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TOPIC Military Units in Ceske Krumlov and at Kdyme

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 12 November 1951, an AT artillery battalion was stationed in Ceske Krumlov (N 19/ Q 84) and, according to one of its officers, was assigned to the Zizkov Division. The battery with which [ ] was organized into three platoons, each of about 30 men, most of whom were Czechs. Each platoon was equipped with one long-barreled 76-mm gun with muzzle brake. The billeting area, some hundred meters outside the town, consisted of a barracks surrounded by barbed wire and a board fence. According to instructors, basic training was to last one month, whereupon qualified soldiers would be detached to an MCO school in Ceske Krumlov and other soldiers to signal communications and motor transport courses in Ceske Budejovice (O 49/Q 96). Nine 76-mm guns, 12 Bedford trucks, 3 Praga-RN trucks, 2 Skoda trucks, 1 jeep and 1 motorcycle were seen in the garages of the unit.

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2. In addition to the AT artillerymen, numerous infantrymen with black-bordered red epaulets were seen in the barracks installation. A total of 40 to 50 Praga-RN trucks were parked in two open sheds. Each had a round aperture large enough for one man in the roof of the driver's cab.

3. Seven tanks were noticed through the open door in another garage, with other tanks standing in the background. [ ] believed the tanks to be T-34s having a gun without muzzle brake. \*

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4. Prior to the fall of 1951, a unit of an undetermined branch of service was quartered in a barracks installation which consisted of 12 low wooden barracks buildings and 1 brick building and was located northeast of Kdyme (N 50/P 80). The unit, which had an estimated strength of 250 men, was organized into five components. Soldiers marching out were armed with submachine guns. Training was conducted in the wooded area east of Kdyme. Six mortars of more than 100 mm and several soldiers with two trucks were seen in this area about October 1951. \*\*

5. About 15 October 1951, two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the wooden elevated area about 2 km east of Kdyme. An acquaintance of source said that he had seen three tanks in this area in May 1949 and in the

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fall of 1951. It was rumored among local residents that soldiers with tanks were quartered there. \*\*\*

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\* [ ] Comment. The Hq 1st Inf Div is carried in Ceske Budejovice. It is not known whether this is the Zizkov Division mentioned in the present report. According to previous reports, the 255th Mtz AT Arty Bn of the 1st Inf Div was stationed in Tyn nad Vltavou, and one battalion of the 1st Inf Regt in Ceske Krumlov. The present report indicates that motorized or mechanized units are now stationed in Ceske Krumlov.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. Kdyne is located in the billeting area of the 11th Inf Div. It is possible that the unit mentioned in the present report is a battalion of the 35th Inf Regt. A report of January 1950 indicated that one battalion of this regiment would move from Domazlice to Kdyne. See

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\*\*\* [ ] Comment. The information contained in paragraph 9 of the annex confirms the previous assumption that the inductions in the fall of 1951 affected the last contingents of the 1930 class and thus implemented the reduction of the draft age from 22 to 21 years, as stipulated in the Universal Military Service Law of 23 March 1949.

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