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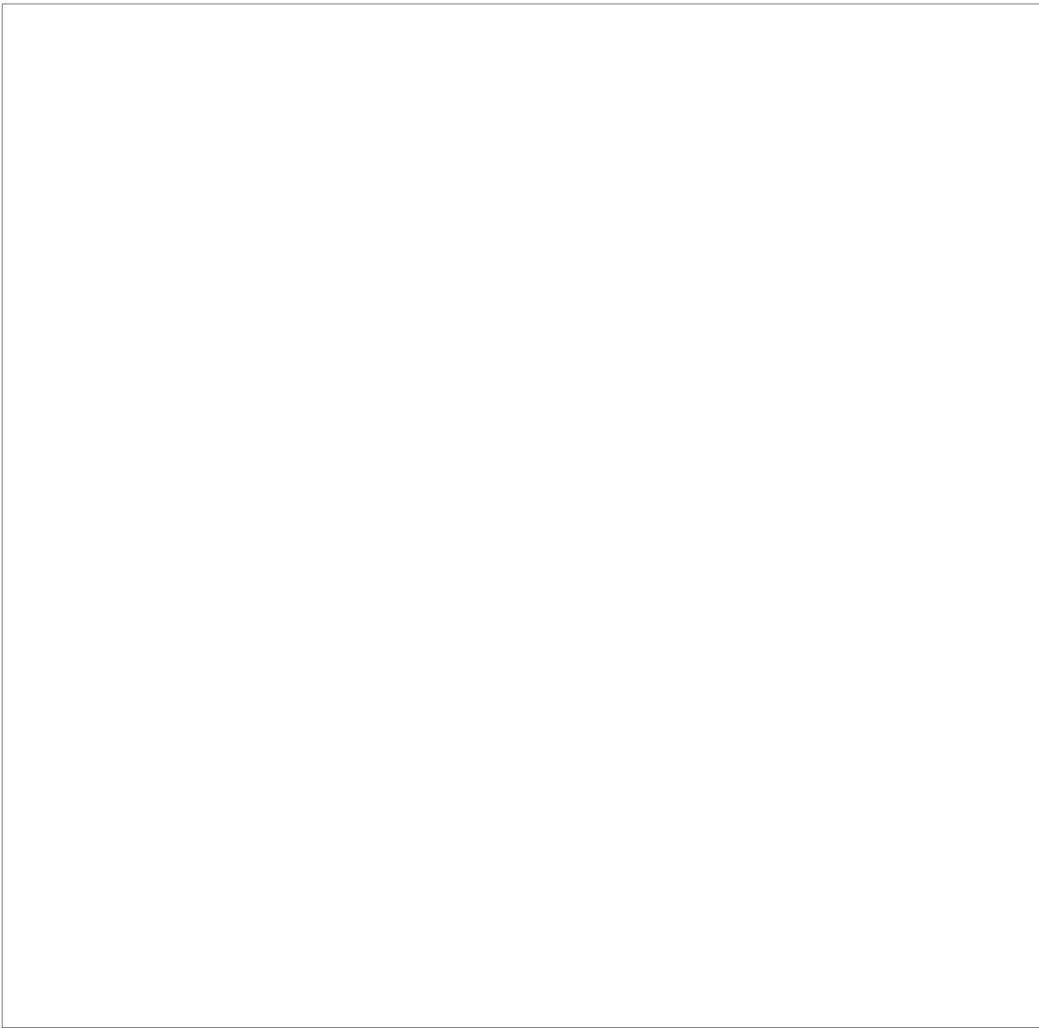
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Summary :  very marginal information on certain Czechoslovak Army units, installations and training areas, observed



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It contains information regarding the location, type of troops, functions, and some data on buildings of these military installations.



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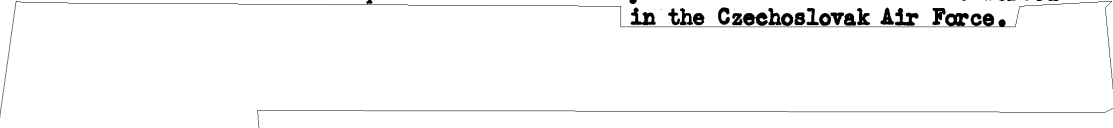


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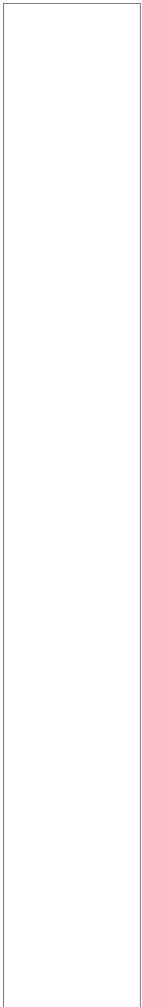
Information in this report concerns military installations and units observed in the Czechoslovak Air Force.



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The following is a list of coordinates for towns mentioned in this report:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHIC</u>
STERNBERK	N49-44, E17-18
PROSTEJOV	N49-28, E17-07
TRENCIN	N48-54, E18-02
PARDUBICE	N50-02, E15-47
OSTRAVA	N49-50, E18-17
MILOVICE	N50-14, E14-54
MESTYS ZELEZNA RUDA	N49-08, E13-14
BEDTHOST	N49-27, E17-10
VYSKOVE	N49-17, E17-00
STICHOVICE	N49-28, E17-02
KLATOVY	N49-24, E13-18
CHEB	N50-04, E12-22
LIPNIK	N50-16, E14-55
CACHOVICE	N50-16, E14-57
STRUHY	N50-17, E14-56
DOBROVICE	N50-22, E14-57
HURKA	N49-08, E13-22
PRASILY	N49-06, E13-23
HARTMANICE	N49-10, E13-28



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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
Fucikov Casern	Unk	PARDUBICE (See item 1, Annex A for [redacted] pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This casern was located in the suburb of JESKANY, southwest of PARDUBICE. [redacted] believed the troops stationed here

[redacted] were either artillery or antiaircraft troops [redacted] (s)

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[redacted] this was formerly called the Masaryk Casern, [redacted] one building in which the local Military Building Administration (Vojenska stavebni sprava - VSS) was located. This section handled the construction and assignment of military housing in the area. The building was located in the front part of the casern area and was a three-story, light brown, brick building with a gabled roof, approximately 150 x 20 m. [redacted] estimated that approximately 200 people, military and civilian, worked there.

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U/i Army Unit and Casern	Unk	PROSTEJOV (See Annex B for pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This installation consisted of one large building, in the shape of a square, with a courtyard in the center. The square formed by this building was approximately 70 x 70 m. The building was three-story, white brick, had a gable roof, and measured about 12 m wide, three sides being complete and one side only partly complete, leaving an open space for a gateway.
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[redacted] estimated the troop strength at approximately 50, and believed they were of the Transportation branch because of the horse-drawn transportation wagons in use there. [redacted] believed this large building was being used as an army warehouse for unknown materials because of the size of the building compared to the small number of troops stationed there.

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U/i Army Casern ¹	Unk	TRENCIN (See item 3, Annex C for [redacted] pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This casern housed unidentified Transportation branch personnel and possibly other unidentified troops.
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U/i Tank Unit and Casern ²	Unk	PILSEN (See item 1, Annex D for pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This casern was located at the last stop of the streetcar line on a main street (name unknown) leading south from the city. The casern was approximately 250 x 250 m in size. The street side was fenced with an iron picket fence, 2½ m high mounted in a concrete base, and the other three sides were bordered by a woven wire fence about 2½ m high mounted on wooden posts. [redacted] the main building, [redacted] was along the street side, this being a four-story building constructed of brown brick, with a gable roof, approximately 60 x 20 m in size.
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[redacted] saw about 20 unidentified tanks and an unknown number of self-propelled guns and other motor vehicles there. [redacted] estimated the troop strength to be approximately 200.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>	
U/i Artillery Unit and Casern ²	Unk	PIILSEN (See item 2, Annex I for pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This casern was located at the last stop of a streetcar line on a main street (name unknown) leading south from the city. [redacted] estimated the street side length of the casern to be 500 m. [redacted]	25X1
			The street side had a 2½ m high iron picket fence mounted in a concrete base, and the other two visible sides had a woven wire fence about 2½ m high mounted on wooden posts. [redacted] one building in this casern, which was close to and parallel to the street side. It was a three-story, gray-green brick building with a gable roof, approximately 100 x 20 m. [redacted] saw an unknown number of unidentified cannon which were truck-towed, and other unidentified types of vehicles there. [redacted] the troop strength to be 400. [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1
U/i Military Hospital ²	Unk	PIILSEN (See item 1, Annex E for [redacted] pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This hospital consisted of an unknown number of buildings of various sizes and construction. The hospital occupied an area of approximately three city blocks and was adjoining a large civilian hospital. [redacted] believed its function was to provide medical care to all military personnel and their families in the Pilsen area. [redacted] estimated from the number of buildings, that it had a capacity of approximately 1000 beds. There were approximately 50 doctors, including interns, all military, and an unknown number of nurses who were all civilians. [redacted]	25X1 25X1
U/i Tank Unit and Casern	Unk	PARDUBICE (See item 1, Annex F for [redacted] pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This casern was located in the central part of town across the street from a very well known and famous cafe called "Veselka Kavarna". [redacted] estimated the street side of the casern to be approximately 120 m long [redacted] Along the street side was a two-meter-high wooden picket fence closely behind which, [redacted] was a three-story, gray-green brick gable-roofed building approximately 60 x 20 m. [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
District Military Administration (Okresni Vojenska Sprava - OVS)	Unk	PARDUBICE (See item 2, Annex F for [redacted] pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This office occupied one entire building in the center of the city. The building was three-story, light brown, had a gabled roof, approximately 20 x 20 m. [redacted] estimated that approximately 50 officers and 50 civilians (but no enlisted personnel) were employed there. [redacted] the function of this office was to handle the records of all reservists in that district and to register all military personnel entering or leaving the area. It also handled other unknown military affairs. [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>	
U/i Auxiliary Labor Unit (Technicky prapor) ³	Unk	OSTRAVA (See item 2, Annex G for pinpoint location)	CO was unknown.	25X1
<p>observed both members of the labor unit and infantry troops marching along the road along side the garrison and also observed them both on duty at the guard gate. The infantry troops were armed with submachine guns, but the labor unit troops were never armed.</p>				
Civilian Airfield used by SVAZARM	Unk	OSTRAVA (See item 1, Annex G for pinpoint location)	CO of the SVAZARM Aero Club, which used this airfield, was a Maj Bohuslav PACL, Air Force. This was a small civilian airfield that the local SVAZARM Aero Club unit used. It had no improved runways and could handle only very light planes. estimated the airfield to be 2 km x 1 km, and the length of the runway was 1800 m. There were several small hangars and shops on the field.	25X1
U/i District Military Headquarters (Okresni Vojenske Velitelstvi)	Unk	TRENCIN (See item 1, Annex C for pinpoint location)	CO was unknown, but believed him to be a general officer as it was common knowledge that one was assigned there. estimated that approximately 300 persons, mostly officers, were assigned here.	25X1
<p>The building was four-story, of a dark yellowish color, and measured approximately 50 x 50 m. Northeast of this building, in the near vicinity, was an area of recently built houses occupied by military personnel and their families. The size of the housing area was unknown; building was still in progress</p>				25X1
U/i Motor Pool	Unk	TRENCIN (See item 4, Annex C for pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This Motor Pool consisted of a lot approximately 80 x 100 m with several small unidentified shop buildings. Approximately 70 various types of passenger cars and trucks were seen there and estimated approximately 250 people, both military and civilian, were employed there. it was common knowledge among military personnel that this motor pool supplied transportation for the local District Military Headquarters (OVV) and an unidentified casern in TRENCIN.	25X1
U/i Motor Pool and Shops ⁴	Unk	PRAGUE (See Annex H for pinpoint location)	CO was unknown. This motor pool was located in a lot at the rear of the large building at number 1 Kovpakova Ulice.	25X1
<p>The motor pool was approximately 200 x 150 m and included several small unidentified repair shops of unknown description. it was common knowledge</p>				25X1

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
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			that the function of the motor pool was to provide transportation for the Ministry of National Defense headquarters. [Redacted] estimated that there were approximately 30 Tatra and Skoda personnel vehicles and approximately 10 unidentified trucks at this motor pool. The first floor of the large building was used as quarters and offices for the motor pool and its personnel and the second and third floors were occupied by the Czechoslovak Air Force Institute of Health and Sanitation (Ustav leteckeho zdravotnictvi). The building was approximately 60 x 20 m, three-story, constructed of light brown brick, and had a slate-covered gable roof. [Redacted] estimated that approximately 100 troops were stationed at this motor pool.
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U/i Military Training Area	Unk	MILOVICE (See Annex I for [Redacted] pinpoint location)	CO and units using this area were unknown. It was located approximately five kilometers north of MILOVICE. [Redacted] observed an unknown number of
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		unidentified tanks training there [Redacted] described the terrain of this area as being rough and sandy and sparsely forested.
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U/i Military Training Area	Unk	MESTYS ZELEZNA RUDA (See Annex J for [Redacted] pinpoint location)	CO and units using this area were unknown. [Redacted]
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		observed a large tent camp, estimated at 200 tents, and unidentified infantry troops and tanks training, [Redacted]. The training [Redacted] observed was always to the east of the abandoned village of HURKA, as the area to the west, between HURKA and ZELEZNA RUDA, was very rough and sandy.
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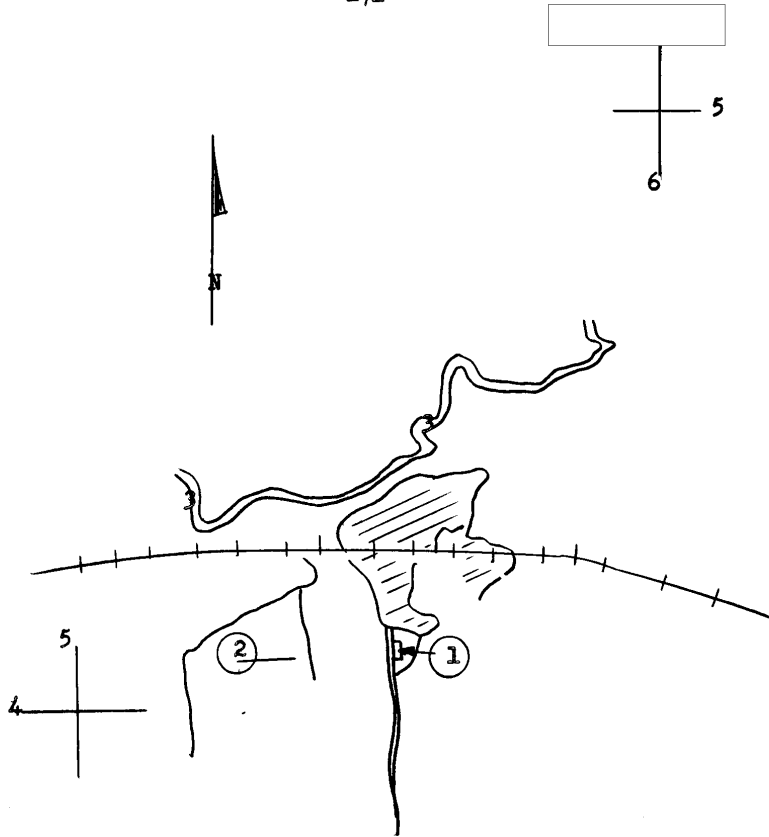
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Annex A

Pinpoint Location of the Fucikov Casern in PARDUBICE

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- 1. Fucikov Casern
- 2. Location of the Air Force Base area.
- 3. Labe (Elbe) River. (For orientation only)

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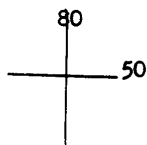
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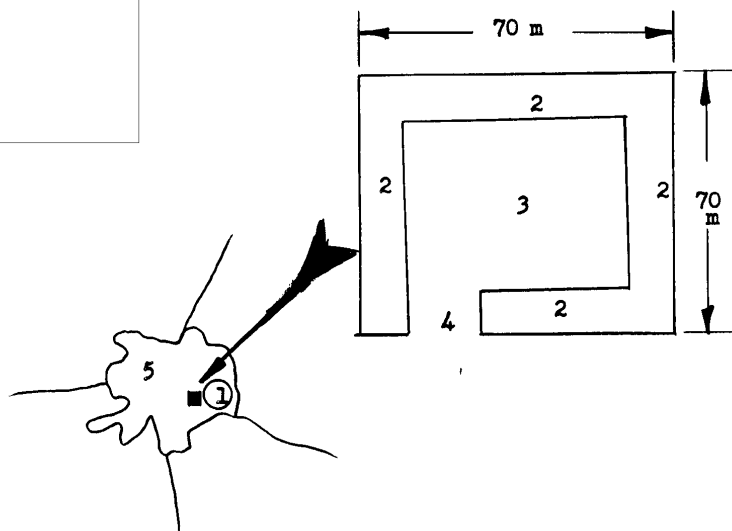


Pinpoint Location and Memory Sketch of an Unidentified Casern in PROSTEJOV

Map Ref: Middle Danube

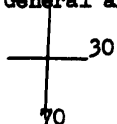


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Legend

- 1. Location of an unidentified army casern in the city.
- 2. Casern building.
- 3. Courtyard inside casern.
- 4. Open portion of the building forming the entrance way into courtyard.
- 5. General area of the city.



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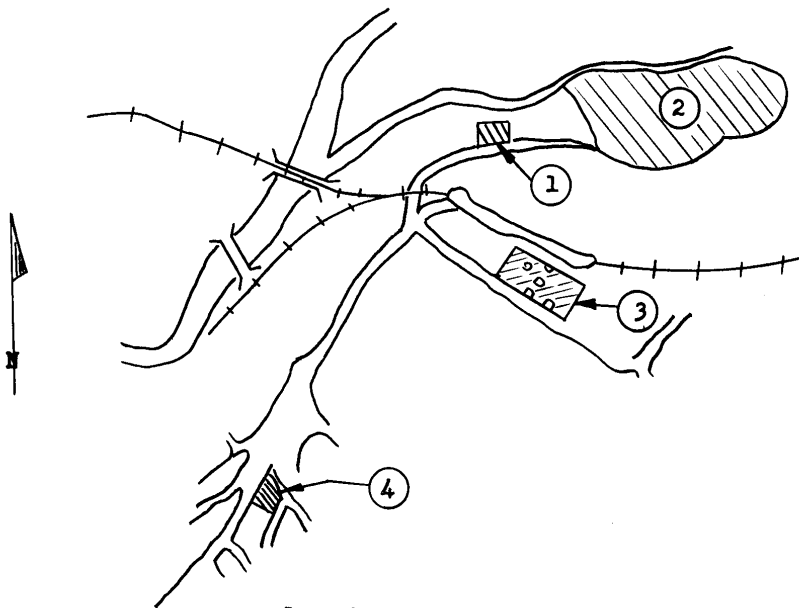
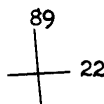
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Pinpoint location of a District Military Headquarters, an Unidentified Motor Pool, and an Unidentified Casern in TRENCIN.

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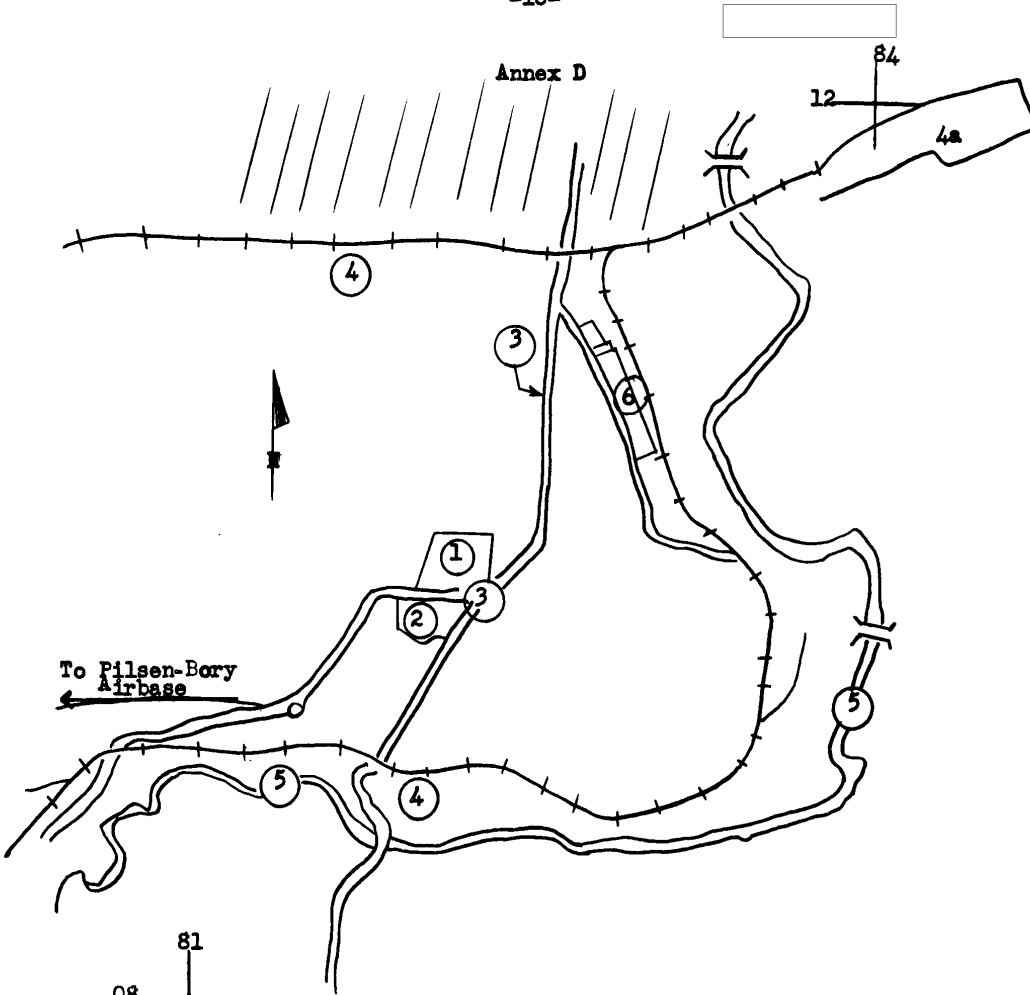
- 1. District Military Headquarters (Okresni Vojenske Velitelstvi - OVV)
- 2. Military housing area.
- 3. Unidentified Casern of Motor Transport personnel and other unidentified troops.
- 4. Location of motor pool.

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Annex D

Pinpoint Location of Two Unidentified Army Caserns on the South-western Side of PILSEN.

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Legend

1. Location of an unidentified tank unit's casern.
2. Location of an unidentified artillery unit's casern.
3. Unidentified main street, leading south from PILSEN. On this street was a street-car line, the last stop of which was in front of the two caserns.
4. Railroad extending east-west across the city.
 - a. Main railroad station of PILSEN.
5. Radbuza River
6. Approximate location of military and civilian hospitals. (See Annex E, this report for details).

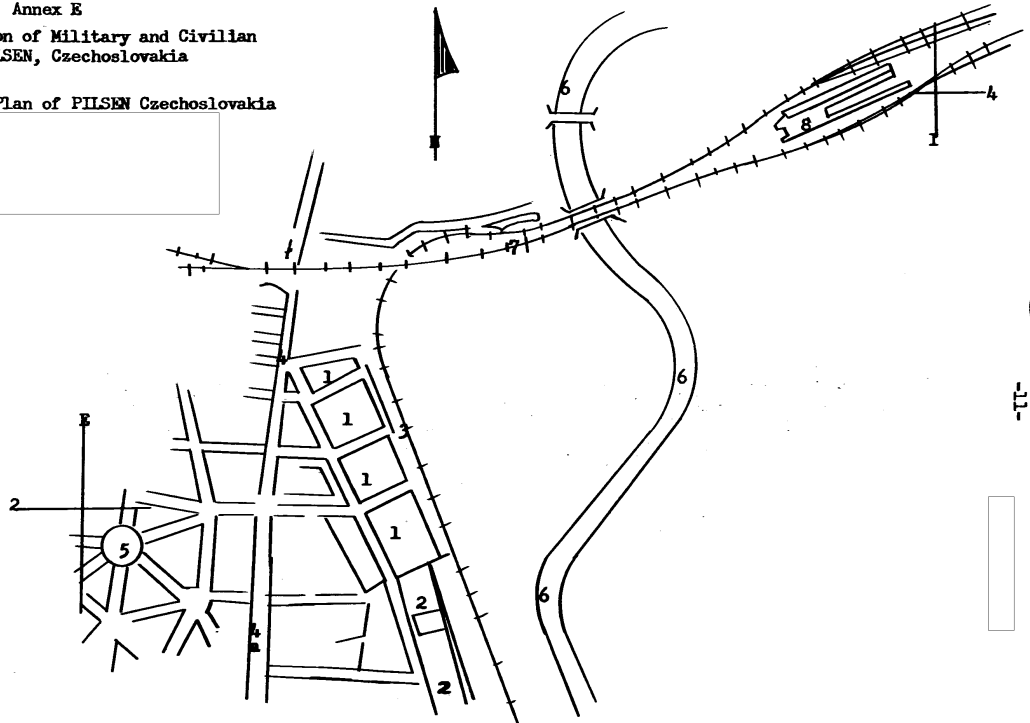
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Annex E
Pinpoint Location of Military and Civilian
Hospitals in PILSEN, Czechoslovakia

Map Ref: Town Plan of PILSEN Czechoslovakia



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Legend to Annex E

1. Military hospital.
2. Civilian hospital.
3. Railroad from PILSEN south toward KLATOVY.
4. Street called "Avenue of Czechoslovak Legionnaires"
 - a. Klatovy Ulice.
5. Traffic circle called "Na Hvezde".
6. Radbuza River.
7. Railroad going west from PILSEN toward CEB.
8. Main railroad station in PILSEN.

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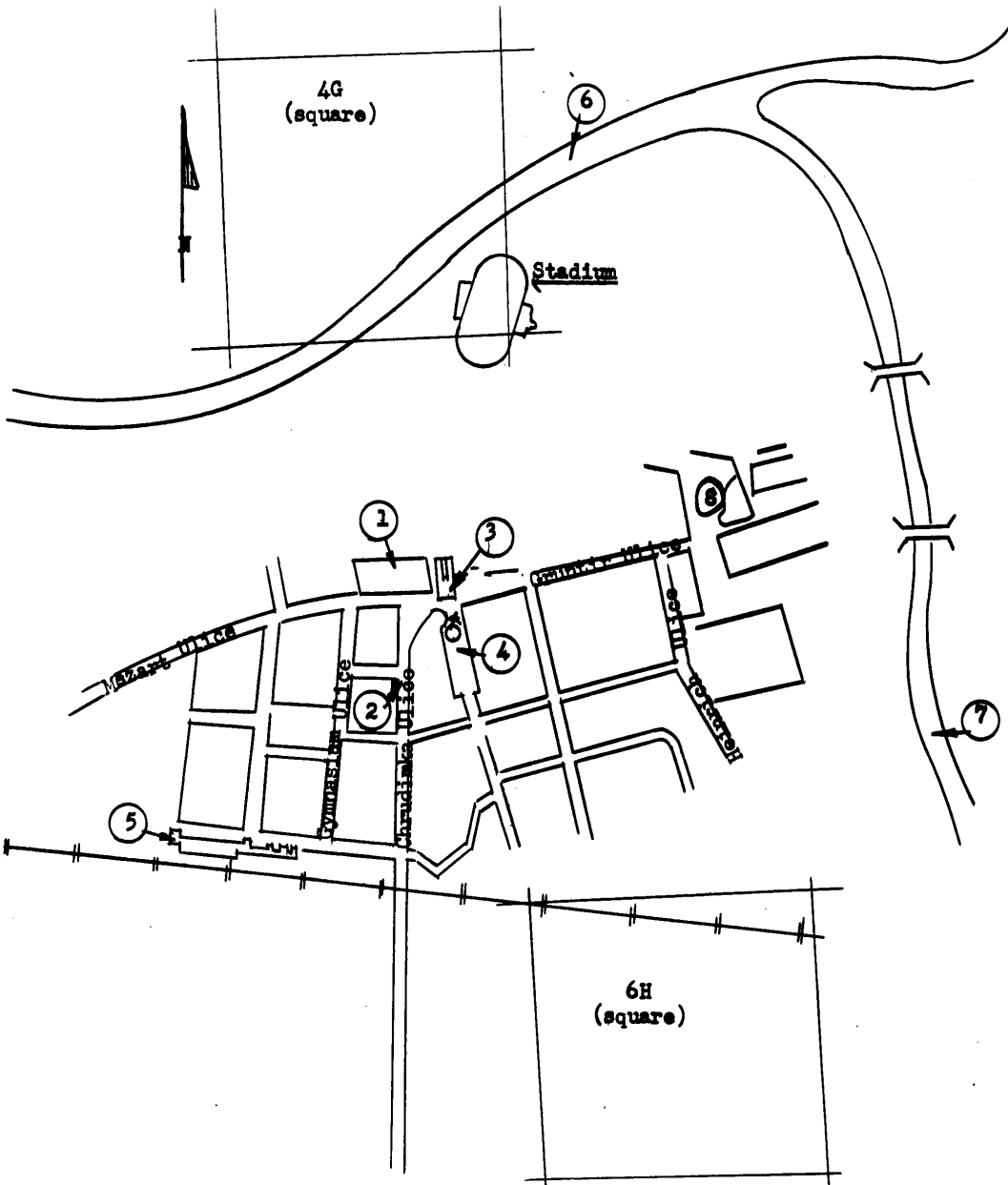
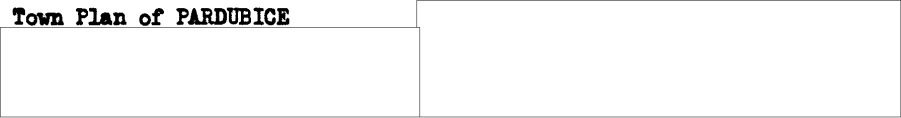
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Annex F

Pinpoint Location of a Tank Casern and District Military Administration Building (Okresni Vojenske Sprava - OVS) in PARDUBICE

Map Ref: Town Plan of PARDUBICE

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Legend to Annex F

1. Tank unit casern.
2. Location of District Military Administration (Okresni vojenska sprava) building.
3. Location of cafe called "Veselka Kavarna".
4. Large church in the center of town.
5. Railroad station.
6. Labe (Elbe) River.
7. Chrudimka River.
8. Victoria Place

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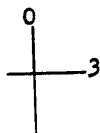
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Pinpoint Location of a Labor Unit Casern and a Civilian Airfield at OSTRAVA

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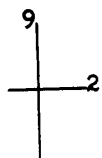


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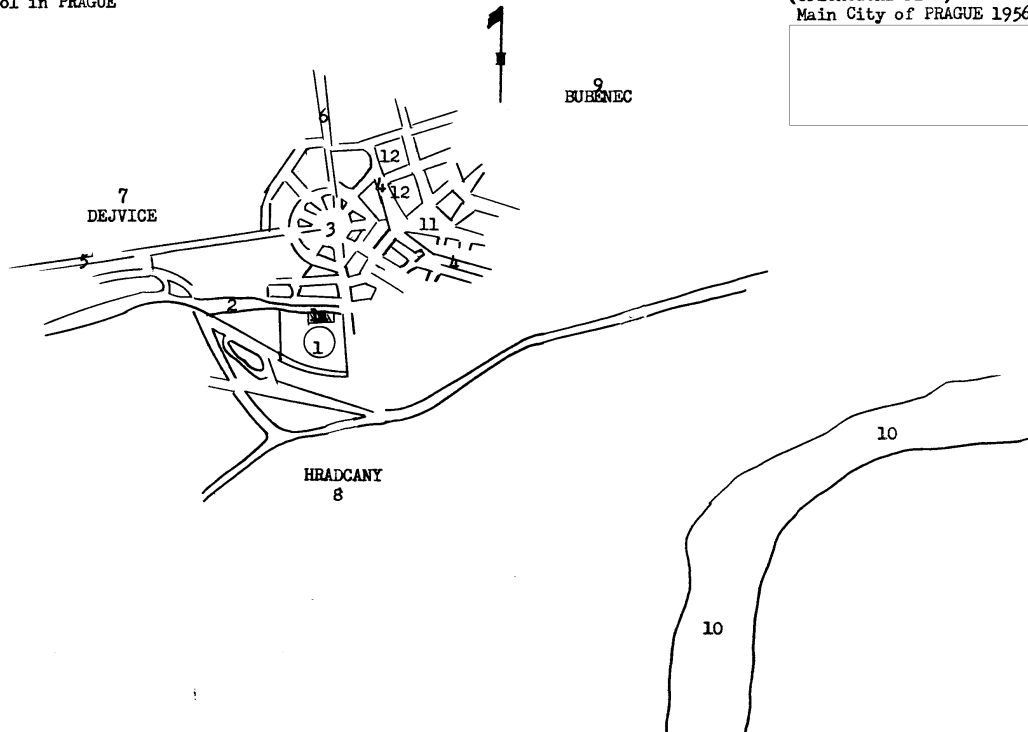
- 1. Location of a civilian airfield.
- 2. Location of a labor unit (Technicky prapor) casern.
- 3. Approximate area of city of OSTRAVA.
- 4. Ostravice River (orientation only)



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Annex H
Pinpoint Location of an Unidentified
Motor Pool in PRAGUE

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Main City of PRAGUE 1956



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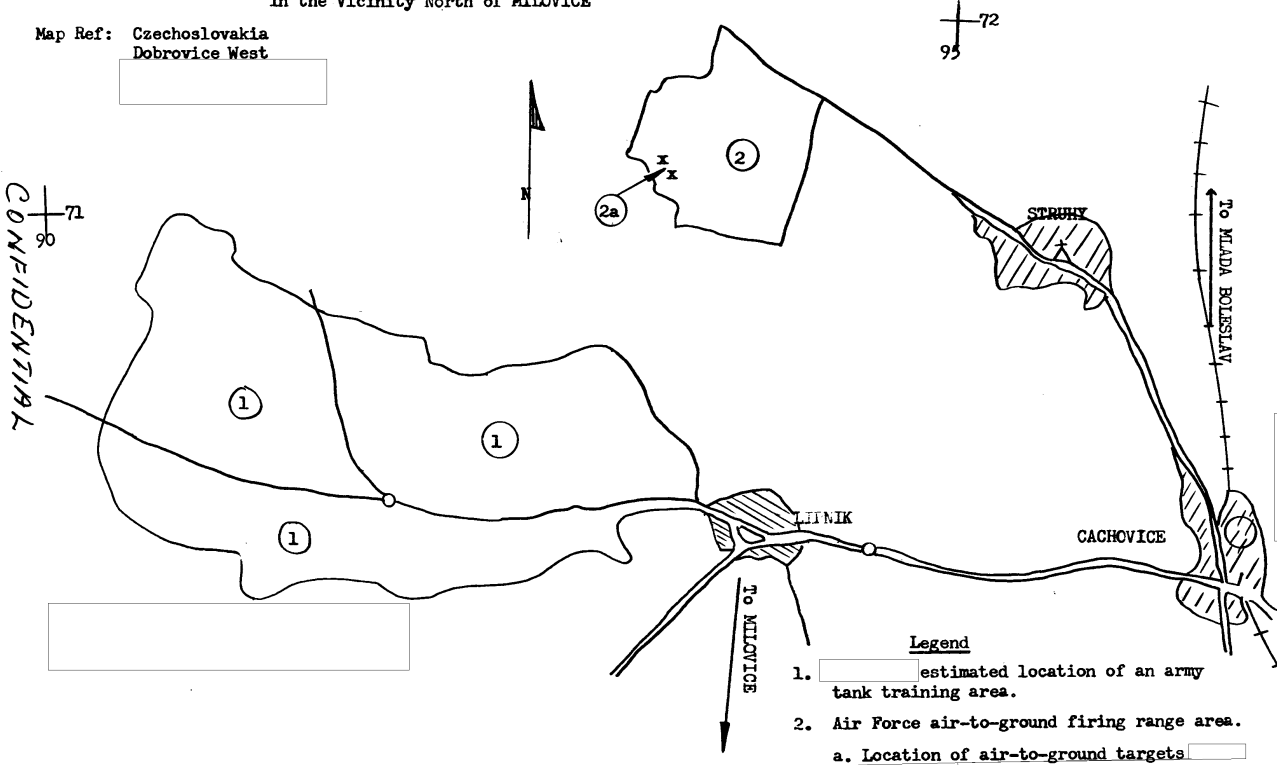
Legend to Annex H

1. Location of the motor pool and its small, unidentified shops.
 - a. Building housing motor pool offices and troops quarters on the first floor and the Air Force Institute of Health and Sanitation on the second and third floors.
2. Kovpakova Ulice.
3. Square called "October Revolution" (Namesti Rijnove Revoluce).
4. Street called "National Defense Avenue" (Trida Narodni Obrany).
5. Zukov Ulice
6. Yugoslav Partisans Street
7. Suburb area called Dejvice.
8. Suburb area called Hradcany.
9. Suburb area called Bubenec.
10. Vltava River.
11. Freedom Square (Namesti Svobody).
12. Location of the Ministry of National Defense buildings.

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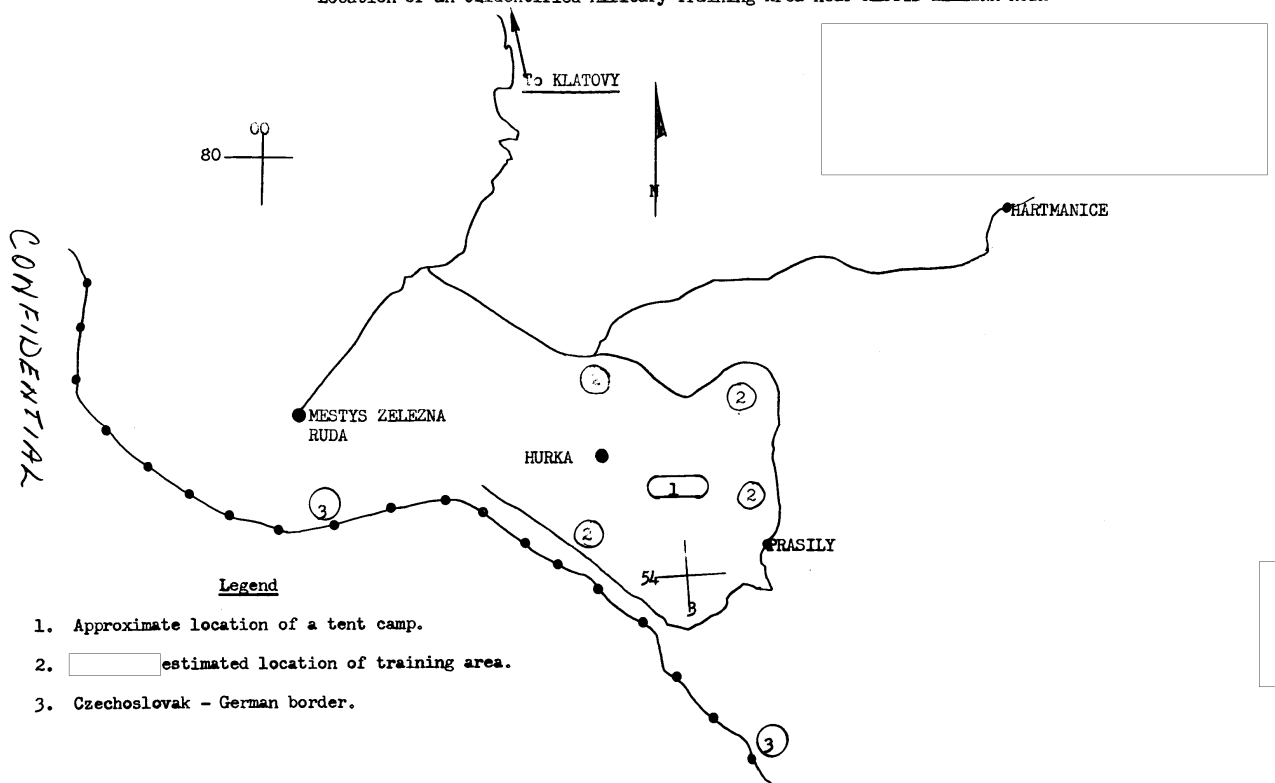
Annex I
Estimated Pinpoint Locations of Air Force and Army Training Areas
in the Vicinity North of MILLOVICE

Map Ref: Czechoslovakia
Dobruvice West



- Legend**
- 1. [] estimated location of an army tank training area.
 - 2. Air Force air-to-ground firing range area.
 - a. Location of air-to-ground targets []

Location of an Unidentified Military Training Area near MESTYS ZELEZNA RUDA



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