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SUBJECT: Czech Light Tank, Pz. Kpfw. 38 (t), with Turret Mounted Tank Gun, 2 cm KwK 38 (German)

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1. GENERAL:

A Czech tank, Pz. Kpfw. 38 (t), fitted with a 2 cm KwK 38 gun in an open-topped turret has been encountered in the U.S. Third Army area. The chassis is that of the Czech 38 light tank and the turret is the same as used on the armored half-track Sd.Kfz. 250/9 and the 8-wheel armored car Sd.Kfz. 234/1. The latter is described in ETO Ordnance Technical Intelligence Report No. 158

2. DESCRIPTION:

The turret is six-sided, the front plate being 31 mm (1.22 in.) thick and the side and rear plates 9 mm (0.35 in.) thick. The top of the turret is covered with a two-piece anti-grenade screen which opens outward to the sides.

The 2 cm KwK 38 gun is mounted at the center of the turret and has a 7.92 mm M.G. 42 machine gun mounted co-axially on the left. Traverse of the turret is 360° and is manually controlled by the gunner.

Elevation of the gun is from 0° to 75°. The gun, machine gun and sights had been removed from the vehicle examined.

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Incl.: Photos 1 thru 3.

Photo No. 1 – Front view.

Photo No. 2 – Left side view.

Photo No. 3 – Left rear view. (Gun tube at the right is part of vehicle in back of tank.)



