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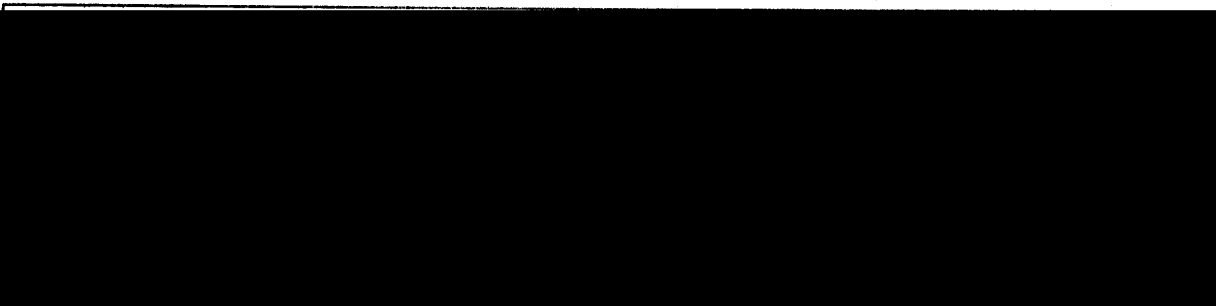
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1. Prior to 1950 every Staff College graduate, after a year of active duty, was transferred from his original branch of service to a general staff category. This category was abolished in 1950 and all general staff officers were reassigned to their original branch of service. At the present time the officer corps of the Czechoslovak Army is composed of three command groups (velitel'ska skupina):
 - Group 1 - Staff College graduates;
 - Group 2 - Graduates of military institutes (vojenske uciliste);
 - Group 3 - Former NCOs and warrant officers who have received commissions.
2. Although the base pay for all three groups is the same, more responsible positions require a higher degree of proficiency, and, consequently, the better qualified officers receive the higher position bonuses which are given for such assignments.
3. Because promotion lists are no longer published, officers do not know their relative seniority status, and hence the expression "senior in rank" (sluzebne starsi) has been abolished.
4. The design of the insignia worn by Staff College graduates has been changed. The new badge is worn on the right side of the chest.

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