specialized Training Centre.

Commandant HARTIN, Head of Technical Services.

Colonel CAILLARD, C.O. Regional Workshop.

The group was accompanied by other officers during the inspection.

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