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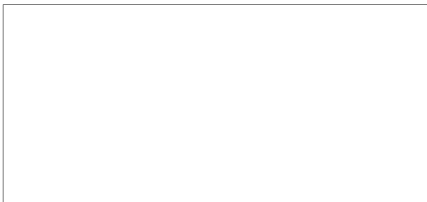
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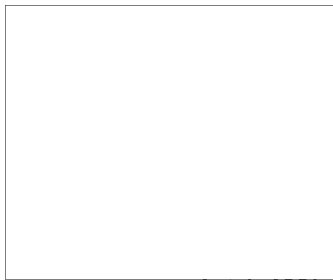
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1. The 53rd Mechanized Regiment is stationed at the Proletaral Barracks in Tandarel. The commander is Col. Octavian I. Andreou; the adjutants are Major Teofil Bogdan and Arcadie Secusan. As of April 1954 its strength was 57 officers, 129 non-coms and 1,064 men.
2. The regiment is divided into three battalions of three companies each, each company being divided into three platoons. Regimental troops include a machine gun platoon; an accompanying gun platoon; a gas platoon; a medical platoon; and a unit (Abteilung) for political propoganda.
3. There are four accompanying guns, 75 mm. The 1st Battalion has twelve T-34 tanks; the 3rd Battalion has heavy mortars.
4. The regiment was organized in 1952-1953 and is made up of men of the classes from 1926 to 1932. It is fully motorized. 
5. The men wear khaki shoulder boards, with dark red decorations and black insignia.


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