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2. Superior Command: Rifle division command at Kiskunfélegyháza

3. Quarters: In the new armored barracks south of the road to Szarvas

25X1 4. Organization: Staff and staff abteilung about 70 men

Reconnaissance platoon " 40 "

Three armored companies " 250 "

25X1 5. Armament: Reconnaissance platoon, machine pistols
Armored companies, each 15 repeating pistols, 45 machine pistols, 20 carbines, 3 light machine guns

6. Armor: 26 T-34 tanks with 76.2 mm guns

7. Vehicle Park: 2 Skoda open personnel carriers; 1 closed personnel carrier of Soviet type; 3 German personnel carriers; three 1.5-ton trucks; fifteen 3-ton trucks; 30 motorcycles, Csepel type.

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8. Training: From 1 Oct to 23 Dec, recruit and infantry training. Special training by groups begins on 1 Jan for gunners, machine gunners, drivers, tank drivers, intelligence service.

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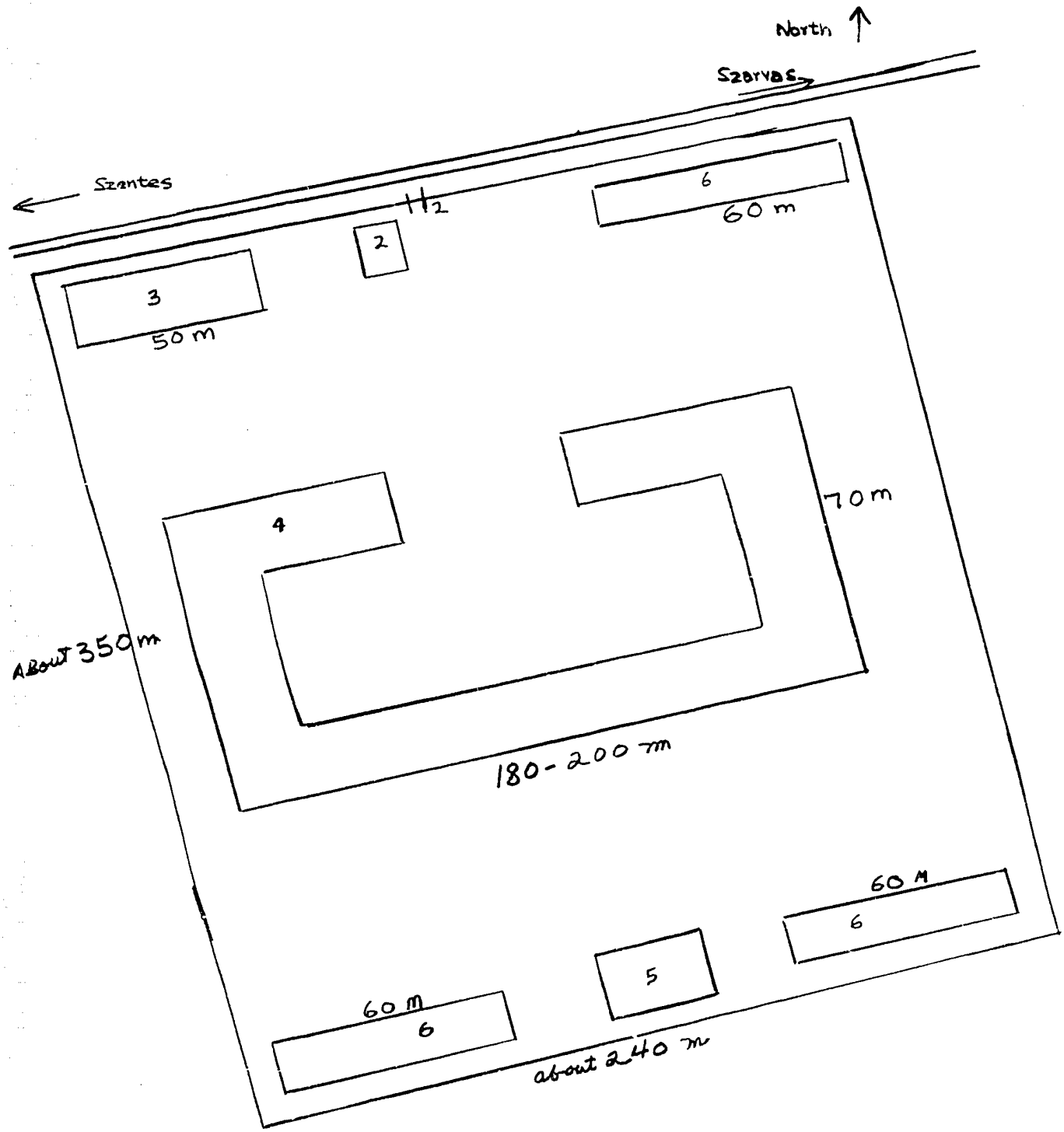
SKETCH OF ARMORED FORCE BARRACKS AT SZENTES



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9. Officers:

a. Battalion commander, Captain Károly Szilasi [redacted]

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b. Reconnaissance Platoon commander, Lieutenant Kátai [redacted]

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c. The 2nd Armored Company commander, Lt. Gyula Sebestyen [redacted]

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d. The 3rd Armored Company commander, First Lt. Kálmán Lestyan [redacted]

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e. Quartermaster, Lieutenant Molnar [redacted]

10. Recruiting: On 1 Oct 52 the battalion received about 140 recruits, of whom 40 percent came from Budapest and neighborhood, 30 percent from West Hungary, 20 percent from North Hungary, and 10 percent from other places.

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11. Enclosure (A) is a sketch of the barracks. On this sketch, the figure 1 indicates the main entrance; 2, the guard post; 3, medical examining office, infirmary and depot; 4, main building of ground floor and three stories, for enlisted men and command; 5, depot; 6, garages.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Armored Force Barracks at Szentes

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