

EXPLORE THE FORTIFICATIONS NEAR HRONOV

Go for a walk along the learning path around Hronov. Let yourself be affected with strength of fortification, beauty of countryside and stories of people who between years 1935 and 1938 prepared defense of our republic. This learning path and particular fortification museums are dedicated to the people who were decided to defend this beautiful part of Czech land, to their great effort and resolution.



„Town Hronov with the train station stays in front of field, between fortification and enemy. The duty of the railway during these works was great. Every day there was offloaded 50 – 60 wagons with stuff which railway trucks transported to positions, work didn't stop even at nights. When the spotlights helped it looks like on busy days.“

„On September 23th 1938 the mobilisation was announced. In a few days the fortification line was ready on that day and set by soldiers, enthused and determined to defend our country until the last breath against the hated enemy. People were evacuated from the places in front the field.“

Commemorative chronicle of Hronov station

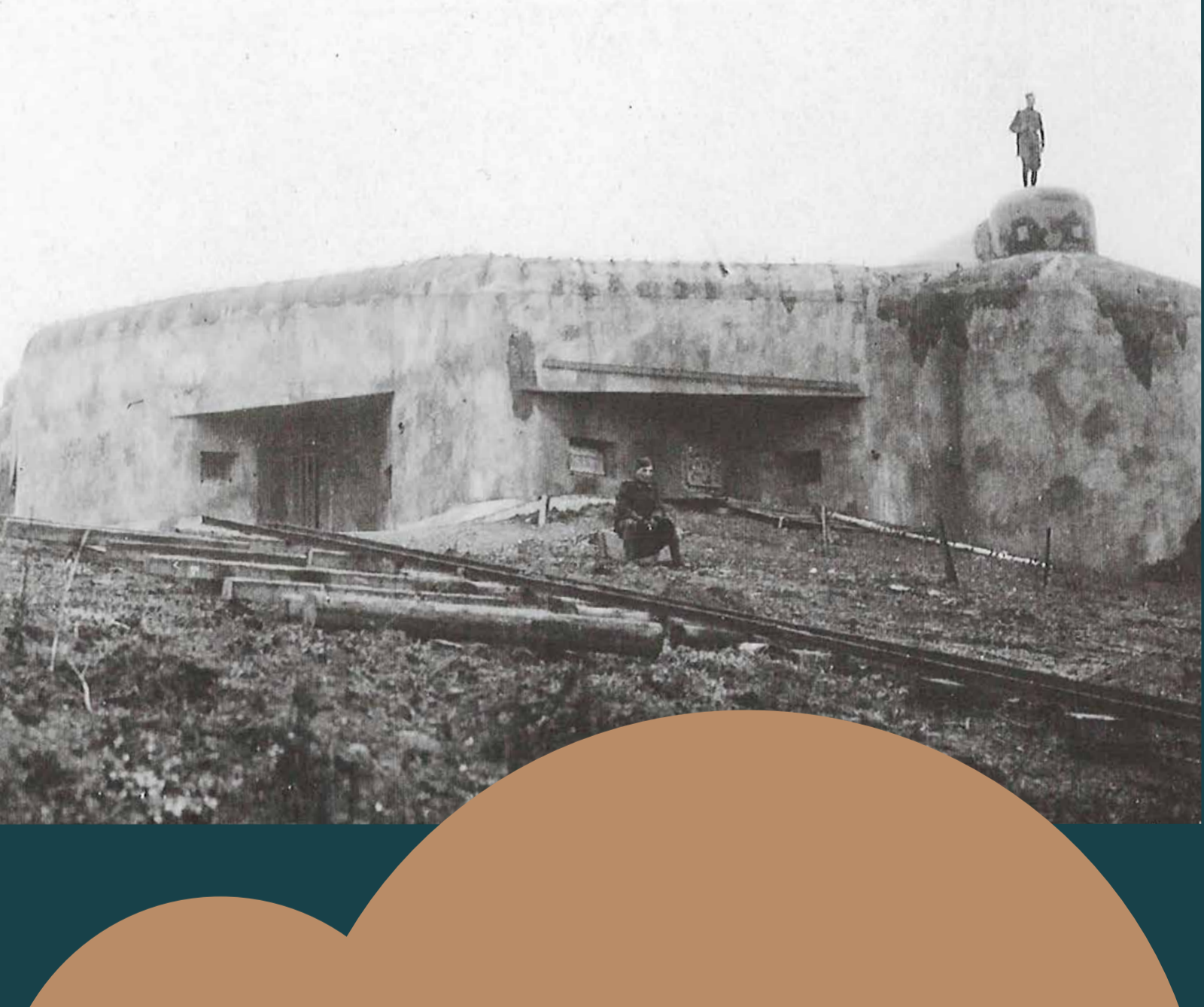
WE WILL DEFEND OUR REPUBLIC

When Hitler grabbed the power in Germany Czech republic started to be in danger to lose life. The state was in possibility to fight even if with difficulties, always as fight with participation of France and since 1935 as well as Soviet Union. It was necessary to keep north and partly south border line. Morality and decision was on very high level. In September 1938 Hitler escalated his claims against Czechoslovakia so much, that in the end during negotiation in Munnich (nemám umlaut na u) representatives of Germany, Italy, Great Britain and France signed the ultimatum called Munnich agreement. It should have stopped the war if Czechoslovakia leave borderlands with the Germans to Germany. Our government accepted it. Big part of fortification was on the left lands. People as well as soldiers were shocked, Suddenly there was no mason to fight. Time of downfall was here and it escalated by occupation of the rest of our republic.

Next thing was declaration of the war to Poland and our soldiers finally had an opportunity to fight hated enemy. Many of our defenders came to illegal war or went to fight abroad.

FORTRESSES NEAR HRONOV

The second wellknown town in Náchod region was Hronov. Fortificating works started fully in its surrounding in spring 1937. The town even lived with the building of fortresses. Hronov railway station in attitude 360 m was the most important point for transport.



„Transport of building materials was done mostly from the Hronov station, where all ground stone from granit quarries came from Czechmoravian Highland, town Skutec. Another important material was special fastsetting cement as well as steel armature in lenght 10 . 12 meters. One object needed between 3500 and 3700 tons of building material. Next all steel components for formwork – loopholes for cannons, gunmachines, armour plates for ceilings in gunman rooms, slides for grenades and some small equipment.“

„Even if it was long years ago my memories for very strong effort and enthusiasm all workers who took part on the building still live, I also remember great support of local people who watched our work. Let me remember our national one week celebrations of Jirásek's Hronov. I took part on them and I was a witness of patriotic enthusiasm.“

