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TOPIC Infantry Battalion Utvar No. 4532 Near AS

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25X1 The following information on the Infantry Battalion 25X1
 25X1 25X1 SOKOLOV (N 51/P 58), and its employment in the border
 area near AS (N 51/P 18) was obtained:

1. Disposition

Component units of the battalion moved from SOKOLOV to the AS area about 20 September 1949, but the battalion headquarters remained in SOKOLOV.

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3. Organization

As a normal independent infantry battalion.

4. Strength

Infantry companies of about 60 men each. Submachine gun company of about 100 men.

5. Weapons

Infantry companies: German and Czech rifles, Czech light machine guns "26".

Submachine gun company: Czech heavy machine guns. German and Soviet submachine guns.

6. Employment in the AS Border Area

a. One platoon of the 5th Co was in NOVA EDAR (N 51/P 18) up to 3 November 1949. The platoon had 5 NCOs and 30 EM, armed with German "44" submachine guns.

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b. The platoon was constructing field fortifications and most obstacles, the latter being erected on all roads and paths near the border. They were of trunks, projecting 3 to 5 feet from the ground, with 10-foot deep ditches running across the road in front and behind the trunks. The ditches were as long as required by the terrain. Camouflaged foxholes were dug on both sides of the most obstacles. A 7-foot high post obstacle, filled with rocks, was constructed across the AS-NEUFHAUSEN (M 51/P 18) road, about 30 feet from the border line. The obstacle extended between the houses by the roadside.

c. Czech, German and Soviet mines were stored in the basements of the houses of VOVA ZDAR. They were to be planted in the open terrain according to an engineer lieutenant who supervised construction work. It was said that another and large mine storage dump was located near NEBASA, about three miles southeast of AS. The lieutenant also said that chevaux-de-frise were stored in the AS barracks.

d. The reporting deserter stated that communication trenches and machine gun emplacements were also constructed in the border area.

25X1 Comment:

25X1 The infantry battalion is the DOPOLOV 46th Inf Bn. The report confirms previous information on the employment of component units of the battalion in the border area near AS*.

The detailed information on the type and scope of fortification work shows that, at least in the AS border area, field fortifications, reinforced by mine fields, are under construction.

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