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1. In northwestern Rumania, from Oradea Mare as far as the border between the Maramures area and Bukovina to be found only a few small partisan groups who, though armed, only rarely become active. Partisan groups of this type who were known to the Rumanian Security Police in Oradea Mare during the first half of 1949 included the following:
  - a. Several small groups located in the woods of Luntii Bihorului (Bihar mountain), between Beius in the Crisul Negru River valley (Fekete Koeroes) and Bratca in the Crisul Repede River valley (Sebes Koeroes) along the railroad line of Oradea-Cluj, and in the area around Bratca near Stana de Vale and near Budureasa halfway between Beius and Bratca.
  - b. A group of 10 partisans led by ex-Captain Stefan Popescu, operating in the Luntii Codrului Mountains between Beius and Vascau in the upper valley of the Crisul Negru River.
  - c. A group of 10 partisans who are located in the area of Beliu in the Bihar Comitate on the western slope of the Luntii Codrului and have among them several legionaries from the Hunedoara Comitate in southwestern Transylvania.
  - d. A group of about 12 partisans in the area of Viseu-Borsa in the Maramaros. Leader of this group is one Popsa, (fmu), a member of the National-Tzararist Party of Maniu.
2. Groups of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) of General Stefan Bandera sometimes force their way through Rumania. A UPA group of 21 men which crossed the Maramures Comitate in late June 1949 en route from the Carpatho-Ukraine, U.S.S.R., to northern Bukovina, U.S.S.R., was the last group to cross Rumanian territory. The Militia followed that group but refrained from attacking it because the partisans were heavily armed with automatic weapons, submachine guns, hand and rifle grenades and a mine thrower. They did not operate actively on Rumanian territory and only disseminated lithographed leaflets in which the Rumanians were summoned under the leadership of Bandera to join the struggle against the Soviets, the common enemy.

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