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1. The 26th Infantry Regiment had approximately 2000 soldiers, and the following units: 1st Battalion in Kasperske Hory; 2nd Battalion in Vimperk (this battalion was housed in a barracks called the 'Guardsmen of the Western Frontier'); 3rd Battalion in Vimperk (this battalion was housed in the former Vltava Hotel and Steinbrunnen [illegible]). The 'Guardsmen of the Western Frontier' barracks also housed one battery of 120 mm trench mortars, one transportation company, one reserve company, one antiaircraft company, one technical service company and one chemical group.

2. The 26th Infantry Regiment is subordinate to the 2nd Infantry Division in Susice, to which the following units are also subordinate: 10th Artillery Regiment, Olomouc; 25th Artillery Regiment, Prachatice; Infantry Regiment, [illegible] (this may be the 22nd Infantry Regiment); Infantry Regiment, Klatovy; Antiaircraft [illegible], Horazdovice.

3. Equipment of the 26th Infantry Regiment consisted of the following: 7.92 mm rifles of German origin; cz-33 automatic rifles of Czechoslovak origin; light and heavy machine guns, details unknown; a reserve of 40 rifles with wooden stocks; 57 mm field guns; four-barrel VK[illegible] guns of German origin (from World War II). Vehicles: 150 [illegible] 31 trucks; 50 aero-150 1½ ton trucks; 5 Steyer cars; 4 or 5 jeeps; 50 Jawa 250 cm [illegible] motorcycles. Animals: 60 draft horses; 25-50 dogs used for guarding.

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5. "During the summer of 1952 men born in 1928-1930 were serving. Military terms were not fixed. Normally the length of service was 24 to 25 months, but in 'special arms' (tanks, parachute corps) it was three years, and in the air force four years.

6. "Morale was very low. The soldiers were disinterested; politically, the majority of the soldiers were against the regime. Most of the officers were Communists, but the majority of these were not loyal to the regime unless they had political posts in the army, or had achieved a status which they would not have achieved without being Communist adherents. The older officers serving had indefinite status, unless they were experts and indispensable to the army.

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8. "Food was good, but the quantity was small. Soldiers had meat twice daily, but the portions were very small.

9. "Political education was given one hour each day, the theme of the discussions being 'The Soviet Army, Our Model', or 'Socialization of farming', or 'Soviet Kolkhos, Basis of Welfare'. Once a month, an officer of the Regiment Command came to discuss the international situation. He enumerated cases of desertion by soldiers into the German Federal Republic, and pointed out that those deserters were trained by CIC in the Federal Republic and sent back into Czechoslovakia to terrorize the Czech citizens. Most desertions were due to the little free time and extensive political training given the soldiers. Ten out of the 12 prisoners at Susice had been imprisoned for desertion and attempting to escape to the West; of the 10, three were sergeants and one was a lieutenant.

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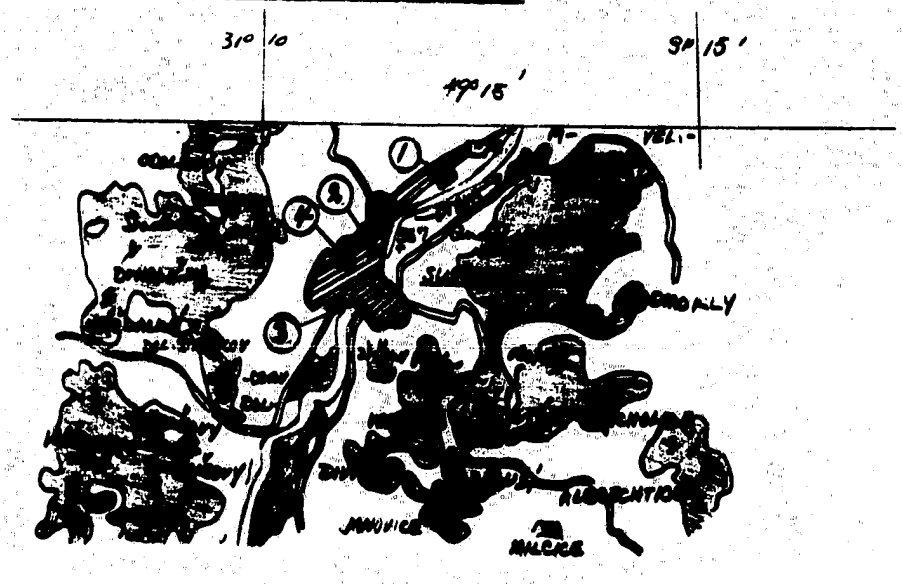
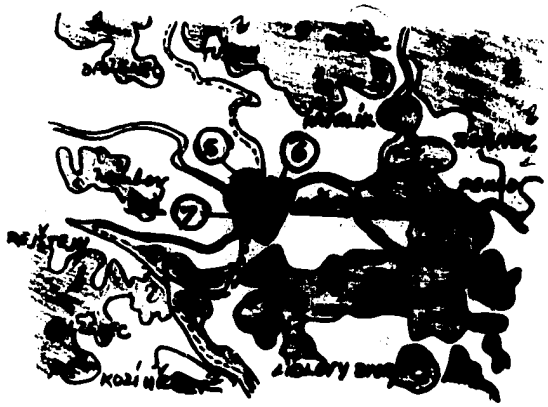
SKETCH-MAP OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, SUSICE AREA





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LEGEND: 1. PS barracks, Susice 2. PS Command unit, Susice; 3. Division court, penitentiary, auto-pool; 4. 2nd Division Command, Susice; 5. PS Barracks, Kaperske Hory; 6. Barracks and Command of the 4th Machine Gun Company, Kaperske Hory; 7. Barracks of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, Kaperske Hory.

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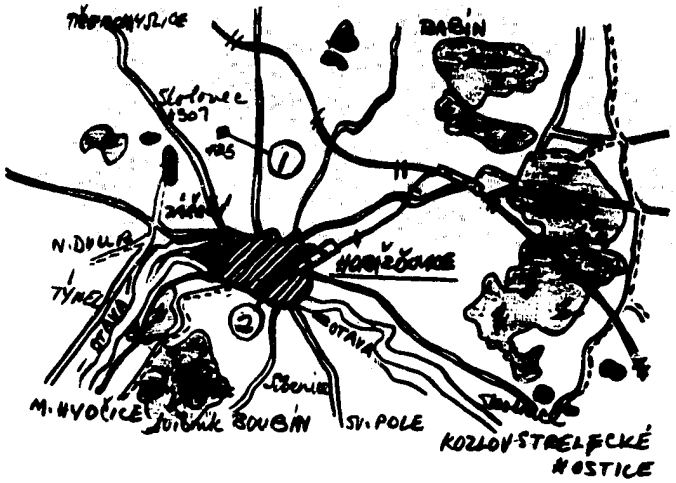

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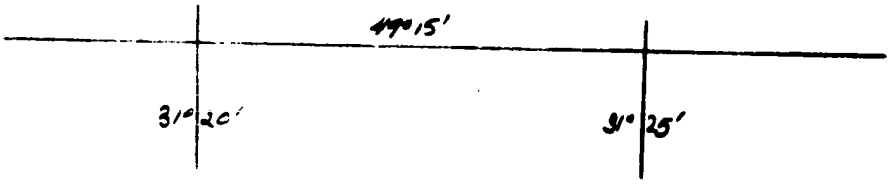

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