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25X1X 1. Russian Air Forces in Bulgaria and Rumania

Air Corps Headquarters:

Plovdiv

Fighter Division Headquarters:

Plovdiv

Fighter Regiment  
Fighter Regiment  
Fighter Regiment

Krumovo  
Yambol  
Varna

Dive Bombers Division Headquarters:

Pleven

Fighter Regiment  
Fighter Regiment  
Fighter Regiment

Pleven  
Karlovo  
Graf Ignatiyef

Light Bombers Division Headquarters:

Plovdiv

Bomber Regiment  
Bomber Regiment  
Bomber Regiment

Stara Zagora  
Plovdiv  
Marino Pole

Unattached Regiment

Bozhurishte airfield

2. Russian Air Force

- a. In Bucharest the Pipera airfield has some 20 two-engined Boston Bombers. It is probable that there are some Russian planes as well in the hangers. There are some Russian fighters in Otoperic (probably Otopeni) airfield. The Dutesti Droplea airfield is under Russian occupation. The Baneasa airfield is being used for civilian purposes, and there are some civil Russian planes here.
- b. A fighter school is situated at Craiova where there are some 30-40 Yak-3 training planes.
- c. In Brasov the Russians have a repair shop for their airplanes, the make and type of which has not been fully ascertained.

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- d. There are no Russian planes in the airfields at Sibiu and Cluj.
  - e. Oradea has a very large airfield which has some 400 aircraft. The fighters are Yak-7 and the bombers are of Stormovik model.
  - f. There are some 300 planes of Yak-7 and Stormovik type at the Arad airfield.
  - g. There are no Russian planes at Timisoara, but the Russians are enlarging the airfield.
  - h. At Mamaia, there are some 30-40 Boston Bombers and a Russian fighter squadron which is kept ready to take off five minutes after the sounding of alarm.
  - i. Some Boston Bombers were seen at the airfield of Calarasi and at the Buzau airfield.
  - j. A Russian air unit under the command of a colonel is stationed at Tecuci with some 200 aviation officers. Planes of the unit include 87 Boston Bombers, one 63-French, of Russian make and three Udv single-engined training biplanes. Every bomber has some 12-14 bombs each weighing some 150-200 kilograms.
  - k. At Varna, the Russians have a Fighter Squadron which is kept ready to take off 15 minutes after the sounding of alarm.
3. Russian air units are feverishly busy in training, but in spite of that, they seem to be ignorant of scientific methods of flight. For example, they are not very adept in blind-flying and night flights which they attempt only in case the field is well illuminated. They cannot make a landing controlled and directed by a radio apparatus.

4. Russian Land Forces in BulgariaTenth Moto-mechanized Army Headquarters:V Moto-mechanized Corps Headquarters:20th Motorized Guards Division:

One Motorized Division  
One Motorized Division  
One Armored Division

Sofia  
Sofia  
Sofia  
Gorna Banya-Vladya-Konajevo area  
Simitli-Petric area  
Vakarel-Ihtiman area

VI Moto-mechanized Corps Headquarters:

19th Motorized Division  
62nd Motorized Division  
23rd Motorized Division  
One Motorized Division

Sliven  
Plovdiv  
Novo Zagora  
Sliven  
Sliven

IV Moto-mechanized Corps Headquarters:

13th Motorized Division  
15th Motorized Division  
14th Motorized Division  
36th Armored Division

Karnobat  
Burgas-Aydos area  
Karnobat  
Yambol  
Yambol

Marine Brigade Headquarters:

One Marine Regiment  
One Marine Regiment

Varna  
Varna  
Burgas

One NKVD Regiment  
One NKVD Regiment  
One NKVD Regiment

Sofia  
Plovdiv  
Burgas

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It has been learned that a large number of Russian motorized troops have come to Bulgaria by train and on foot in the middle of July. It is not known whether the new arrivals are totally new and organic units in themselves, or whether they are simply bringing arms and equipment meant to replace the worn out equipment of the forces already present in Bulgaria.)

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