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1. There is an artillery exercise area and target range 11 km north of the village of Khaskovo. During the summer of 1953 the artillery of a whole Bulgarian division took part in exercises there, including four artillery regiments and several small independent formations. The division is the one with headquarters at Stara Zagora. They spent six weeks at the place. About half the units were motorized.

2. A Bulgarian infantry camp and exercise area is in a wood 4 km southwest of the village of Zdravec. There is a large wooden barracks as the camp command and the command of formations using the area and several buildings for supplies and munitions. The open area will hold enought tents to take an infantry regiment. During the summer 2,000 soldiers were in the area, but no Soviets.

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