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Troops in Esztergom.

1. Up to late August 1950, an engineer unit, a signal unit and a motorized unit, each of which had the approximate strength of a company, were accommodated in the Vak Bottyan Barracks on the east side of Kossuth Lajos Street and the north side of Bela Kiraly Street, Esztergom (Q 48/2 27).
2. The engineer unit moved into the reconditioned installation in late 1948. The troops of the unit wore dark-green service color. More than about 100 troops were never observed at any one time. A major was the ranking officer. Besides submachine guns and rifles, machine guns on two-wheel carts were sometimes observed. 50X1-HUM  
50X1-HUM the superior headquarters of the unit was a tank unit stationed in Camp Esztergom (Q 48/2 26). The engineer unit was equipped with Raba trucks and some US-made jeeps and trucks. (1)
3. The signal unit arrived at the installation in 1949. Its personnel wore black service color and lightning insignia. A senior lieutenant was the ranking officer. More than about 60 troops were never observed to move out at any one time. The unit was equipped with 1.5-ton personnel carriers. (2)
4. In the summer of 1949, a motorized unit, the vehicles of which were shuttling between the city of Esztergom and Camp Esztergom at all times, arrived at the installation. About a dozen Raba trucks and some jeeps and motorcycles were observed with the unit. The troops of the unit wore wing-wheel insignia and brown service color.
5. In the spring of 1950 the establishment of an engineer training field was started in the southwestern portion of the Danube island, about 2 km northwest of the Esztergom railroad station. The portion of the island was blocked by a wire fence. Only a quantity of lumber, some old assault boats and 30 to 40 small skiffs were observed there in August 1950. No pontoons or bridge components were seen.

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6. A Hungarian military agency was in the former officers' recreation center. It was staffed by 20 to 30 officers and NCOs. A paymaster's office also was in this building.
7. In the spring of 1950, the construction of several low buildings, 60x25 meters, was started on a site opposite the cemetery, about 700 meters northeast of the railroad station. About eight buildings, painted yellow and fitted with green doors, were completed by late August 1950. According to construction workers these buildings were garages and were to serve military purposes. They apparently were still unoccupied at the end of August 1950.
8. On several occasions, T-34 tanks with Hungarian tank troops were observed at Camp Esztergom. [ ] never [ ] more than 12 tanks at a time. [ ]
9. No Soviet troops were stationed in or around Esztergom in late August 1950.

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Troops in Camp Piliscsaba.

10. The barracks installations of Camp Piliscsaba were occupied by Hungarian troops in August 1950. [ ] observed armored vehicles and a great many motor vehicles. (4)

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Comments.

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- (1) An engineer and a signal unit were [ ] observed in Esztergom.

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- (2) [ ] the service color of signal troops was blue. However, the service colors may have been adapted to the Soviet pattern, as was the case in other satellite countries.

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- (4) Piliscsaba has been known as a motorized infantry training camp and a post of an SP artillery unit. [ ]

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