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SUBJECT Movement of Troops in the Petrich Area

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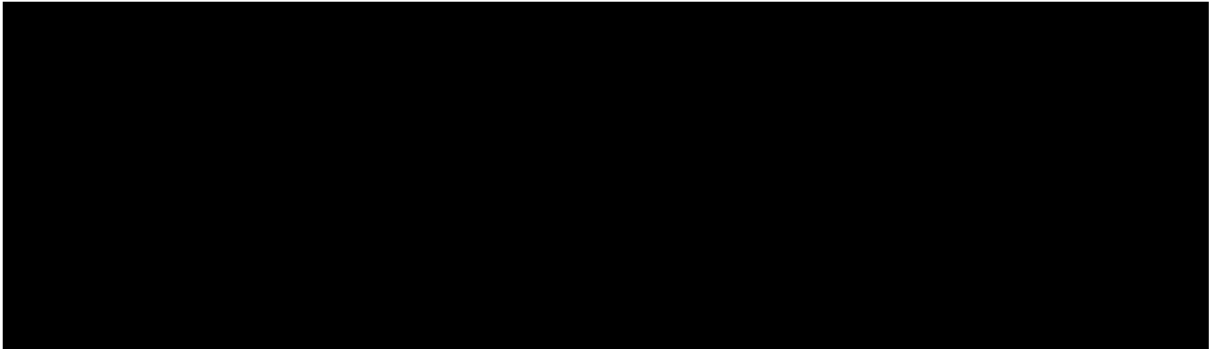
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1. Early in June 1950 an army unit of approximately three hundred men arrived in Petrich on a special, non-scheduled train, at night. The unit had horse-drawn guns on pneumatic tires and proceeded, before morning, toward the Yugoslav border, in the general direction of Strumitsa.
2. About 10 July 1950, two groups consisting of 46 civilians and 40 Militiamen each, armed with machine-guns and rifles and starting from Petrich and Sveti Vrach, converged on Ograzhden Mountain in an attempt to intercept a group of guerrillas led by Lieutenant Colonel Rizov, formerly of the Bulgarian Army, allegedly trying to penetrate Bulgaria from Yugoslavia. The operation lasted about four to five days and failed to yield the desired results. During the mission the Petrich group walked into an ambush set up by the Sveti Vrach group and as a result, two Petrich Militiamen were killed.
3. There are two infantry battalions in Petrich. Both were in Petrich at the end of July 1950 and there was no evidence to indicate imminent activity of any sort on their part.

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