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REMARKS

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1. Prior to October 1950, an AAA regiment with its headquarters and three battalions was located in the former Vilmos Kaserne on the southwest side of Robert Karoly Koerut, Budapest. The regiment was a training unit rather than a line unit, and trained cadre personnel for newly activated AAA units. In the summer of 1950, the regiment was in the Nograd (Q 48/H 57) area to practice firing at air and moving ground targets. It was equipped with Soviet-type 40-mm and 85-mm AA guns and Soviet radio sets. *

2. In October 1950, the regiment activated an AAA division headquarters with [redacted] Budapest 72. One AAA regiment in Dunafoeldvar (Y 6/N 35), another AAA regiment in Bahhida (Q 48/Y 94) and a third regiment in the area between the Danube and Theiss Rivers were subordinate to the headquarters. ** A major was commanding officer of the division and Major Kapuy, (fnu), an ex-officer of the former Hungarian Army, was political officer. Officers of the division headquarters said that, in case of war, the division would be assigned to the AA defense of the national territory. Each AAA regiment of the division was organized into 2 battalions of heavy guns and one battalion of medium guns, with each battalion consisting of two batteries.

3. Source learned from officers of the division headquarters that an AAA regiment, stationed in Komarom (P 48/Y 75), also trained cadre personnel for AAA units to be activated. ***

* [redacted] Comment. The Iriny Daniel Kaserne, which was reported to quarter an AAA unit with covering No 9318 in early 1951. See [redacted] Nograd is an AAA range, where AAA units and AA machine gun components of line units hold target practices. The guns mentioned in the present report are probably Soviet model 39 x 37-mm AA guns and models 39 or 44 x 85-mm AA guns.

** [redacted] Comment. An AAA battalion was reported to be quartered in the former officers' club and mess on the east side of Stalin Square, Dunafoeldvar, in November 1950. See [redacted] The unit is probably the AAA regiment mentioned in the present report.

*** [redacted] Comment. AAA units have been repeatedly reported to be stationed in Komarom. See [redacted]

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