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COUNTRY Hungary REPORT

TOPIC 1. Corps Headquarters in Szekesfehervar, Kecskemet and Debrecen and
General Information on an Armored Corps 25X1
2. Military Labor Service Dissolved

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Corps headquarters of the Hungarian People's Army identified prior to December 1953 included a corps headquarters in Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00), another in Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95), a third in Debrecen (R 48/K 40), and an armored corps headquarters. The Szekesfehervar 25X1 army corps was organized into the corps headquarters which was stationed at Szekesfehervar, the corps artillery regiment which was stationed at Dombovar (Y 5/B 16), the corps observation battery which was stationed at Dombovar, a rifle division which was stationed at Jutas (P 48/D 68) in November 1953, a rifle division which was stationed at Marczali (Y 4/A 68) in October 1953, and a rifle division which was stationed at Nagykanizsa (Y 4/A 26) in December 1953.¹ The Kecskemet army corps included the corps headquarters which was stationed at Kecskemet, the corps artillery regiment, the corps observation battery, the corps tank unit and the corps air force unit all of which were stationed at Kecskemet, a rifle division which was stationed at Kecskemet in the spring of 1953, a rifle division which was stationed at Kiskoeroes (Y 6/N 52) in April 1953, and a rifle division which was stationed at Kiskunfelegyhaza (Y 7/O 03). The Kecskemet corps headquarters was located in the building of the former Realgymnasium (high school), and the corps artillery regiment and the corps tank unit were stationed at the so-called "barracks town" in Kecskemet.² The Debrecen army corps was organized into the corps headquarters which had POB 1717 in November 1953, the corps artillery regiment, and the corps observation battery all of which were stationed at Debrecen, a rifle division which was stationed at Debrecen, and a rifle division which was stationed at Nyiregyhaza (R 48/K 55).³ In the fall of 1953, the armored corps included a corps headquarters, presumably a corps artillery regiment and a corps observation battery both of which were stationed at Petervasara (Q 49/J 37), a division headquarters which was stationed at Esztergom (Q 48/Z 27), a division headquarters which was stationed at Gyoengyoes (Q 48/J 24), and a division headquarters which was stationed at Karczag (R 48/O 98).⁴
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the military labor service units were dissolved in November 1953. Pursuant to the provisions of the dissolution decree, labor servicemen who only served a year's term allegedly also had to be discharged. 25X1

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3. In early December 1953, about 100 inductees who, on their registration had been grouped in category III which meant "fit for military labor service" as per the entries made in their service record books, were assigned to the 30th Break-through Arty Div in Cegléd.5

1. Comment. The corps headquarters in Székesfehérvár is known and is again confirmed by the present report. A motorized artillery regiment in Dombóvár has been reported as early as 1950 and 1951. Although the artillery regiment mentioned in the present report is possibly identical to the artillery regiment reported in 1951, the extensive moves of troops which occurred particularly in 1951-52 give no reliable clue in this respect. The observation battery in Dombóvár has been mentioned in a previous report. The present report specifies the superior headquarters of this battery. The rifle division in Jutas is presumably the division whose headquarters is believed to be stationed at Veszprém and subordinate units of which are assumed to be stationed at Jutas. Marcali is known as the home station of the division headquarters of the 17th Rifle Div, a rifle regiment of which is believed to be stationed at Nagykanizsa. A division headquarters in Nagykanizsa is unknown.

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2. Comment. The corps headquarters located in the building of the former Realgymnasium (high school) in Kecskemét is known and is again confirmed by the present report. The observation battery has been mentioned in a previous report. The present report specifies the superior headquarters of this battery. The so-called "barracks town" mentioned in the present report is composed of the barracks installations on the road to Izsák which were newly built in 1951 and have been said to quarter Hungarian troops. Kiskunfelegyháza is known as the station of the 27th Rifle Div. The division headquarters in Kecskemét and Kiskőrös are reported for the first time.

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3. Comment. The corps headquarters and the observation battery in Debrecen whose superior headquarters are specified by the present report have been mentioned in two previous reports. A division headquarters in Debrecen is reported for the first time. Nyiregyháza is the home station of the 4th Rifle Div.

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4. Comment. The armored or mechanized corps whose corps headquarters is stationed at Budapest and which includes the 7th Mecz Div with headquarters in Esztergom and the 18th Tank Div with headquarters in Gyöngyös is known and is again confirmed by the present report. The observation battery in Pétervására has been mentioned in a previous report. The present information specifies the superior headquarters of this battery. No information on the existence of another tank or mechanized division which belongs to this corps, or a division headquarters in Karczag is available.

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5. Comment. It is believed that the military labor units have been dissolved under the army personnel cut in the fall of 1953 which has been mentioned in a previous report.

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