



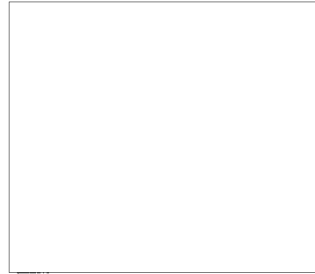
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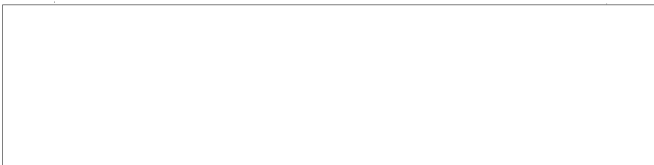
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1. Mangalia Naval Base is one of the most important in Rumania. Most of the formations there are Soviet under the high naval command in Constanta.
2. At the base is now a Soviet marine infantry regiment, about 1,100 men strong. During 1953 they carried out normal training exercises, but details about this regiment are difficult to obtain, since it is hermetically sealed off from any Rumanian contacts. The regiment is heavily motorized.
3. There are also two Soviet naval technical companies, 160 to 180 men, who work with the Rumanians on construction and repair work.
4. A unit of the Soviet Black Sea fleet is at the base, but it has no large ships, only 12 to 14 escorts and torpedo boats. There is considerable Soviet ship traffic, but no large ships stay in the harbor. Soviet naval personnel comes and goes by land.
5. Mangalia has a large naval munitions depot, near the old Rumanian bath.
6. A large submarine pen system of heavy concrete was completed in the spring of 1953. It was constructed by Soviet army engineers, to the number of over 45, and there were hundreds of forced laborers employed on the project. Many Soviet technical personnel remain, quartered in the bath and its surrounding buildings.
7. There are two Rumanian marine infantry companies, about 200 men. Also a naval technical battalion of 420 to 430 men, and a naval technical staff of 210 to 215 qualified technicians. They do not get along well with the Soviets and there are constant arguments.



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