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- Two divisions of the Territorial Antiaircraft Defense (Protiletaadlova obrana statniho uzemi- PLOS) are located in Bohnice barracks. Source reported the following regiments: the 164th AAA Regiment, the 151st AAA Regiment, and the 160th AAA Regiment. Each regiment had six or seven batteries, with one or two radar units of German origin.

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3. The 164th AAA Regiment was equipped with 88-mm. guns of German make. Each battery had an Ustredni Zamerovac (Fire Control Apparatus - UZ) of German make, or a copy of a German type made by Meopta, N.E. The generator (250 cc) was made by the Union factory in Ceske Budejovice. Some batteries used German generators (150 cc) and a very obsolete type of Hungarian generator (60 cc). The Ustredni Zamerovac bore the inscription "Mark 47".
4. The cover name for the 3rd Battery was Kamil. [REDACTED]
5. Gun sites are of two categories: (a) permanent, where the gun crew is ready to start action in a few minutes; and (b) emergency, to be manned only in case of attack. Permanent gun sites in the Prague area, known to Source, are at Suchdol, Mecholupy, Sterboholy, Barrandov, Kbely, Horomerice, Petrin, Ruzyne, and Prague Castle. Permanent gun sites have telephone and radio contact with Bohnice Headquarters. Every hour on the hour the communication is tested by a control call. Gun sites can communicate with each other via the Bohnice switchboard. Every gun post has four to six guns and one UZ (central control), and the majority had a radar unit. Emergency gun posts are situated between the permanent posts to strengthen the volume of fire. Source knows of two such posts in the vicinity of the Bohnice barracks, manned by the 164th AAA Regiment.
6. An AAA unit equipped with 105-mm. guns is stationed in the Motol district of Prague.
7. In the fall of 1953, officers of Bohnice AAA regiments were trained on new Soviet type AAA guns and Soviet type of UZ. The guns were 75-mm. caliber. AAA regiments have field training twice a year at the Army Training Area in the Kezmarok (N49-08, E20-26)-Levoca (N49-02, E20-36) area. Training consists of firing at a balloon towed by aircraft; at simulated paratrooper jumps, with time fuse ammunition; at tanks, with antitank ammunition; and normal firing at invisible targets similar to field artillery practice.
8. When a prominent visitor from the USSR comes to Czechoslovakia via air, all AAA units along the route are alerted for "protection" against U.S. fighter planes.
9. Ammunition for 88-mm. AAA guns is delivered in wooden cases, each containing two projectiles. Time fuses are stored separately. [REDACTED]

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OCG (Ostry casovany granat - time fuse grenade)

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OPG (Ostry prubojny granat - armor piercing grenade)

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