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1. The new barracks (No. 1 on the sketch) houses the headquarters of a tank regiment, APO No. 6101. This regiment is subordinate to the 7th Armored Division at Esztergom.

Commander of the regiment: Major Imre Török  
 Political officer of the regiment: Lieutenant József Balisz  
 Commander of the 3d Battalion: Captain Kuppka (fnu)

2. The 3d Battalion serves at the Rákosi Tank Officers' School as a training unit. The headquarters of the battalion has about 28 men. It consists of the following units:
  - a. One heavy tank company, equipped with six T 34/85 and four Stalin III. About 140 men.
  - b. One light tank company, equipped with 24 T34/76.2. About 160 men.
  - c. One company of self-propelled guns, equipped with six SU/100 and four SU/122. About 100 men.
  - d. One light company of self-propelled guns, equipped with 18 SU/76.2. About 100 men.
  - e. One transportation company, equipped with 40 light Rába trucks, 10 light Csepel-Diesel trucks, 12 light Wippon trucks, 1 light truck equipped with a crane, 1 Mavag-Diesel tractor, 3 passenger cars, and 12 motorcycles. About 160 men.

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### 3. The Rákosi Tank Officers' School

#### a. The staff and the faculty:

Commandant of the school: Lieutenant Colonel Ferenc Ferenczy,  
 Assistant Commandant and Political Officer: Captain József Molnár.  
 The permanent faculty consists of about 75 officers. There are also visiting officers from field units. The school does not have a numerical designation and is always referred to by name.

#### b. The student body:

The number of cadets is about 3,600. They are divided into two groups:

- (1). Training group (Alkalmazás Csoport). To this group belong those who have had one year of active service in the armored troops or some other service. They are volunteers or have been recommended by their commanding officers, and attend the school for one year.
- (2). Recruit group (Újona Csoport). To this group belong those who have not had any active service. They are volunteers or have been recommended by their local Party organization or their factory council. They attend the school for two years.
- (3). The cadets are divided into 24 companies of 150 men each, and each company into 3 training sections of 50 men each. The companies are identified by the letters of the alphabet, such as company A, and the sections are numbered and are identified by a combination of letter and number, such as A/1. Enrollment in the school does not guarantee that the cadets will become officers upon graduation.
- (4). During the course of training some cadets are eliminated and some may fail to become officers. Only the top cadets become officers; at present the maximum is set at 25 percent of the cadet corps. The rest of the graduates become non-commissioned officers.

#### c. Trainings:

- (1). Each of the two groups has a different training program, since one of the groups has had training in active service.
- (2). The theoretical part of the instruction covers the various branches of military science. Emphasis is placed on training which will produce armored troop officers either for field service or as instructors. The span of training available at the school ranges from armored non-commissioned officers to armored battalion commanders.
- (3). Two hours daily are devoted to physical training.
- (4). Combat training and handling of tank and self-propelled guns is conducted at the "tankdrome" (No. 13 on the sketch).
- (5). Target practice with infantry weapons, tanks, and self-propelled guns is conducted on the firing range (No. 12 on the sketch).

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(6). There are no Russian officers assigned to the school as instructors. However, Russian tank officers take part in combat exercises. They have no contact with the troops; they only advise the officers in charge.

(7). All the officers assigned to the school as well as the cadets wear dark blue epaulettes and dark blue insignia with a gilded tank emblem.

d. Equipment:

The school utilizes the equipment of the 3d Armored (Training) Battalion, which is subordinate to the Tank Regiment with APO No. 6201. In addition to the equipment of the 3d Battalion, the school has 10 SU/122, and 8 Stalin III.

4. The infantry barracks (No. 7 on the sketch) are occupied by a guard force of about 160 men who are guarding the military installations, warehouses, and training fields. They are also responsible for checking all vehicular traffic.

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Attachment Legend to the attached map-sketch of the Tata-Tóváros area:

- 1). New barracks for tanks constructed in 1949-50, and located about 2 kilometers from the center of town. It is a single story building, approximately 80 x 40 meters; it can house about 700 men. In the same area there is also a garage, a supply building, and guard posts. The construction is to be continued.
- 2). Sports field next to the new barracks.
- 3). Guard post and entrance to the barracks.
- 4). The Rákosi Tank Officers' School. This school has 38 modern buildings which were constructed on the former Eszterházy property. Further expansion, which will include administration buildings, garages, and machine shops, is expected. The school can accommodate 4,000 men.
- 5). One-story building, housing officers of the school.
- 6). One-story building housing the service office and the garrison headquarters.
- 7). Infantry barracks capable of housing 500 men.
- 8). Ammunition depot.
- 9). Target firing range.
- 10). School officers' club.
- 11). Clothing depot.
- 12). Firing range for infantry weapons and tank guns.
- 13). Tank training field equipped with a semaphore and a public address system. There is also a one-story building, 40 x 40 meters, housing offices and lecture halls.
- 14). Two gasoline tanks, with a capacity of 180 tons each. They are embedded in the ground and protrude only about 1.5 meters above the surface. They are surrounded by an embankment.

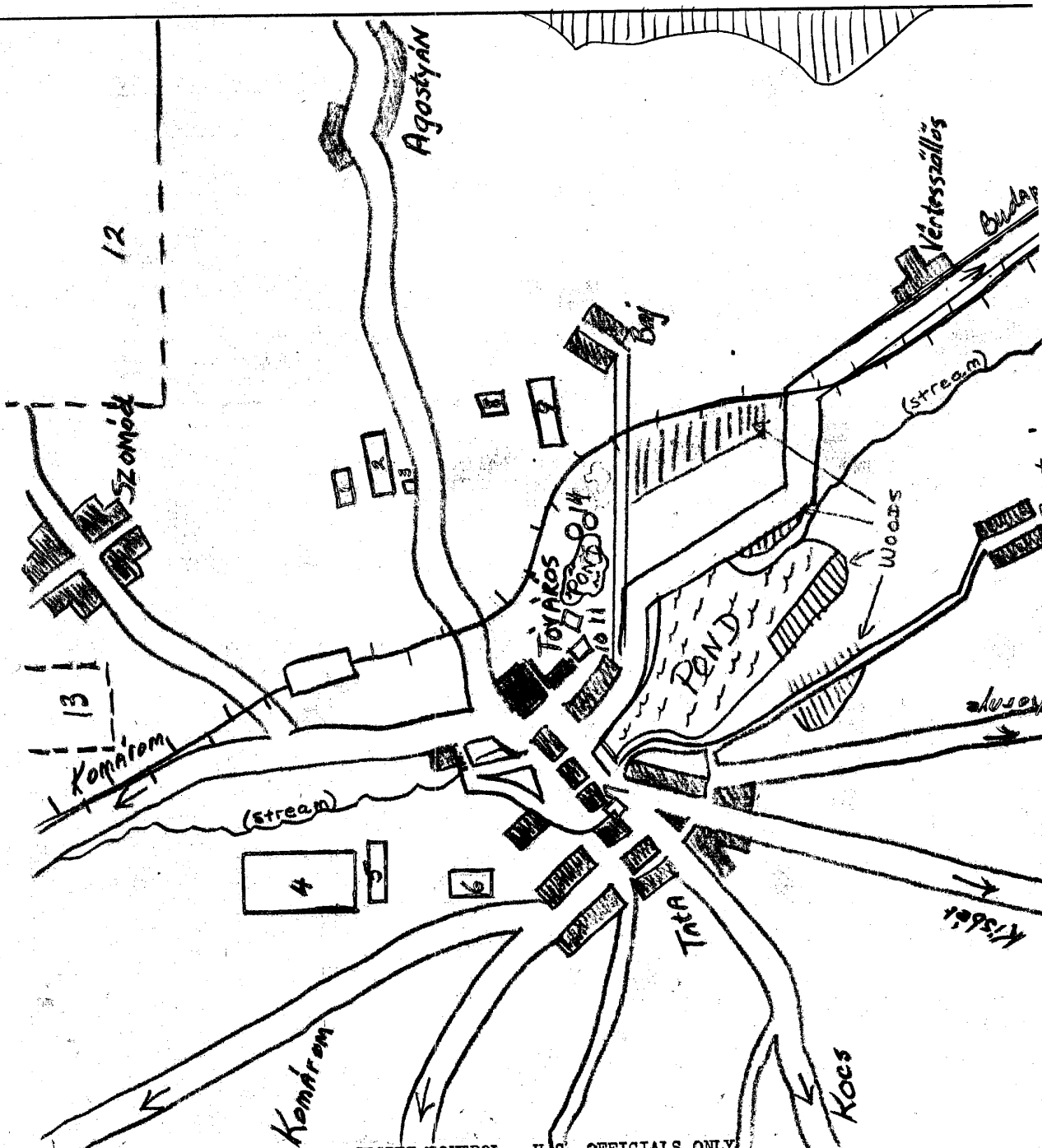
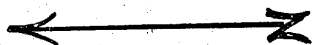
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The Tata-Tóváros Area



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