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1. The villages of Mramor and Mirovanja are 12 or 13 km northwest of Sofia. There were formerly no barracks in either place, but private houses and farm buildings were seized and rebuilt for the purpose. The formations of a refresher training battalion are now stationed there. 25X1

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3. The battalion is called a motorized unit, but same have not been observed at any time, except for 12 or 14 jeeps and fifty Soviet trucks belonging to the quartermaster department.

4. A typical rifle company is armed with 60 to 63 rifles of Czech origin, 5 to 8 pistols, 4 or 5 Soviet machine-pistols, 3 Soviet light machine guns, 1 AA machine gun, one 50 mm mortar, one 82 mm mortar, one 76.2 AT gun.

5. Reservists of the 1925 to 1928 classes are trained by the unit. They come from the Plovdiv and Vraca districts, and have seen service in the infantry or armored units. Training methods are good, if not outstanding. The men show little enthusiasm. The training includes operations with tanks, but there are no actual tanks, only jeeps marked as such.

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