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1. At the **Dózsa György** Infantry Barracks on **Bagolai Street** in **Nagykanizsa** there is a Hungarian motorized rifle regiment, with all three of its battalions. It is commanded by Lt. Col. **László Szendi**. There are about 1,600 men, wearing green shoulder boards and insignia. Each platoon has a **Degtyarev** light machine gun. Each battalion has six **Maxim** heavy machine guns and four 82 mm mortars. The regiment also has 120 mm mortars, 57 mm AT guns and AA machine guns. The auto park consists of 74 or 76 trucks and two passenger cars.
2. There is a motorized artillery regiment in the **Gábor Áron** Artillery Barracks on **Petőfi Gasse** [redacted] 25X1. The 1st Section has three batteries with a total of twelve 122 mm howitzers. Two of the officers are Capt. **Imre Tátrai** and Lieut. **Sándor Hríkos**. There is a heavy machine gun platoon with four guns. The 2nd Section is also armed with twelve 122 howitzers. The 3rd Section has twelve 76.2 mm guns. Both 2nd and 3rd Sections have a heavy machine gun platoon like the 1st. The auto park consists of 32 prime movers of various types, 5 Tatra passenger cars and 18 Csepel Diesel trucks. The regiment has about 1,400 men. They wear red shoulder boards and insignia. The regiment undergoes infantry training in the courtyard of the barracks and at **Hosszúvölgy**. Field exercises are carried out near **Iharosberény** and **Nagyrécsé**.
3. The **Petőfi** Barracks is at **Teleki Gasse 82**. It holds a communications battalion, almost fully motorized. There are 430 to 440 men, wearing dark blue shoulder boards and insignia. The battalion is organized according to regulation and equipped with telephones and radios, including an especially large number of small radios. It has two Tatra passenger cars and sixteen 3-ton trucks of

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various makes. There are weekly exercises.

- 4. The same barracks holds an AAA section, which was installed there in the spring of 1953. There are 440 to 470 men, wearing red shoulder boards and insignia and belonging to the active classes, 1930 to 1932. There is an observation and information platoon and three batteries, each with four automatic 37 mm guns. The battalion moves out daily to the target range, where firing positions have been built. Once a week there are infantry exercises. The auto park has 37 or 40 prime movers and trucks, mostly Wieppon and Caspel types.
- 5. At the Hosszuvölgy camp there is stationed a technical battalion still in process of organization, and incomplete.

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