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TURKISH REPORTS OF RESISTANCE INSIDE BULGARIA

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According to information received in Edirne, the guerrilla activity which has until now been centered around Despato Planina Mountain has spread to the region of Ruse and Razgrad. Although the number of the guerrillas is small at present, it is reported that it is rapidly increasing. The main activity of the guerrillas, who are led by Belco Nikolov, Bulgarian Agrarian Party member, is the extermination of the Communists who are terrorizing the Bulgarian villages. They have killed Communist terrorists Sevetko from Belen village and Ivanov and Autonov from Pisanets village in Ruse Province.

It has also been reported that Bulgarian soldiers are no longer permitted to send sealed letters to their relatives; they may send only postcards containing brief information regarding their health. This has led to desertions on the part of many Bulgarian soldiers and, in turn, the cancellation of all leave.(1)

It is also reported from Alexandroupolis that the Bulgarian peasants, following the advice of the clandestine Bulgarian Radio, are burning their crops instead of surrendering them to the Bulgarian government, and that, in retaliation, the Bulgarian authorities are proceeding with mass arrests of the recalcitrant peasants, whom they bring to trial before military courts.(2)

Another report is that, following the Bulgarian army maneuvers which were conducted near the Greek-Yugoslav-Bulgarian borders, a platoon of Bulgarian soldiers, headed by 1st Lt Boris, took refuge in Greece.(3)

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