

URGENT!

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for Parthe News - London.

coverage on activity and alert of  
British troops (Welsh Regiment)

at border sector of Berlin and  
east German soviet-controlled zone.



Dear Mr. Cummings!

Happened to be in Berlin -  
here your requested coverage (120m)  
- undeveloped Double X -

The story:

The east Germans reerected the  
barbed-wire fence at the border between  
the Soviet zone and British sector  
of Berlin. Due to the activity of the  
opposition - <sup>East German</sup> armoured cars manned  
by the F.D.J (Free Democratic youth)

The British Commandant of  
Berlin, Major General Rohana  
DELACOMBE, ordered an alert.

The general inspected the section  
commanded by Lieut. Col.

Malcolm Stephenson - 1. Battalion  
Welsh Regiment (Major Derby  
Major Collett)

The border runs in the middle of  
the road - on the far side east  
German soldiers.

Soldiers of the Welsh Regiment  
in positions along the sector border  
ready for any emergency. <sup>British</sup> Anti-tank  
guns in the front-line - Reconnaissance  
car and tank.

(N.B. The goods-train with the  
armoured cars arrived out of schedule  
and was not covered.)

Hope this coverage will do!

Kind regards,

Yours

John Schmidt-Hansen

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(15-16 hrs)

Plane departure 18<sup>h</sup>.