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1. Headquarters of a tank corps (number unknown) is in Olomouc (Olmuetz-P50/N85). The Corps Commander is General Fusek; his deputy is Lt. Col. Emil Dolejsek. The corps consists of three tank brigades and two supporting sub-machine gun battalions as follows:

25X1C a. 11th Tank Brigade, [Redacted] with headquarters at Vyskov (Wischau-P50/N71). Also located at Vyskov is a tank school, [Redacted] where reserve officers and career non-commissioned officers receive training in tank warfare. This tank school is not conducted by the 11th Tank Brigade, but is directly subordinate to the General Staff command for tanks in Prague. 25X1C

b. 12th Tank Brigade, [Redacted] with headquarters located at Sternberk (Sternberg-P50/N86), Olomoucka Street. Some of the brigade staff members are: 25X1C

- Commander: Major Knara
- Deputy Commander: Lt. Col. Biciste*
- DOZ Officer: Major Zubaty
- Deputy DOZ Officer: Lt. Hruby
- Enlightenment Officer: Lt. Sedlar
- Deputy Enlightenment Officer: Sub-Lt. Kozel

25X1C c. 13th Tank Brigade, [Redacted] with headquarters at Moravska Trebova (Maehrisch Truebau-P50/N46). This brigade was formed when the former 21st Tank Brigade, stationed at Turciansky Svaty Martin (050/069), was disbanded in February 1949 and transferred to Moravska Trebova.

d. Sub-machine Gun Battalion, with headquarters at Bruntal (Freudenthal-P50/N99) and consisting of three companies.

e. Sub-machine Gun Battalion, with headquarters at Sternberk and consisting of three companies.

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2. The following units are subordinate to the 12th Brigade:

- 25X1C a. 1st Tank Battalion, [redacted] commanded by Major Ploskunak, a Slovak who served with the Slovak Army during World War II, now a fanatic Communist. The Deputy Commander is 1st Lt. Rambousek. The battalion is composed of two tank companies commanded by Capt. Lonak and 1st Lt. Rambousek, and one "pool company" (parkova rota) commanded by Lt. Tuma.
- 25X1C b. 2nd Tank Battalion, [redacted] commanded by Staff Capt. Achymsky. Deputy Commander is 1st Lt. Nemlaha. This battalion is also composed of three companies, two tank and one headquarters company.
- c. 3rd Supplementary Battalion, with a strength of about 180 men. The headquarters is located with 12th Brigade headquarters in a caserne at Sternberk. The 1st and 2nd Battalions are located in a special military camp (sic) at Sternberk.
- 3. Each tank company consists of three platoons. Platoon commanders are usually career non-commissioned officers who are frequently rotated to other jobs. Each platoon has three tanks of the recent T-34 type. Thus, a company has ten tanks including one for the company commander, and a battalion has thirty tanks and one for the battalion commander.
- 4. The 12th Tank Brigade has two types of T-34 tanks available. The older type, which is used for training purposes only, is armed with a 76 mm cannon and one machine gun. The newer type, which is intended for combat use, carries an 85 mm cannon and two machine guns.

25X1X* [redacted] Comment: [redacted] not explain why the deputy commander is of higher rank than the commander.

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- Attachments: I Sketch of the barracks used by the 12th Tank Brigade
 II Sketch of the Tank School at Vyskov

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