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1. (C) STRENGTH. The strength of this unit was 130 men. 2 809 0315 66

and (U) 1st Motorized Cavalry Regiment

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

22 November 1966

2. (C) COMPOSITION. The men for this unit are locally and are largely of German, Polish and Italian ethnic origin. 80% are illiterate. Descriptions were being released on 17 November and were expected in early 1967. DIRM 1.J.11

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3. (U) ORGANIZATION. This Motorized Cavalry Regiment has basically the same organization as the normal Horse Cavalry Regiment, that is, 1 Regt and Service Squadron, and 17 Nov 66 Squadron, and 1 Weapons Squadron.

PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL

OUSARMA RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZIL

4. (C) VEHICLES. Santa Rosa, Brazil, 17 Nov 66 total of 112 vehicles of which 60 are degraded and impervious. Basically, the vehicles were 1943-1945

100 ton trucks, 100 1/2 Jeep and 100 1/2 Lister model transport. VERNON A. WALTERS, PRIG GEN, US, U.S. Defense Attache

Personal Observation

5. (C) TRAINING. Men observed appeared about average. There was not sufficient opportunity to observe this unit, and volume of draft was confined the situation. Officers were enthusiastic.

6. (C) WEAPONS. Basic weapons like that of all Cavalry units is 1943 M1 Garand

(C) I visited this unit on 17 November 1966. It is located in the town of SANTA ROSA (2752S-5429W), State of Rio Grande do Sul. The barracks are located on the north side of the road, midway between SANTA ROSA and CRUZEIRO (2752S-5426W). It occupies an area of 49 hectares and the barracks were constructed in 1943 when it was felt desirable to have an army unit present in the area of heavy German population.

I was accompanied on this visit by AARMA Major Schuler.

7. (C) COMMUNICATIONS. The unit has a 100 watt transmitter and two other transmitters maintaining contact with the 1st Cav. Division, XII Military Region, and 3rd Army.

8. (C) FOOD. The unit also operates a large farm with 250 pigs and vegetables.

1. (C) SUBORDINATION. This unit is directly subordinate to the 1st Cav. Division at SANTIAGO DO BOQUEIRAO (2911S-5453W), and through it to the 3rd Army at PORTO ALEGRE.

2. (C) COMMAND. At the time of my visit, this unit was commanded by Lt. Col. CANDITO BRETAS FILHO. The Executive Officer was Lt. Col. ERICO TINOCO MARQUES. The Regimental Staff were:

S/1 - Captain BORGES
S/2 - Captain IROYA
S/3 - Major FLAVIO PANTOJA
S/4 - Major JAIRO GOMES LOBO VIANNA

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