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PANZERS IN WALES

Time brings changes indeed. The Press were out in force at Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire, when Lieutenant-Colonel von Kleist and eight other Panzer officers arrived to look over the Royal Armoured Corps Range. Brigadier Beckett, of R.A.C. Western Command, received them. About 500 Germans will come for three weeks training here next month. Colonel von Kleist recalled that he spent two years in Newport as a prisoner of war, so he's no stranger to Wales. His men will live in comfortable quarters, during their stay at Castle-martin. They are, of course, a Nato unit. Lieutenant-Colonel Kraus, West German military attache in London, was in the party, as they went to the Medel Room to inspect the layout of the tank range. Though many people didn't like the idea of the ex-enemy sending soldiers to Britain to be trained, the general opinion isn't hostile. The needs of NATO come first. It was Winston Churchill who said, years ago, that the old enmities of Europe must be overcome, in the interests of peace. Von Kleist and his fellow officers liked the range on which the 40 U.S. tanks of his Battalion will soon be exercising in the cause of Western defence.