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- 1. The following information on a Cheb (N 51/P 37) infantry battalion up to 21 February 1950 was obtained :

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b. Quarters : Heavy weapons company in the Obertor Barracks

Two submachine gun companies in the "U Straze" billets. No further data on other component units.

c. Officers : CO : Col Josef Hendrych

Dpty CO : Maj Safranek

d. Armament : The heavy weapons company consists of :

(1) One mortar platoon equipped with four 120-mm mortars mounted on small carts, drawn by four horses each.

(2) One AT platoon equipped with four Soviet 76-mm AT guns, drawn by four horses each. (2)

e. Nationality and political attitude : Seventy percent of the battalion's EM were Slovaks, 30 percent Czechs. About 50 percent of the EM were Communists. Names of soldiers who deserted to Germany have not been mentioned in the battalion orders since 1 January 1950. Four men have deserted since that date.

- 2. The following information on the Most (N 51/F 13) 74th "Belocerkevsky" Inf Regt up to 25 October 1949 was obtained : (3)

a. Superior headquarters : Infantry division in Litomerice (N 51/F 53)

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- c. Quarters : Stefanik Barracks in Most. (Other barracks in Most were not known.)
- d. Commanding Officer : Col Kreck.
- e. Mortar Company : Equipped with twelve 120-mm mortars, only four of which (of Soviet make) were used for training. The remaining mortars were of German origin. The mortars were mounted on wooden or iron carts of Soviet and German make, each drawn by four horses.



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- (2) It seems doubtful that 120-mm mortars and 76-mm AT guns should be combined in one heavy weapons company.   an independent infantry battalion is believed to include the following component units : Heavy weapons company with 82-mm mortars and 45-mm AT guns 50X1-HUM
Heavy mortar company with four 120-mm mortars 50X1-HUM
AT company with four 76-mm AT guns

- (3) The 74th Inf Regt has been known to be stationed in Most since August 1943. The report confirms its subordination to the 12th Inf Div, Litomerice. 50X1-HUM



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