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1. information on the 23rd Inf Bn in Myrsko (N 50/
U 99) up to 2 December 1949

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b. Traditional name: Pavla Crsaka Hviezdoslava.

c. Location: Battalion headquarters in a two-story building in Myrsko. Most of the component units in the cantonment south of Myrsko. Some component units in Mystrice (N 50/U 99).

d. Officers: Maj Kocian was CO of the battalion. A staff captain was the ranking officer in the cantonment.

e. Technical company:

(1) Numbered about 60 men up to early December 1949. The following personnel were retained for special courses:

- 11 telephone operators to Benesov (O 50/L 95),
- 16 radio operators to Vlasim (O 50/L 14),
- 8 engineers to Terezin (N 51/F 53),
- 1 telephone and 2 radio mechanics to Zabreh (P 50/N 58).

(2) The gas masks of the company were replaced by new ones in mid-October 1949.

(3) About 100 rifles and about 60 submachine guns of a novel type were kept in the company's ordnance room.

f. Vehicles: Horse-drawn vehicles and some trucks were observed in the cantonment.

g. Border obstacles: Two rows of cheveux-de-frise in front of a 3 to 4-meter-deep AT ditch, running parallel to the border, were observed in the area between Sv. Katarina (N 50/P 88) and Zadni Chalupy (Hinterhauser - N 50/U 98) during a practice march in November 1949.

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2. An NCO school for reconnaissance patrol training was located in Sumperk (P 50/N 69) [redacted]

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3. [redacted] information on the Zabreh NCO school for signal mechanics up to 4 February 1950 [redacted]

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a. Superior headquarters: Unknown. Administration and supply services were provided by a headquarters company of about 80 men, allegedly detached from the 65th Inf Regt, Olomouc (P 50/N 85).

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c. Location: Barracks in the southern sector of the town. Deserter heard that the NCO school had previously been in Lipnik na Bečvou (P 50/O 14) and that it was the only school of its kind in Czechoslovakia.**

d. School commandant: Staff Capt Frantisek Šterlich, a Communist.

e. Organization and strength:

Headquarters company

Telephone mechanic training company of about 170 men, commanded by 1st Lt Imrich Matej.

Radio mechanics training company of about 200 men, commanded by Capt Bartak. The trainees had been detached from various units of the Czechoslovakian Army.

f. Signal equipment: German field telephones of type 33. New Czech telephones of type 35 (without carrying strap, with Czech inscriptions). French telephones. Soviet telephones of type Unaf. A novel Czech portable switchboard of type Tesla (8 connections). German, French, and Hungarian portable switchboards.

[redacted] Comment:

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* [redacted] The battalion's previous traditional name "Amerických Slovakov" had been changed into "P.O. hviezdoslava" by order of the Ministry of National Defense in April 1949. [redacted]

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** [redacted] the NCO school, together with the III Bn of the 3rd Sig Regt, had been in Lipnik. Since the battalion has been identified in Joravská Ostrava [redacted] it is considered probable that the school may also have been moved from Lipnik.

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