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COUNTRY Hungary **CONFIDENTIAL** REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC 7th Border Guard Bn

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 27 June 1950

REFERENCES \_\_\_\_\_

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) Standard Manpower Questionnaire

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Information was obtained on the 7th Border Guard Bn in Koeszeg (P 48/X 60) up to 17 January 1950. The Superior headquarters have been the State Security Police (AVH) since 3 January 1950.(1) 1/3 dandar (brigade) is the cover designation of the unit. It had the postal No. 0691.(2) Quarters were in the Castle Barracks, Koeszeg.  
(3)
2. Major Lajos Vagi, a Jew and an active Communist, was battalion commander, and Major Szilagy (fnu), an anti-Communist was his deputy. Senior Lieutenant Ferenc Siklosi, graduate of the Petoefi Academy, was political officer, assisted by Junior Lieutenant Bela Pribeli, graduate of the Petoefi Academy. Captain Kolozs (fnu), a Jew, was "D" officer, and his assistant was Senior Lieutenant Szoelloesi (fnu). Captain Sardi (fnu), was paymaster.
3. Organization and equipment:
  - a. Battalion headquarters
  - b. The training company (up to 17 September 1949) was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Ferenc Balogh. It had a company headquarters, five rifle platoons and one machine gun platoon. Each rifle platoon numbered 30 to 40 soldiers; the machine gun platoon consisted of six machine gun sections. The company was armed with 7.62-mm rifles (1943 model), 7.62-mm submachine guns with drum magazines (1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946 models) and 7.62-mm machine guns. Following the 6-week basic training, troops underwent border guard training for 2 to 2½ months and later had heavy weapons training.

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c. The 19th Border Guard Co in Csepreg (P 48/X 70); address Csepreg, postal No. 0697, was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Istvan Papp. The company's organization was not known. The Olmod (P 48/X 60) border guard post 1/5 (previously 7/86) was subordinate to the company. It had the [REDACTED] and numbered 30 soldiers armed with rifles, 7.62-mm submachine guns and 2 machine guns, model 42.

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4. After being taken over by the AVH, border guard units were issued vizor-type caps with a green 3-cm ribbon, green epaulets, crossbelts and buttons with the Soviet Star emblem for the uniform coats.
5. According to an announcement in January 1950 the term of service was extended to three years with optional employment with the AVH thereafter. Each soldier was automatically put on the AVH payroll upon reaching the grade of corporal.
6. The pay was ninety-six forints per month for three years (the period of universal military service). The monthly pay was allegedly to be increased to 800 forints when border guard personnel was put on the AVH payroll. (4)

25X1A(1) [REDACTED] Comment. The fact that the Border Guard Corps came under the control of the AVH was previously reported by a source of unknown reliability and is now given credence.

25X1A(2) [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] were first observed with Hungarian units in early 1950. The deserter's statement indicated that they may be used as postal numbers only.

25X1A(3) [REDACTED] Comment. The data on organization and disposition of the 7th Border Guard Bn confirm previous information.

25X1A(4) [REDACTED] Comment. The statement that the term of border guard service was extended to three years needs to be confirmed although such an extension is considered possible as an effective border control requires experienced personnel that has to serve over a period of years.

25X1A (5) [REDACTED] Comment. The statements on the terms of service cannot be checked because inductions in Hungary are still effected irregularly. See Annex.

1 Annex: Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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