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Infantry Regiment in Vipava, Slovenia

1. At the end of 1951 an infantry regiment [redacted] had its headquarters in Vipava, Slovenia. The headquarters and men of the 3 Battalion of the regiment were located in Vipava. The staff of the 3 Battalion was as follows:
 - a. Commanding Officer.Major Dragisa Dragisic;
 - b. Political CommissarMajor Mico (Inu); and
 - c. Commanding Officer, 1 Company, 3 Battalion.Capt. Milan Vukosavlejevic.

248 Tank Brigade¹

2. In September 1952 the 248 Tank Brigade had its headquarters in Vrhnika, Slovenia, about 18 kilometers south of Ljubljana.
3. The 248 Tank Brigade was composed of three tank battalions and a staff company. The staff of the Brigade was as follows:
 - a. Commanding Officer.Lt. Col. Branko Krasojevic;
 - b. Political CommissarLt. Col. Lazo Srdic;
 - c. Commanding Officer, 1 BattalionCapt. Stanko Peric; and
 - d. Chief of KOS.Major "Chica" (pseudonym).

4. Until April 1952 the Brigade had 40 Russian 32-ton T-34 tanks. [redacted] In September 1952 the Brigade sent [redacted]

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30 of the Russian tanks to Nis. Ten Russian tanks were kept for training



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5. The workshop of the Brigade had 20 men and was commanded by Captain Budimir Buda. His assistant was Warrant Officer Milan Presevic.
6. The men of the Brigade received a one-hour political lecture every day. The lecture was given by the Political Commissar, Lt. Col. Lazo Srdic.
7. The men of the Brigade were not adequately fed or clothed, and their morale was low.

Ammunition Dumps near Prilep, Macedonia

8. In August 1952 work had begun on the construction of ammunition dumps on the right side of the Prilep-Veles highway about 1,500 meters east of Prilep.



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