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1. On 1 January 1951 the newly activated Border Guard (Pohranicni straz - PS) took over [] the border guard functions of the National Security Corps (Sbor narodni bezpecnosti - SNB) unit []. The SNB border guard unit then reverted to the status of a regular police unit. SNB police functions consisted of combating the black market, directing traffic, enforcing law and order, and other police work including fire-fighting. The SNB did no intelligence work whatsoever. Its main headquarters was in Prague and there were also regional headquarters and stations in each village with a population of more than 1,000. Members of the SNB were in uniform at all times.

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2. The SNB [] in Prague consisted of a headquarters and six battalions; its personnel numbered about 3,000 officers and enlisted men and it had approximately 3,000 pistols, 3,000 SMGs, 6,000 grenades, 3,000 pairs of handcuffs, and 200 LMGs. The following is the T/O of Utvar 9600, as of 31 December 1950 /See Enclosures A and B/;

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- a. The smallest border guard unit in the SNB was a platoon (ceta) consisting of 25 men. The platoon leader was a chief patrolman (vrchni strazmistr); the rest were patrolmen (strazmistr).

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- (1) A platoon had the following equipment:
- (a) 1 Skoda Tudor (similar to the US Jeep)
 - (b) 2 - 3 Jawa motorcycles
 - (c) 2 - 3 Bicycles
 - (d) 2 Pairs of binoculars (6 x 30), made by Optika Techna or Meopta (post World War II)
 - (e) 2 LMGs, model VZ26 (kept in the supply room)
 - (f) Some platoons had two to three dogs.
- (2) Each member of the platoon had a German 9-mm Parabola or Parabellum pistol, a model 25 SMG, two T-34 grenades, and a pair of handcuffs. [redacted] SNB men had no gas masks or regular army personal equipment. Until the Summer of 1950, each man carried with him his pistol with 25 rounds and his SMB with 200 rounds of ammunition. In the Summer of 1950 the system was changed and weapons and ammunition were issued only to men going on duty. 25X1
- (3) One man of the platoon was called a preventive service man (Organ preventivny sluzby - OPS); his function was to have informants discover potential border crossers and to interrogate those suspected border crossers who were caught.
- b. SNB companies were composed of two, three, and sometimes four platoons, depending on the stretch of border they had to patrol. One officer and two NCOs were in a company headquarters. The company's strength was 50 - 100 men. Three or four of the men were operations men. Each company had the following equipment: 50 - 100 pistols, 50 - 100 SMGs, 100 - 200 grenades, and 4 - 8 LMGs.
- c. There were 40 officers and enlisted men in the headquarters of an SNB battalion. [redacted] 25X1
 Four to six companies made up a battalion. The T/O of a battalion consisted of about 50 officers and 600 enlisted men; [redacted] 25X1
 The service company was composed of three platoons and each platoon had 40 men. The signal company's T/O [redacted] was similar to that of the service company. The OPS section had 10 men. 25X1

ANNEX are A: T/O of SNB Unit [redacted]
 B: T/E of SNB Unit [redacted]

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Annex B

T/E of SNB unit up to 31 December 1950

	Pistol (Parabola)	SNB (Model 25)	7-34 Grenades	Handouts	IMOs (M-26)	Boys	Stude - Tudor Jeeps	Java motorcycles	Bicycles	Binoculars	
Platoon	25	25	50	25	2	2-3	1	2-3	2-3	2	
Company	50-100	50-100	100-200	50-100	4-8	8	2-4	8-10	8-10	4-8	
Battalion HQ	40	40									
4-6 Companies	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	
	3000	3000	6000	3000	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	

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