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SOURCE:

The 5 Border Guard Otryad

1. The Otryad Staff of 5 Border Guard Otryad, Podelenie 4560, Momchilgrad, is composed as follows:
 - a. Lieutenant Colonel PRIMYANOV, commander of 5 Border Guard Otryad, 40, from Varna; on 7 September 1952, he was replaced by an unidentified lieutenant colonel;
 - b. Captain RADEV, Deputy commander, 40;
 - c. Captain RANGELOV, 35, from Mikhaylovgrad Okoliya, Chief of Staff; and
 - d. Captain GENEV, Party Secretary, 45.
2. Informant knew of the following service officers at the otryad:
 - a. Lieutenant Kliment GEORGIEV, 25, from Vidin Okoliya;
 - b. Lieutenant TODOROV, 30;
 - c. Senior Lieutenant KRUSHOVENSKI, 45;

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- d. Captain VURBANOV, commander of the "specialist service", and;
 - e. Three or four unidentified lieutenants and senior lieutenants.
3. A company consists of approximately 60 soldiers and is equipped with German submachine guns and Soviet Vintovka rifles. The otryad is equipped with the following transport equipment:
- a. One Soviet reconnaissance jeep;
 - b. Two or three trucks; and
 - c. Two wagons drawn by a team of horses.
4. The following Komandaturi are subordinate to 5 Border Guard Otryad, Podelenie 4560, Momchilgrad:
- a. Komandatura, Podelenie 4561, Zlatograd;
 - b. Komandatura, Podelenie 4562, Chorbadzhiysko, Momchilgrad Okoliya; and
 - c. Komandatura, Podelenie 4563, Avren (N 41-20, E 25-43), Krumovgrad Okoliya.
5. Informant served with Komandatura, Podelenie 4562, at Chorbadzhiysko, and knew of the following command personnel of the Komandatura:
- a. Senior Lieutenant ENCHEV, 35, from Karlovo Okoliya, Komandatura commander;
 - b. Senior Lieutenant KHURVATOV, Deputy commander for political section, 32;
 - c. Lieutenant VASILEV, Chief of Staff, 28;
 - e. Lieutenant VURBANOV, Company Commander, 35;
 - f. Lieutenant KALINOV, Special Services Commander for Outside Reconnaissance, 24;
 - g. KOLEV (fmu), Deputy Commander of Special Services for Outside Reconnaissance, 24;
 - h. Lieutenant GERGINCHEV, Commander of "V" Service for Outside Reconnaissance, 35;
 - i. Lieutenant TURGOV, Food Supply Officer, 23;
 - j. Master Sergeant (Starshi Serzhant) VASILEV, Company senior noncommissioned officer (starshina);
 - k. Starshina YANICHKOV, Food Supply, 40;
 - l. Master Sergeant PETKOV, Warehouse Supply, 30; and
 - m. Master Sergeant Angel DOBREV, Weapons, from Stefan Karadzhovo (N 42-13, E 26-49), Elkhovo Okoliya, 30.
6. This Komandatura, Podelenie 4562, strength 35-40 soldiers, was equipped with the following weapons:
- a. Three MG-34 light machine guns;
 - b. Two Maksim Sokolov Soviet heavy machine guns;
 - c. Two 81 mm. Raynmetal light howitzers;

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- d. One 12.7 mm. antiaircraft D.Sh.K. machine gun;
 - e. Soviet submachine guns; and
 - f. Soviet rifles.
7. The Komandatura is housed in buildings located in the southern outskirts of Chorbazhiysko, and has the following subordinate units:
- a. 1 "Musalla" Zastava, located west of Chakalarovo (N 41-18, E 25-19), Zlatograd Okoliya;
 - b. 2 "Kremen" Zastava, located southeast of Chakalarovo;
 - c. 3 "Bozhur" Zastava, strength 30 men and one sergeant, is located 3.5 kilometers south of Shumnatitsa (N 41-18, E 25-22), Momchilgrad Okoliya, and three kilometers west of the Momchilgrad-Komotini road; the commander is Junior Lieutenant TENEV, about 30, from Aytos;
 - d. 4 "Ruen" Zastava (see paragraph 8 below);
 - e. 5 "Vezhen" Zastava, located in the southern outskirts of Tikhomir (N 41-18, E 25-30), Krumovgrad Okoliya; the Deputy commander for political section is Lieutenant GANCHEV, about 30.

The 4 "Ruen" Zastava

8. The 4 "Ruen" Zastava, subordinate to the Border Guard Komandatura,¹ Podelenie 4562, is located in Chorbazhiysko in the "Mukaza" area, about 200 meters south of the Krumovgrad and Momchilgrad road junction. The Zastava is located on the Komotini (N 41-07, E 25-24) road, a little before the junction. The commander of the zastava is Lieutenant STATEV, about 30, from Varna, and the master sergeant is Georgi KUKHCHEV, 26, from Razgrad Okoliya. The zastava, strength about 40 men and two officers, is equipped with the following weapons:
- a. Two M.G. 34 light machine guns;
 - b. One Maksim Sokolov heavy machine gun;
 - c. Fourteen Shpagin automatics;
 - d. Two Schmeisser automatics;
 - e. Twenty-one Vintovka rifles; and
 - f. Twenty-three Malniccher carbines, located in the weapons depot of the zastava with a large part of them unsuitable for use.
- The zastava has an unspecified number of bombs. Informant could give no details or comparative number of stored munitions.
9. The zastava has a central telephone with 10 number lines. Five of these are in use with the following:
- a. Komandatura 4562, Chorbazhiysko;
 - b. The 5 "Vezhen" Zastava, Tikhomir;
 - c. The 3 "Bozhur" Zastava, adjoining the western side of "Ruen" Zastava;
 - d. The telephone booth located in the observation tower of the border line; and
 - e. The zastava staff.

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10. By means of the "Vezhen" Zastava, the "Ruen" Zastava is connected with 1 Avren "Bozhur" Zastava. Through the Komandatura in Chorbadzhiysko, "Ruen" Zastava is connected with the military central telephone. The switchboards in Chekalarovo and "Ruen" Zastava are of Bulgarian construction.
11. All the zastavas subordinate to Komandatura 4562, are located about 150-200 meters south of Chorbadzhiysko. This Komandatura, together with Komandatura 4563 in Avren, Krumovgrad Okoliya, and Komandatura 4561, Zlatograd, compose the 5 Border Guard Otryad, Podelenie 4560, Momchilgrad.

Fortifications of 4 "Ruen" Zastava

12. The first line of trenches begins about 50 meters from the zastava and descends to the Komotini road, running three to four meters east of it. A large part of the trench interior is rock-lined, and in places, there are machine embrasures reinforced with cement.
13. Another line of trenches is located on the west side of the Komotini road and starts almost at the end of the first line of trenches. It runs parallel to the road for an interval, and then bypasses the "General Ginev" mountain. The beginning of the trench line is lined with stones, but no reinforcements exist along the entire remainder of the trench.
14. The third line begins with the second row of trenches, and runs in a zigzag pattern around the north and west of "General Ginev" mountain. It almost connects with the end of the second line, so that there is approximately a full closed circle of trenches around the mountain. All these trenches were constructed during the summer of 1951, and have a depth of about 1-1.2 meters and a width of approximately .80 meters.
15. One small trench line is located on the heights above the old customs house, at the intersection of the Krumovgrad, Momchilgrad, and Komotini roads. This trench line runs along a hill known as "Geroya" (Hero), probably in connection with the memorial located there.
16. There are trenches around Lozentsi (probably Lozengradtsi), which were constructed during the fall of 1951, but informant did not know their exact location or length.
17. A 6-sided bunker, constructed during the winter of 1950 and about 50 centimeters above ground, is located approximately 10 meters south of the memorial and approximately 20 meters west of the road to Komotini. The bunker has an inside height of about 2 meters with embrasures on all sides, a diameter of approximately three meters, and is lined with beams about 20 centimeters in diameter. The entrance is on the side facing the memorial. The bunker can accommodate approximately 20 men, but has operational capacity for only 10 men.
18. Another similar bunker, constructed during the spring of 1952, is located about 20 or 30 meters southwest of the zastava staff. Its dimensions are smaller than that of the above-mentioned bunker. The bunker will allegedly be destroyed because of its poor construction.
19. Antitank obstacles are located as follows:
 - a. One on the road to Komotini;
 - b. Two around the old customs house; and
 - c. Two on the road to Momchilgrad.

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20. Minefields are located on the Komotini road, extending out approximately 100-150 meters on the west, and about 200-250 meters on the east of the road. On the west side, the mine field is enclosed by two rows of barbed wire set on small poles about 50 centimeters high. On the east side of the road, this fence is only about 100 meters from the road. From this point, in the direction of the border, the minefield is not enclosed. Infantry positions are located on the sides of the road, but informant could give no information concerning their number or system of emplacement. Antitank mines are placed on the road. The mining of this section of the road was carried out during 1950.
21. A barbed wire entanglement is located about 60 meters south of the mine field on the Komotini road. It starts near the west side of the road ravine and ends on the water trail of the zastava observation tower, east of the road to Komotini. The barbed wire entanglement consists of two parallel lines, approximately 150 centimeters high. The lines are placed approximately 150 centimeters apart, with four or five rows of barbed wire. Between the two rows is crossed wire.
22. The observation tower of 4 "Ruen" Zastava, subordinate to Border Guard Komandatura, Podelenie 4562, is located about 50 meters from the hedge which outlines the border in this area. The observation tower is of the open-platform type, and is located in a cleared place in the woods. The exact location of the tower is shown on Appendix C on page 9.
23. The observation tower is manned by three soldiers, with one of them equipped with binoculars on his watch. The other two soldiers protect him, with one covering the south side of the tower almost at the border line, and the other near the tower where he can see inland. The latter is equipped with a telephone booth for connections with the zastava. The first protector has the duty of watching for persons coming from outside, and the second to watch for persons going out of the country. The watches, from 0800 to 2000, are uninterrupted for the 12-hour period. The "starshiyat" of the group is armed with an automatic and the other two soldiers with weapons.
24. The 5 "Vezhen" Zastava has a similiar observation tower near Tikhomir, but informant was unable to give any information concerning the location. (See Appendix C on page 9).

Headquarters of Bulgarian Border Guard Otryads

25. The following are headquarters of Bulgarian Border Guard Otryads:
- a. 1 Border Guard Otryad, Kula;
 - b. 2 Border Guard Otryad, Dragoman (N 42-56, E 22-56);
 - c. 12 Border Guard Otryad, Simitli (N 41-53, E 23-06);
 - d. 4 Border Guard Otryad, Devin;
 - e. 5 Border Guard Otryad, Momchilgrad;
 - f. 13 Border Guard Otryad, Lyubimets (N 41-50, E 26-05);
 - g. 6 Border Guard Otryad, Elkhovo;
 - h. 7 Border Guard Otryad, Malko Turnovo;

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- i. 8 Border Guard Otryad, Burgas;
- j. Border Guard Otryad, Kyustendil;²
- k. Border Guard Otryad, Petrich;³
- l. Border Guard Otryad, Varna;
- m. Border Guard Otryad, Ruse;
- n. Border Guard Otryad, Lom.

Miscellaneous Military Information

26. An unidentified artillery regiment with horse-drawn guns is located in Momchilgrad.
27. The 11 Infantry Regiment moved from Sliven to Elkhovo and during 1949, was designated Podelenie 7900. The Engineer Battalion of 3 Rifle Division is quartered in Elkhovo.
28. A tank regiment will allegedly be formed to replace the cavalry regiment in Yambol, which is to be reorganized, with cavalry soldiers attached to the Border Guards.

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1. Comment: Probably the 2 Border Guard Komandatura, subordinate to 5 Border Guard Otryad.

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2. Comment: Probably 11 Border Guard Otryad.

3. Comment: Probably 3 Border Guard Otryad.

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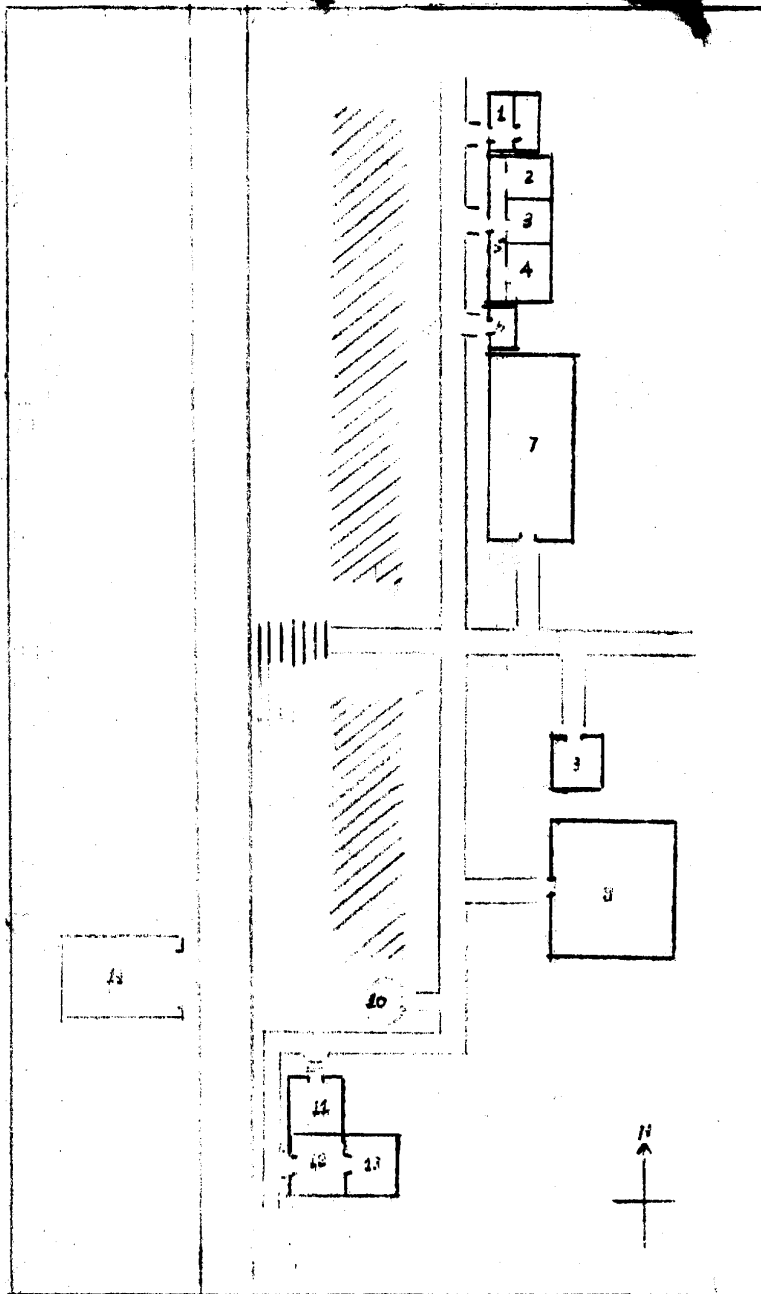
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4th ZASTAVA "RUEN" (MUKAZA, KOMANDA-TURA)
PODELENIE 45-62 AT CHORBADZHIYSKO

SCALE = 1:500

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Bakery | 12. Officers' Sleeping Quarters |
| 2. "Artelna" (Food Stock Room) | 13. Zastava Headquarters and Files |
| 3. Kitchen | 14. Stables |
| 4. Mess Hall | |
| 5. Corridor | ///// Flower Gardens |
| 6. Telephone | |
| 7. First Floor: Charge of Quarters Room, Arsenal, Drying Room | |
| Second Floor: Soldiers' Sleeping Quarters | |
| 8. Bathroom | |
| 9. First Floor: Food Depot | |
| Second Floor: Soldiers' Sleeping Quarters | |
| 10. Recreation Room. | |
| 11. Zastava Club "Dimitrovska Staya" | |












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FORTIFICATIONS AND ZASTAVAS BETWEENSHUMNATITSA, MOMCHILGRAD & TIKHOMIR, KRUMOVGRADScale: 1:50,000

-  Tank Obstacles
 -  Trenches
 -  Bunkers
 -  Zastavas
 -  Observation Points
 -  Zastava Boundary Line
 -  Mined Section of the Highway
 -  Fenced Off Mine Field
 -  Unfenced Mine Field
 -  Barbed Wire Fence
 -  Path
1. Old Customs House
 2. Monument
 3. The 4 "Ruen" Zastava - Komandatura 45-62
 4. The 3 "Bazhur" Zastava - Komandatura 45-62
 5. The 5 "Vezhen" Zastava - Komandatura 45-62
 6. Village of Shumnatitsa
 7. Village of Kirkovo
 8. Village of Protogerovo (N 41-19, E 25-24)
 9. Village of Lozengradtsi (N 41-17, E 25-25)
 10. Village of Strishva
 11. Village of Tikhomir
 12. Road to Momchilgrad
 13. Road to Krumovgrad
 14. Road to Komotini
 15. Old Border Post #12
 16. Old Border Post #13
 17. Old Border Post #14
 - 15-16. Border Line of "Bozhur" Zastava
 - 16-16a. Border Line of "Ruen" Zastava

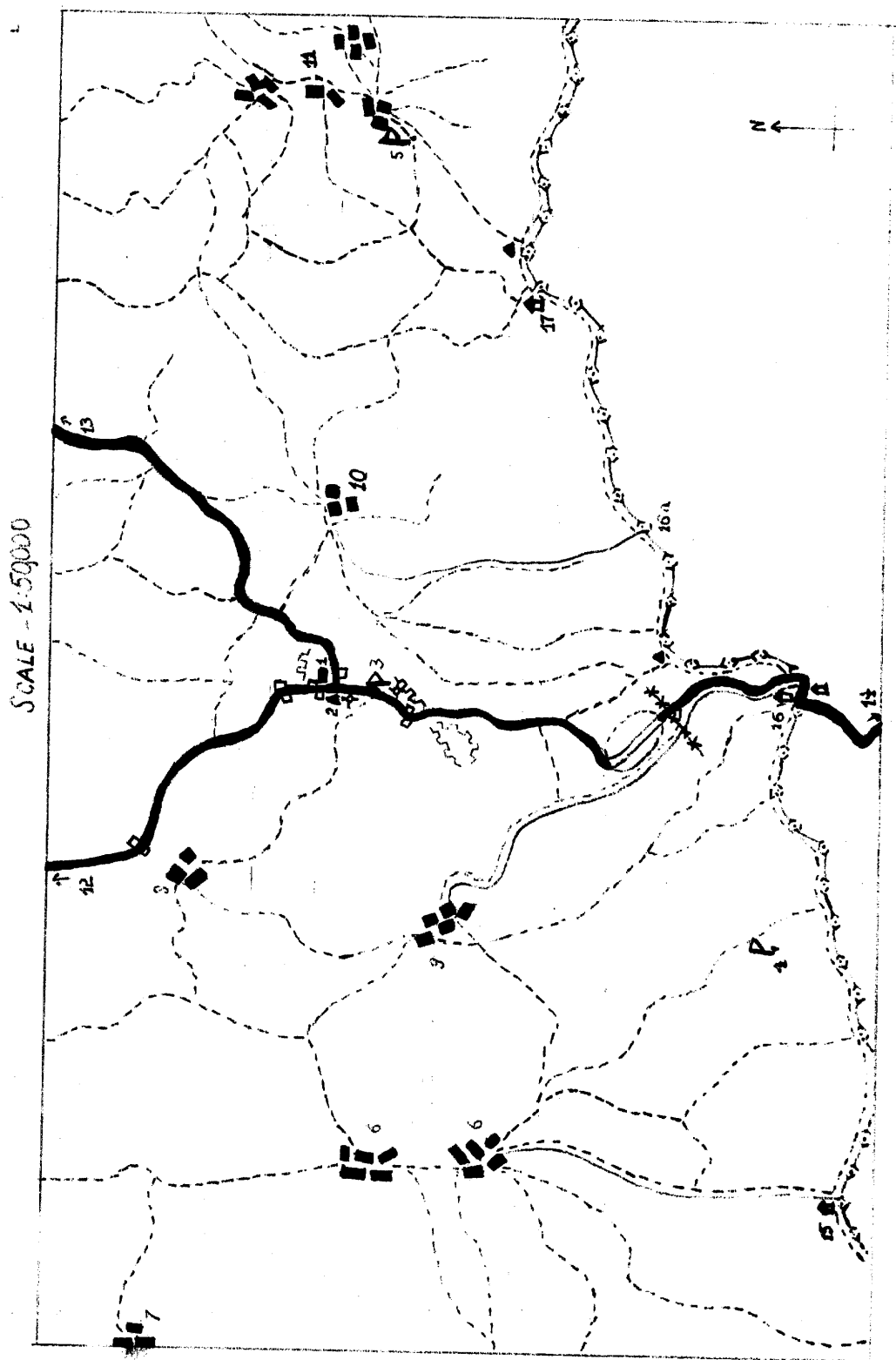
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