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UNDERGROUND POL DEPOT NEAR
PRIKAZY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

An underground POL depot appears to be under construction in an area roughly one mile south of Prikazy, Czechoslovakia, and four miles northeast of Bystrice pod Hostynem. A rail spur leads into the depot from the rail line about one-half mile to the north.

July 1956 photography shows four bunkers 210' x 210' which appear to be complete, and an excavation 210' in width which is probably a fifth bunker under construction. The oblique view and the irregular terrain make it difficult to determine for certain whether this excavation is square. A map of the immediate vicinity and a stereo-pair of the photography accompany this memorandum.

25X1 Ground observation in March 1951 indicated the presence of an excavation [] and large enough to accommodate a tank about 450' x 300'. 1/ This same source reported that this depot was to serve as a fuel reserve station for eight nearby airfields.

25X1 A single completed tank was observed in this area in September 1952. 2/ The size was not indicated other than for the fact that it protruded about [] above ground level. The walls were concrete, apparently sheathed with steel plate, and it was covered with a dome-shaped concrete roof.

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This source reported that it was common knowledge throughout the area that the [redacted] had planned to build an underground POL storage depot in this location during their occupation, but source believed that no construction took place until 1947 or 1948.

In April 1953 one completed storage tank estimated to be 150' in diameter was observed, and two other pits 150' in diameter were being dug. 3/ Although the square bunkers shown on the July 1956 photography could cover circular pits, there is no photographic evidence of excavations being circular. The pit under construction is definitely rectangular.

Assuming the inside measurements of these tanks to be 200' x 200' x 20', in order to calculate a rough indication of storage capacity, each tank would hold six million gallons.

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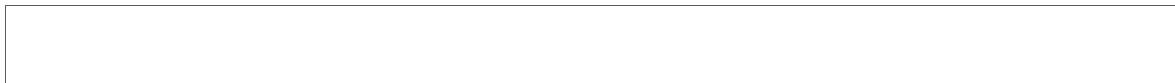
REQUIREMENT: Prepared in answer to HTA/SI/R14/57 and HTA/SI/R17/57,
requesting identification and measurements of semi-buried buildings
located near Prikazy, Czechoslovakia.

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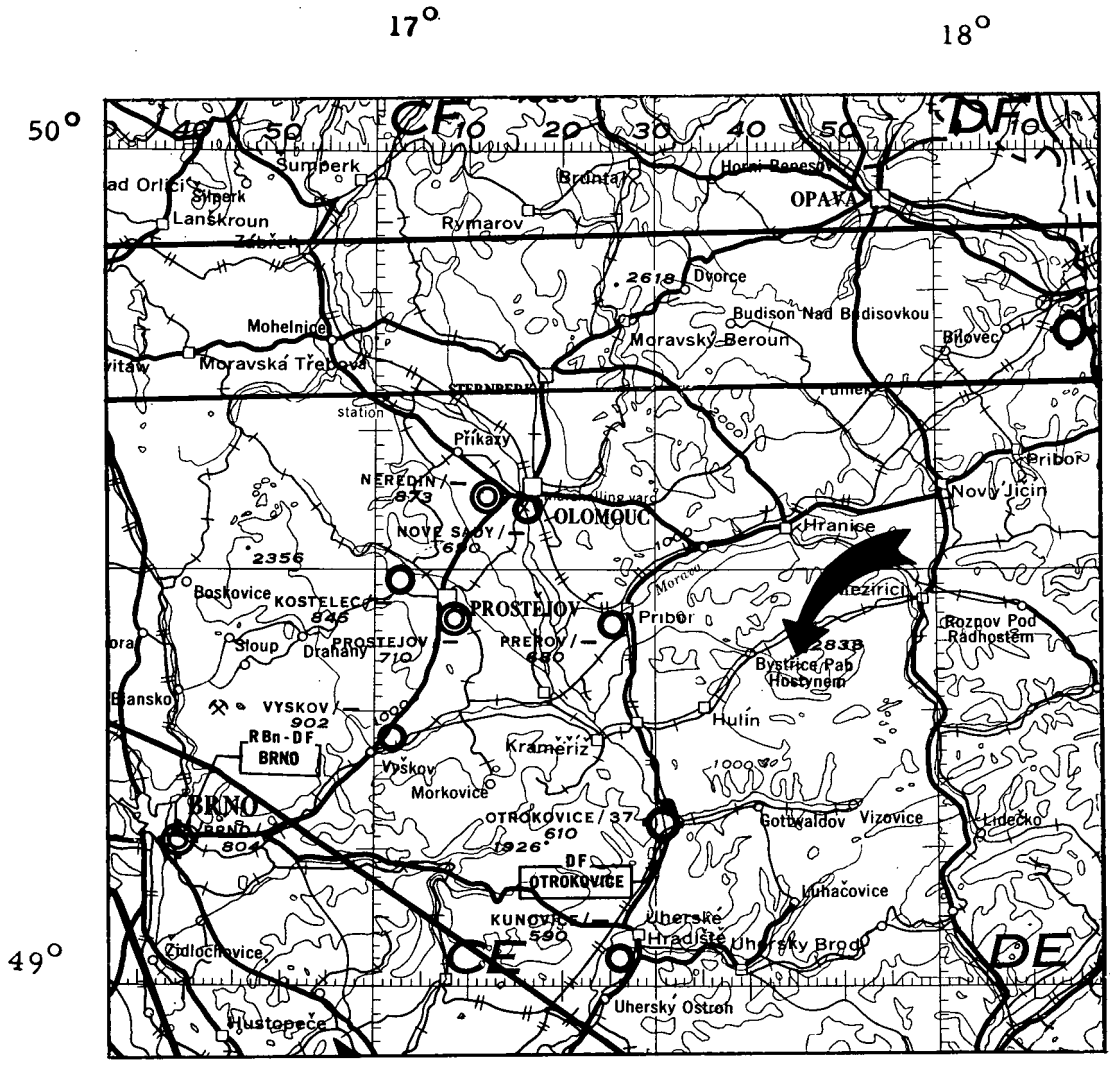
Map: AMS Series M508, Sheet P50, 1:250,000
AMS Series M-873, Sheet 6572, 1:25,000
USAF Approach Chart (232 D-1) RG, Brno (Conf.)



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2. Army, USFA, R-1154-53, ID#1181912, 6 July 1953 (Conf.)
Eval. F-6, date info. Sept. 1952.
3. Army, USFA, R-1149-53, ID#1177039, 3 June 1953 (Conf.)
Eval. F-6, date info. May 1952-April 1953.

COORDINATES: 49° 24' N - 17° 44' E



PORTION OF WAC 232, SHOWING LOCATION OF PRIKAZY POL DEPOT. SCALE 1:1,000,000

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