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1. The Bulgarian infantry platoon (zvod) now consists of from twenty to twenty-four men, commanded by a second lieutenant. The platoon includes three sections (otdelenye) of six to eight men, each commanded by a corporal. Thus, the Bulgarian platoon more or less corresponds to the American section, and the Bulgarian section to the American squad.

2. The corporal is armed with a Soviet "Spagen" sub-machine gun, caliber 7.62. His men's rifles are still the old Vintovka, Model 1930, caliber 7.62.

3. The company consists of seventy to seventy-four men, being thus much smaller even than the American infantry company of the very early twentieth century. It is divided into three platoons and is likely to be commanded by a lieutenant.

4. The battalion has only two companies and is commanded by an officer of the new rank of "Lieutenant Major." It includes a political officer of the rank of Lieutenant or Lieutenant Major.

5. In the regiment, the first battalion consists of two rifle companies. The second battalion has a company of riflemen and a company of heavy machine guns. The heavy machine gun company consists of two platoons, each armed with three heavy machine guns and a platoon of light mortars. The heavy machine guns are of the Maxim Sokoloff model and of caliber 7.62.

6. The regiment also has a telephone and radio communications platoon of about twenty-four men; a battery of artillery (three guns made in Germany); and three Soviet mortars. Both guns and mortars are either drawn or carried by horses. The battery consists of seventy men and twenty-four horses. The regiment also has an intendance (supply) platoon of twenty men and fourteen horses.

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