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1. The veterinary hospital of the Sixth Army is located in Sarajevo, on the quay of Vojvode Stepe. It occupies the building of the former Austro-Hungarian stud, situated near the Dolacka Malta on the road to Ilidze. Captain Safet Begovic is director of the hospital, and Major Nikola Trnincic is the political commissar. Although the hospital is not provided with modern veterinary equipment, it is considered to be the most complete of its kind in the entire Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina. The instruments are for the large part cannibalized or comprise war loot. The hospital is composed of the following sections or departments:
  - a. Internal or administrative, headed by Captain Vefik Turandzic;
  - b. Surgery department, headed by Captain Josip Bijelen;
  - c. Department for contagious diseases, headed by Captain Bunusevac;
  - d. Laboratory, headed by Captain Begovic, director of the hospital; and
  - e. Pharmacy, also headed by Captain Josip Bijelen. The pharmacy is adequately supplied with domestically produced medicines and other medicines imported from Germany. However, there is a lack of special drugs such as penicillin, streptomycin, and sulfamidine.
2. The hospital has a permanent staff of approximately 70 men comprising officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. On the staff of veterinary specialists, there is an assistant non-commissioned veterinary officer for every veterinary officer.
3. The number of enlisted men and horses who are lodged in the hospital varies according to the number of horses under care. Every horse requiring treatment is accompanied to the hospital by its groom, who remains there until the horse has been released. As a result there are reportedly sometimes as many as from five to six hundred men in the hospital. Although the hospital is equipped with a hundred stalls for horses, because of frequent diseases, a greater number than provided for are admitted to the hospital, and the horses are housed in temporary barracks or sheds.

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4. The veterinary section is in the charge of Major Muhamed Dusanovic, who is a member of the Communist Party. He was formerly member of the "Saber Division". His assistants are Captain Salih Dzanic, Captain Josip Pavis, and administrative officer Captain Matko Lomas, all of whom are veterinarians. The staff has in addition to three non-commissioned officers, a number of clerks and enlisted men.
5. The commander of the Rear Echelon Command of the Sixth Army to which the veterinary section or department is responsible, is Colonel Tripo Vujicic, who was a sanitation officer in the former Royal Yugoslav Army.
6. The veterinary depot is in the charge of Captain Ahmet Fihic, who was a veterinary officer in the former Royal Yugoslav Army. He is a member of the Communist Party. Ahmet Cojo is his assistant. The staff also includes five or six Army clerks, and approximately ten enlisted men who are employed as packers and shippers.
7. It is rumored that in the course of 1951 the veterinary hospital in Sarajevo will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Veterinary Faculty recently inaugurated in Sarajevo. The Sixth Army staff headquarters is alleged to be contrary to this decision, and has as a result caused the delay in the carrying out of these plans.
8. The following is the legend to the attached sketch of the veterinary hospital in Sarajevo:
  - 1) Shed, ten meters long by five meters wide for horses afflicted with contagious diseases. There is a special section here for scabies.
  - 2) Blacksmith shop. This is a new building which is twenty meters long by five meters wide.
  - 3), 4) and 5) Building twenty meters long by six meters wide. It has the following sections:
    - a. Contagious diseases operating room (3);
    - b. Operating sterilization room (4); and
    - c. Surgery department containing stalls (5).
  - 6) Stables, ten meters long by six meters wide, housing internal or administrative section.
  - 7) Two-story building which serves as barracks for the enlisted men. It also contains the Non-commissioned Officers' Blacksmith School of the Sixth Army.
  - 8) Two-story building containing the following:
    - a. Veterinary section of the Rear Echelon Command of the Sixth Army;
    - b. Administration of the veterinary hospital of the Sixth Army;
    - c. Pharmacy; and
    - d. Army veterinary depot.

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