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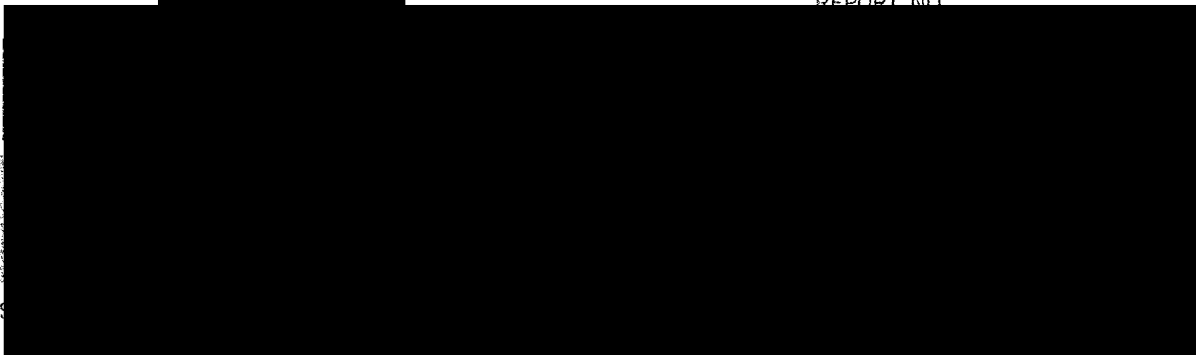
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1. The Albanian guard-posts along the Greek-Albanian frontiers have received reinforcements. The garrisons on the border from Mertzani to Kavasovo have been reinforced with another company.
2. The battalions of the Albanian Army have radio communication. The companies have telephone sets.
3. The 11th Brigade, based at Delvine, has a strength of about 1,000 men. There is also a battery of mortars, consisting of two heavy mortars and two anti-aircraft cannon.
4. The strength of the battalion based at Sarande is about 300 men. There is also a section of artillery, including an anti-tank gun.
5. A company belonging to the Delvine Brigade is based in Sopik, near Yourko. The company has a strength of 120 men. In addition to individual weapons, the company has two heavy mortars and heavy machine guns. There are two ammunition dumps in Sopik.
6. In the village of Motocki near Sarande an army company is based with the same strength and weapons as the company in Sopik.
7. Companies of the Albanian Army are based in Konispol the near-by villages of Markat and Tsifliki, and the village of Janjar. Konispol is under the command of Spyridon Tallios, of Greek descent, from the village of Antirafa near Delvine. He was transferred from Delvine.
8. A platoon of the Albanian army is based in the village of Verda, and another in the village of Sainetsi.
9. The three army companies which were encamped near the Bistrice bridge have moved to Gjinokaster. A platoon remained to guard the bridge.
10. In the village of Bogazi, near Konispol, a company of mountain artillery is based.
11. Two anti-aircraft guns and two anti-tank guns are in Sarande. One anti-aircraft gun is in Delvine. There are eight anti-aircraft guns outside Gjinokaster in the direction of Terelene. The two Italian

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cannon which were in the village of Metochi (near Konispol) were recently taken away, their destination unknown.

12. Fortifications have been constructed on Saseno Island.
13. Conscript labor has constructed a building in the village of Mursi (near Konispol) which is to be used as an army barracks. A large building for barracks was constructed at a place called Kamili, at a short distance from the Albanian guard-post No. 9.
14. Large quantities of war materiel are being concentrated in the vicinity of Kakavje and along the border. The materiel was brought from Tirana.

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