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1. Each Army has one or several disciplinary battalions composed of the Commanding Officer, the Political Commissar and staff, and three companies of approximately 100 soldier-prisoners. These units include deserters, political suspects, saboteurs, and other political delinquents.
2. Soldiers incorporated in these battalions are used for physical work. Food, clothing, and shoes are in a worse condition than in any other unit in the Yugoslav Army. Political commissars are making use of all methods to reeducate the prisoners. Starvation, thirst, flogging, and incarceration are, as in civilian concentration camps, the main punishment. The prisoners remain from six to twelve months with these units and are then reincorporated in their original units, provided their political chiefs have realized that they have changed. If not, their reeducation is continued.
3. During the war, the first disciplinary battalions were sacrificed and placed on the most dangerous and difficult positions, for instance, along the Srem battle front.
4. The disciplinary battalion for the First Army is located in Mladenovac. The disciplinary battalion for the Third Army is located in Petrovaradin, and resembles the worst Nazi concentration camps in its methods of punishment.

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