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1. The office of the MVD for the raion of Irshava is located in the town of Irshava (48°19'N, 23°03'E) and was established in 1945 during the first days of Soviet occupation. This raion office is subordinate to the MVD directorate of the Zakarpatskaya Oblast, located in the city of Uzhored.
2. MVD Personnel in Raion Irshava:
 - a. Commanding Officer, Senior Lt. Andrei Kovalenko: member of the VKP (b), Ukrainian from Mukachevo, approximately 35 years old, medium height, oval face, dark brown complexion, married, one child.
 - b. Deputy CO for Militia Matters, Captain of the Militia Vasili Latuchin: 45 years of age, tall, oval face, bald, wears glasses, married, five children; arrived in Irshava from the USSR.
 - c. Ordnance Officer, Andrei Kosneda: 27 years of age, not a Party member, local resident who lives in his own house, directly subordinate to Latuchin.
 - d. Chief of the Irshava City Police (Militia), Ivan Suchanov: has no military rank, a local resident, 32 years of age, not a Party member, medium height, round face, blond, lives in his sister's house, is direct subordinate of Latuchin.
 - e. Deputy to the Chief for Political Affairs, Aleksai Zeiatz: 35 years old, medium height, round face, artificial eye, a Party member, came to Irshava from the USSR.
 - f. Secretary to the CO, Olga Sherninova: 25 years old, not a Party member, single, short, hunchbacked, arrived in Irshava from USSR.
 - g. Officer in charge of the city jail, Junior Lieutenant of the Military Police, Vasili Guzunets: 27 years old, not a Party member, medium height, round face, dark complexion, a local resident; has four wardens and four guards under his jurisdiction

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who are all members of the local militia. Guzunets was replaced in September 1948 by Vasili Budera, formerly chief of the Military Subsection.

- h. Chief of the Passport Subsection, Andrei Bartsaba: not a Party member, 28 years of age, medium height, oval face, dark complexion, single, local resident.
 - i. Deputy Chief of the Passport Subsection, Petro (sic) Skoblei: not a Party member, 25 years of age, of medium height, blond, single, a local resident.
 - j. Chief of the Registration (ZAKS) Desk, Ulyana Sadvarinova: 24 years of age, not a Party member, married, two children, medium height, round face, dark complexion, a local resident.
 - k. Chief of the Military Desk until September 1948, Vasili Budera: not a Party member, 27 years of age, medium height, dark complexion, single, a local resident. Replacement's name unknown to source.
 - l. Chief of the Criminal Investigation Subsection, Sr. Lt. Vasili Tsherakhev: 26 years old, Komsomol member, tall, blond, single, came to Irshava from the USSR.
 - m. Deputy Chief of the Criminal Investigation Subsection, Sr. Lt. Vasili Volotchuk: not a Party member, 32 years of age, medium height, dark complexion, married, one child, came to Irshava from the USSR, is subordinate to Tsherakhev.
 - n. Chief of the Subsection for Combat against Banditry, Andrei Kovalenko: besides being CO of the MVD for the entire raion, Kovalenko personally directs this subsection.
 - o. First Deputy for Operations of the Subsection for Combat against Banditry, Sr. Lt. Vasili Shernin: 40 years of age, member of the Party, tall, blond, married, two children, hooked nose, looks Jewish, brother of the secretary to Kovalenko, arrived in Irshava from the USSR.
 - p. Second Operational Deputy to the Chief of the Subsection for Combat against Banditry, Ivan Kovalenko: 22 years of age, tall, dark complexion, single, arrived in Irshava from the USSR.
3. A raion militia man under the command of Sr. Lt. Tsherakhev is stationed in each of the five police precincts (uchastok) of the raion. There are no communications, transportation, or road building subsections in the raion-level MVD in Irshava. Secret mail must be dispatched to the communications subsection of the neighboring raion MVD in the town of Berehovo (48°12'N, 22°40'E).

4. Investigative and Tracing Activities of the Irshava Raion MVD:

The main function of the local MVD militia is the preservation of law and order. In criminal investigation cases, the militia men merely make out the preliminary report. The actual investigation and even the preliminary investigation immediately become the responsibility of the Criminal Investigation Subsection under Tsherakhev. On the other hand, the investigation of political crimes is the responsibility of the Subsection for Combat against Banditry under Kovalenko. The latter turns over the actual investigation to his two operational assistants. The primary assignments of this subsection are the following:

- a. Investigation of persons who fought against the incorporation of the Carpatho-Ukraine into the USSR.
- b. Detention and prosecution of persons intending or attempting to flee abroad.
- c. Resistance to the Bandera partisans.

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This subsection undoubtedly uses secret agents. For example, the chief of section receives almost daily visits from three Jews who are probably agents.**

5. Duties of the Passport Subsection:

- a. To collect lists of all inhabitants in the raion, including name, date of birth, place of birth, occupation.
- b. To forward copies of all lists to the oblast directorate of the MVD in Uzhorod.
- c. To locate persons on these lists at the behest of the chief of section.
- d. To register all new arrivals in or departures from the raion.
- e. To issue certificates to new arrivals giving the date of arrival, the reason for arrival, the previous address, and the place of future residence.
- f. To issue to persons traveling legally out of the area a certificate stating whence the bearer came and whither he is bound.

6. Duties of the Section Accountant:

- a. To take care of all aspects of the payroll. In the performance of this duty, the accountant is under the direct jurisdiction of the personnel section of the oblast directorate in Uzhorod. The regulations laid down by the personnel section contain all deductions which must be made from the gross salaries; for example: tax on all bachelors, government income tax, and other government taxes. All incoming and outgoing papers handled by the accountant must be signed by the chief of section.
- b. On the basis of accounts kept by the section accountant, a check is drawn up requiring the signature of the chief accountant. This check is cashed at the raion bank and monthly wages are disbursed.
- c. To pay miscellaneous bills for office supplies, rent for office space, telephones, expenses for stamps, light bills, bills for maintenance of horses, upkeep of arrestees, and expenses for "cultural enlightenment".
- d. To keep a record of valuables confiscated from arrestees. These valuables must be turned over to the finance subsection.
- e. To maintain an inventory of all property belonging to the section.
- f. To keep the cash account books.
- g. To pay out travel expense money on the presentation of proper orders.

7. Personnel of the Accountant Subsection:

- a. Aleksandr Gorsov, accountant.
- b. Ivan Ivanovich Melai, assistant accountant.
- c. Vasili Matiko, storekeeper.

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how or if agents of this subsection are paid. He saw no secret funds and believes that officially no funds were provided for the payment of agents.

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