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COUNTRY	Czechoslovakia	
TOPIC	1. 57th TP Unit in Smecno and 7th TP Unit in Libkovice	
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information	

1. Prior to late May 1954, the headquarters of the 57th TP (Delinquent) Unit, subordinate companies of which were assigned labor missions in the Kladno (N 51/L 59) area, was located in the castle and a villa in Smecno (N 51/L 49). The unit was subordinated directly to the Defense Ministry. Under an enactment dating from mid-April 1954, the previous designation of "57th PTP" was changed to "57th TP".³ Commander of the unit was Major Knizek (fnu). The unit which totalled about 1,100 men was organized into a training unit and 6 companies. 1 25X1
2. The training unit was located in billets between [redacted] and [redacted] in two small towns about 2.5 kilometers north of [redacted] in the fall of 1953, recruits received basic training [redacted]. After 28 November 1953, an NCO school, where TP soldiers grouped with class E were trained, was located there. Class E included men of special reliability. Prior to late May 1954, the 1st and 6th Cos were located in Stochov (N 51/L 49), the 2d Co under Senior Lieutenant Suchanda (fnu) in Dubi (N 51/L 59), the 3d and 4th Cos, the latter under Senior Lieutenant Bena (fnu), in Smecno, and the 5th Co at the Armada bituminous-coal pit about 3 kilometers south of Smecno. Actual strength figures of the companies varied between 150 and 180 soldiers. 1 25X1
3. [redacted] the 1st Co [redacted] was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Josef Subert. Lieutenant Paulus (fnu) was political officer of this unit. The company numbered about 175 men. Senior Lieutenant Suchanek (fnu) was commander of the 6th Co which was located in the same billets. The two companies worked in the Nosek bituminous-coal pit in Tuchlovice (N 51/L 48). In addition, they received military training. Under the provisions of the above-mentioned [redacted] which became known in April 1954, the soldiers [redacted] wear on the black epaulets of their uniforms [redacted] consisted of a five-pointed red star emblem [redacted] and with a crossed hammer-and-axe emblem. Since [redacted] company also received model N-98 rifles. 25X1

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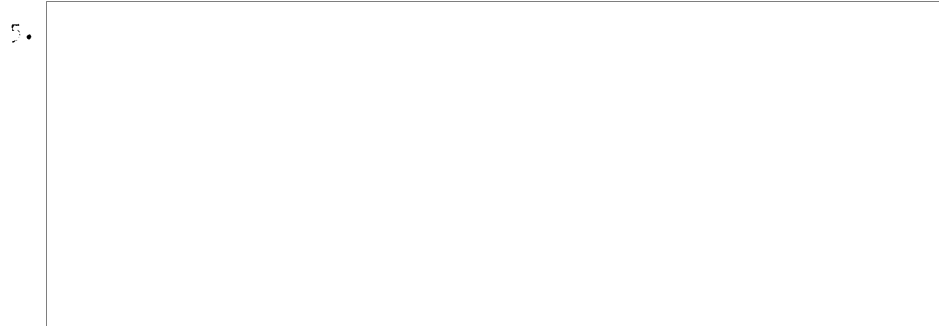
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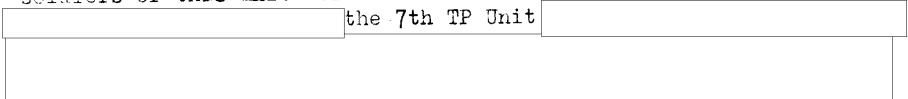
Some submachine guns were also available for the guard details. Record practices were held every two or three weeks. The men had to shoot at targets or silhouettes up to 100 meters away. After the record practices, the rifles were returned to the armory where they were kept in a bad condition. 1

- 4. The TP soldiers' pay was kcs 74.60 per month exclusive of their income from labor. No leave was granted unless the figures of the labor plan were realized, knowledge in the field of political indoctrination was rated satisfactory and no punishment was inflicted for two or three months. 1



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- 6. Prior to 3 August 1954, the headquarters of the 7th TP Unit was located in a cantonment about 800 meters east of Libkovice (Likwitz, N 51/F 23). The code designation of the headquarters was Vitkovice 15. Officers of the unit included Captain Lacina (fnu), commander, and Senior Lieutenant Mares (fnu), political officer.¹ The unit, to which 4 companies were subordinated, was a regular delinquent unit to which soldiers were also reassigned from normal military units for discipline given no regular furlough, but only penalties inflicted at this unit were at the 57th TP Unit and payment for percent of the usual wages. After soldiers of this unit were turned over to the Public Prosecutor.



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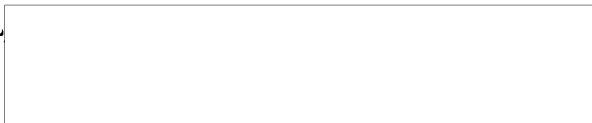
- 7. The unit had four companies. The 1st Co, which was commanded by Major Blazek (fnu), was located in a cantonment in Libkovice. The 2d Co, which was commanded by Major Knot (fnu), was located in a camp of five low brick buildings and one low wooden building at the Pluto pit in Louka (Tiese, N 51/F 13). Other officers of the unit were Senior Lieutenant Smolik (fnu), deputy company commander, and Sadovsky (fnu), political officer. This company numbered about 180 men and was equipped only with model N-98 rifles. The 3d and 4th Cos were stationed at Zalusi (Maltheuern, N 51/F 13) and Brezanky (Briesen, N 51/F 23). It was unknown which of the two units was located in each of the two above-mentioned towns. 1

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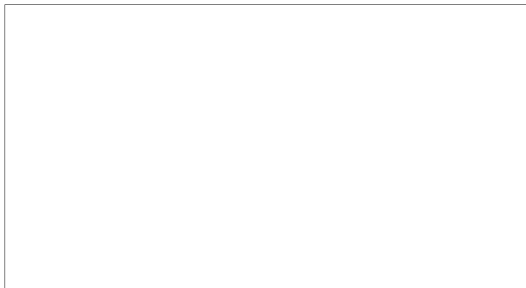
- 8. On 3 August 1954, a unit of 160 to 180 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried rifles and submachine guns was observed leaving the Stefanik Kaserne which was located south of the city and on the west side of the Zatec (Saaz, N 51/F 10) road.
- 9. In mid-July 1954, two trucks which towed guns and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets which mounted cross-like insignia were observed at the billets on the western perimeter of the city, on the south side of the Chomutov (Komotau, N 51/F 02) road. The guns had muzzle brakes and massive wheels.

- 1. Comment. The 57th TP Bn is known in the Kladno area. The 7th TP Unit is reported for the first time. The dissolution of delinquent battalions (PTP), which has also been mentioned in newspaper reports for the purposes of propaganda.

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