

DEFENSE OF THE HOMELAND – FORTIFICATIONS? WHY AND HOW?

BARRIERE AGAINST NAZI GERMANY

After colaps of fortifications in the 1st world wa French experts found a new conception of fortificating, based on systém of side shooting. Maginot line became the first practical realization of that. When the defend of Czechoslovakia was planned during 30th years of 20th century it started to be obvious that it will be fight against concetrated attack of motorized army with air forces support. The shape of our country was unsuit for defense, the borders with Germany reached to Ostrava and north borderline mountains. Experts intended to build a barriere against nazi Germany. The barrier should have been made from stabil fortresses that way that sudden attack couldn!t have been done – CZECHOSLOVAK BORDERLINE FORTIFICATION.



„There was standing the only country (next to France) which was strongly preparing for defending war against fascism in Western and Central Europe – Czechoslovakia.“

SYSTEM OF FORTRESSES AND LOG CABINS

On the north borderline there was designed fortified line, so called „main defending position – MDP, HOP in Czech. It was formed from cannon fortresses – groups of objects connected with good underground corridors and they were able to shoot faraway. These fortresses were called self-depended infantry log cabins in Czech army terminology. In front of MDP there were found objects of light fortification of old type whose duty was discover moves of the enemy and try to make it slower. Lines of light fortification of new type were part of the MDP which gave more help for the defense. Lines of this light fortification were built on problem spots out of north borderline.

CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESFULL DEFENSE

Fact which was necessary for succesfull defense was finished and equipped fortresses as well as finished system of barriers as well as experienced and determined stuffs. If the fortress line is broken in that case it was very necessary to have reserve enough, immedate reaction and been able to move mobile army as help. Czechoslovakian fortification (in the way how it was built in the part from Trutnov to Ostrava) was among the best what was made by Europian fortification building of 20th century. It made use of terrain and made full shooting system.



Our ancestors build the barriere for defence of our young republic with great effort. This barriere is a heritage after them and our duty is to keep it as respectable memorial for their awesome enthusiasm.

