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1. No Czechoslovakian Army military posts were located along the eastern border of Slovakia in late September 1949. The following units in eastern Slovakia were known:

- TREBISOV (R 49/E 62): One infantry battalion
- MICHALOVCE (O 51/G 00): One infantry battalion
One engineer battalion
- PRESOV (R 49/E 37): One battalion of the 4th Sig Regt
One motor transport battalion
Infantry and artillery units.

2. Czechoslovakian soldiers stated that a self-propelled artillery unit was located in TURCIANSKY SV. MARTIN (J 50/O 69) barracks which had previously been occupied by the deactivated 24th Tank Brig. They also reported that Division General PAPCUSEK, the previous CG of the Czechoslovakian Tank Troops, was relieved of his command by 31-year-old Col. Vladimir JANKO, a notorious Communist.

3. It was stated that the headquarters of a mobile division, commanded by an officer named DOVIAK (or similar name), was located in ZILINA (J 50/O 92).

4. There were rumors in Slovakia that Soviet material depots were to be established in this border area of eastern Slovakia. However, no factual information to support these rumors was known.

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a. The units reportedly located in eastern Slovakia may be the following:

- (1) TREBISOV infantry battalion: Battalion of the 32d Inf Regt *
- (2) MICHALOVCE engineer battalion: 18th Engr Bn **

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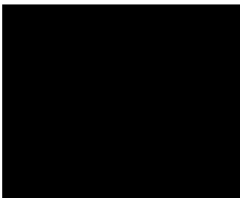
- (3) MICHALOVCE infantry battalion: reported for the first time. An infantry battalion was so far not known to be located in MICHALOVICE.
- (4) PRASOV signal battalion: (of the 4th sig regt) Probably the II Bn of the 4th sig Regt.
- (5) PRASOV motor transport battalion: Not yet identified; previously reported in April 1948.
- (6) PRASOV infantry unit: Probably the 20th Inf Regt.
- (7) PRASOV artillery unit: Battalion of the 11th Arty Regt, KOVICE.

b. The report confirmed the deactivation of the 24th Tank Brig in BRATISLAVA SV MIRTII, which had, so far, been reported by only one source. *Ø*.

c. Since the list of Czechoslovakian divisions omitted the BRATISLAVA 4th Ltz Inf Div *Ø*, it was assumed that the division no longer existed. It appears doubtful if source's knowledge about the BRATISLAVA headquarters of a motorized infantry division was current, particularly since part of the information was also supplied by soldiers.

d. The reported succession of General PAPOUSEK by Col JANKO has not been substantiated.

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