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Military Units in Ruse

1. The command of the military garrison of Ruse is located in a building situated in the center of the city, in Dryanovski Square, next to the National Bank. This unit is commanded by an unidentified lieutenant colonel. 25X1
2. An unidentified horse-drawn artillery unit is located in Ruse in the old barracks situated in the northeastern section of the city, on Lipnik Boulevard. This is the only unit housed in these barracks and it consists of approximately 150 men and is equipped with old type guns of unknown caliber, mounted on gun-carriages with wooden wheels with metal rims, drawn by 2-3 pairs of horses. 25X1
3. The barracks formerly occupied by the 5 Infantry Regiment in Ruse is located on Stalin (formerly Aleksandrovska) Street, which leads to the new bridge across the Danube. This barracks is occupied by a small number of soldiers. Source did not know the present use of this barracks.
4. A school for Regular Army student officers is located in a former lyceum adjacent to the barracks described in Para. 3 above. Approximately 200 men are studying here. Source did not know the length of the course given, but stated that the students frequenting the school in June 1954 were the same ones who came in 1952, the year in which the school opened. The student officers wear a blue uniform, a cap with a red cloth visor, and white gloves.

Air Reconnaissance by Unidentified Aircraft

5. In early May 1954, three unidentified aircraft flew over the Giurgiu-Ruse bridge area, remaining in the vicinity for about 15 minutes. This was obviously done for the purpose of air reconnaissance and photography of the bridge. The aircraft flew at an altitude of approximately 10,000 meters and were barely visible to the naked eye. Antiaircraft guns, which informant believes to have been located on the Rumanian side of the Danube, fired a great deal but without success. The planes

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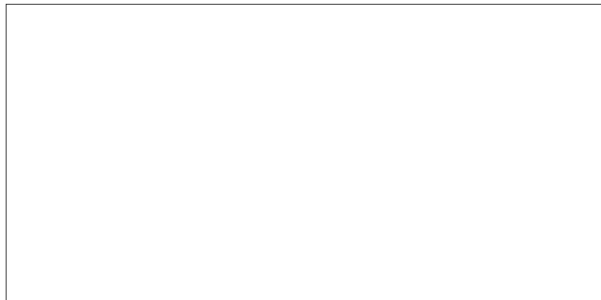
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left the area and headed toward the Black Sea. Although the aircraft were not identified, the population of the area was convinced that these were American military planes.



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