

Patrolling the Inner-German Border (1971)

Abstract

The GDR border troops were part of the National People's Army [*Nationale Volksarmee* or NVA] and were about 40,000 strong. Most of these soldiers were stationed along the inner-German border. Maintaining such a heavily guarded border for the "protection of socialism" over the course of decades proved a tremendous economic burden on the GDR. This photograph shows GDR troops patrolling the border in June 1971. Photo by Jochen Moll.

Source



Source: Soldiers of the GDR National People's Army on patrol at the inner-German border. Image 1 of 4.

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