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1. The engineer road construction battalion was quartered in Kasarny Oboara, a two-story brick barracks, 1 or 2 km north-west of Plavecke Podhradie (P 49/T 03), on the road to Plavecke Mikulas (P 49/T 03). (1) The battalion headquarters was in the castle, where officers of the Solosnica (P 49/T 02) airfield were also billeted, and where weapons and ammunition stored. [redacted] It was subordinate to an engineer regiment in Sered (P 49/T 31). (2)
2. About two-thirds of the battalion personnel were Czechs, about one-third Slovaks and 20 soldiers were Hungarians. Most of the LM were considered politically unreliable. They included former officers and NCOs who had been reduced in rank to privates. (3)
3. The battalion consisted of the headquarters and only one company. (4) Senior Lieutenant Fedorcik, (fnu), was both battalion and company commander. The company, called the 1st Co, was organized into the 1st through 3rd Platoons, which were classified by function as demolition platoon, road construction platoon and bridge building platoon. The personnel of the company numbered 4 officers, 7 regular NCOs and 306 LM.
4. The battalion had 350 rifles of German, Czech and Soviet origin, 6 Soviet submachine guns, 6 Soviet pistols, 12 bayonets, 3 trucks and 4 passenger cars. Special equipment included an air compressor, 10 pneumatic drill hammers and 3 electric motors for stone crushers in the 1st Plat; a steam roller and a tractor in the 2d Plat; an electric field forge, two electric drills, an autogenous welding set, 15

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hand-operated iron drills and some paint sprayers in the 3rd Plat.

- 5. After six-weeks⁰ basic training the personnel were distributed to the three platoons. EM were interchanged between the platoons at 6-month intervals.

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[redacted] Comments.
(1) The data confirm a previous [redacted] report. [redacted]

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(2) Elements of the 4th Engr Regt were previously observed in Sered. [redacted] a previous report also mentioned an engineer regiment in Sered. [redacted]

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(3) A so-called penal battalion.
(4) The data are presumably incomplete. According to a previous report, another company of the battalion was located in

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