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1. An unidentified artillery unit, approximate strength 200, equipped with Bulgarian-type guns (sic), is garrisoned in the western section of Kharmanlii.

2. An unidentified antiaircraft unit is stationed at three gun positions in the Dimitrovgrad area:

   a. First position, composed of four antiaircraft guns, approximate strength 45 men, is located north of Dimitrovgrad in the vicinity of the Rakovski electric power plant.[1]

   b. Second position, composed of four antiaircraft guns, approximate strength 45 men, is located south of the Rakovski railroad station, and

   c. Third position, composed of four antiaircraft guns, approximate strength 45 men, is located approximately 50 meters east of the power plant.

3. The following fortifications in the Mangafli village area, located approximately 8 kilometers south of Razdel, were excavated and completed sometime during the spring of 1951:

   a. Several tank traps, approximately 2 meters wide and 2 meters long, located approximately 2 kilometers south of Mangafli;

   b. Three trench fortification lines, approximately 400 meters long, 6 meters wide, 1.8 meters deep, and 20 meters apart, located in the area approximately 500 meters east of Mangafli;

   c. Barbed wire entanglements, approximately 4 meters wide and 1.20 meters high, located 10 meters in front of each of the trench lines; and

   d. A tank trap, approximately 2 meters wide and 2 meters deep, located approximately 50 meters south of the trench fortification lines.

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Comment: Possibly identical with the TETS Maritsa (Termoelektricheska Tsentral; Thermoelectric Station).

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1. The Stalin Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant in Dimitrovgrad actually produces gunpowder and is known as the Powder Mill. It is officially called the Stalin Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant in order to camouflage the manufacturing process and product manufactured there.

2. The "Mill" employs 3,000 civilian and 2,000 Trudovak laborers, and operates two shifts: from 0700 to 1800 hours, and from 1800 to 0100 hours daily.

3. The raw materials used by the Mill, two types of granulated ore, gray and light gray in color, are received from Kurdzhali and Pirin.

4. The ore goes through a refining process at the Mill and is melted into liquid form (possibly nitroglycerin) or processed into gunpowder during the last two stages of production; the laborers employed in the last two stages wear some type of covering over the nose and mouth, are very pale, weak, and often ill.

5. The liquid product is transported either to the USSR or to Kazanluk, where an arms and ammunition plant is located.[1] All ingots and slag remaining after the ore is processed are transported to Sofia, where it is used in producing iron.

6. A cement plant, employing 400 laborers on three shifts per day, and producing approximately 72 tons of cement daily, is located approximately one kilometer west of Dimitrovgrad.

7. An electric power plant, constructed sometime during 1921, employing approximately 100 laborers two shifts per day, is located in the northern section of Dimitrovgrad.

8. An electric power plant, currently under process of construction, is located next to the Powder Mill, approximately two kilometers east of Dimitrovgrad.[2] The plant which is housed in a 6-story building approximately 400 meters long and 80 meters wide, is expected to be completed and begin operation during August 1951. The over-all plant area, occupying approximately 60 acres, contains about 200 buildings of various types

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