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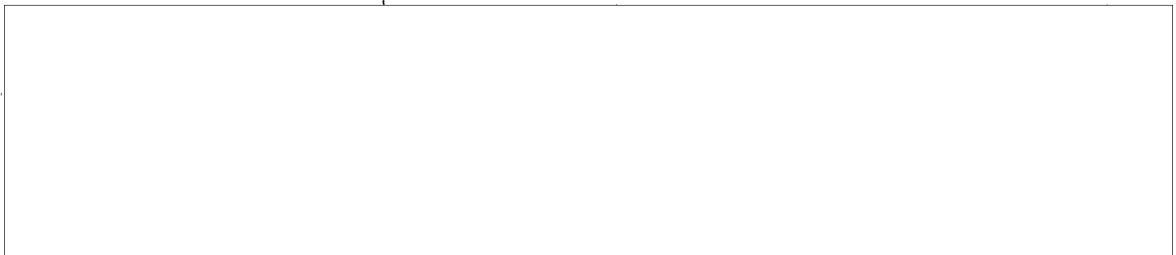
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1. Fagaras, a town of from twelve to fifteen thousand people is located in central Romania about midway between Sibiu and Brasov in the Olt (sic) river valley. About 60 per cent of its people are Romanian, about 20 per cent Hungarian and the remainder German. The town is important as a military training center and is probably one of the largest, if not the largest, producers of explosives in Romania.
2. Situated on the banks of the Olt river, which incidentally is not navigable at this point, the city is served by one single track rail line and one paved highway. The railroad is not a through line but connects with main lines both at Sibiu and Brasov. The highway also connects the town with Sibiu and Brasov, both of which are 75 kilometers distant.
3. Construction of public, commercial and industrial structures is generally of concrete and steel. Dwellings, for the most part, are made of brick. The principal buildings, the relative positions of which may be seen from the attached map, are as follows:
 1. Army barracks with a capacity of about 2000.
 2. Cavalry barracks with a capacity of about 5000.
 3. Army barracks with a capacity of about 1500.
 4. Old castle, now converted to Army barracks with a capacity of about 2000.
 5. The railroad station

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6. The Telephone Exchange (only one serves the town).
7. Electrical Distribution plant
8. City Hall
9. Post and Telegraph
10. The National Bank
11. City Hospital
12. T. B. Sanatorium
13. Brick factory
14. Ammunition powder plant, located about 3 kilometers south of the railroad track, which marks the city limits.

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