

# LIGHT FORTIFICATIONS BETWEEN HRONOV AND TUROV

## FOREST OF MATERNICE AND FORTIFICATION

Room Maternice between Hronov and infantry log cabin T-S 19 Turov is one of part with thick forest and dominant ridge.. This part of the land was difficult nature obstacle for the enemy, that is why the building of heavy fortification in this part including fortress Jírová mountain planned for 1939. Building of light fortification, so called Řopík was started in 1937 – part F1 Zbečník and F2 Bohdašín. We can meet there almost all variants of made including the less used.



**„German army was expected for tonight. No panic but macho decision – we will defend!“**

**„We got brass identification marks worn on our necks – tickets to heaven.“**

### F1 ZBEČNÍK

On 22nd of May 1937 firm ing Ota Hányš from Rychnov above Kněžna got the plans. The first object was concreted on 30th of June, the last one on 6th of November 1937. There were built all 41 building together. According to the original plans should have been built even 60 „řopíks“ with one atypical object in the cellar of red villa in settlement Studénka. Staff for this part was from Infantry regiment 48 Yugoslavia with stand for commander.in Vysokov near Náchod.

### F2 BOHDAŠÍN

Firm Ota Hányš got to building as well part Bohdašín which starts about object T-S 7 and goes on over ridge of Jestřebí mountains around the object T-S 19 behind Odolov. The firm should have built 87 objects together. They manage to finish 82, the rest 5 stayed half built. You can find them in the second train, in the most difficult part near Švédský hill. Light fortification of the part Bohdašín was occupied by soldiers of I/22 regiment during mobilization.

## DESTROYING OF LIGHT FORTIFICATION

Untill these days stayed only 41 small fortresses from both parts. Besides particular objects near populated parts we can meet stayed line between objects T-S 19 and T-S 20. The borderline of Protectorat Bohmen und Mahren went through the middle of the road. German occupation headquarters destroyed all objects of light fortification on the land of Protectorat. All obstacles and barriers had to be deleted as well.



### LIGHT FORTRESSES TYPE „ŘOPÍK“

*The development started between years 1936 and 1937. To the originál types A, B and C were added types D and E, later cannon against tanks as well. These objects existed in a few types of resistance and inclinations with some variants of shooting windows. There were made atypical objects as well. Military management wanted minimum square firmness 45 MPa. Objects were armed with light gunmachines 26 types. Heavy gunmachines 37 or 24 types were put in the strong stressed areas. There was hand operated fan for drawing off polluted air, slide for grenades, periscopes, sapper tools, and ammunition for gunmachines and so on.*

*Staff for type A had 7 soldiers. In all Czechoslovakia were build 7089 objects of the new type, untill these days stayed 4683- For all built objects were used about half million cubic meters of concrte and 50 thousand tons of steel armature. Price of one such an objects was about 60 thousand crowns.*

