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TOPIC Rumanian Troops in Suceava

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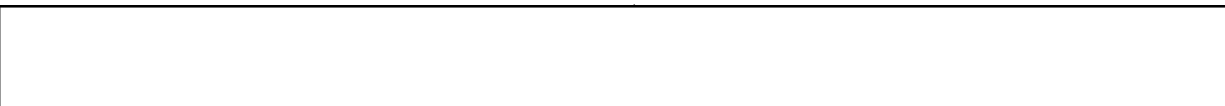
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1. Prior to the beginning of July 1951, an old barracks installation, consisting of a large multi-story building and some auxiliary buildings, was located on a hill northwest of Suceava, about 90 km northwest of Roman (R 46/O 41). The installation was used exclusively by a draft board until June 1951.

2. On two or three days during the first half of June 1951, several Rumanian troop trains arrived at the Itcani railroad station, about 4 km north-northwest of Suceava, coming from the direction of Oradea Mare (R 48/P 65) and the Panat. One train, which unloaded at the Itcani railroad station, carried an undetermined number of troops with horses and 8 to 12 two-wheel artillery pieces. Upon unloading, the troops moved to Suceava. The artillery pieces with limbers were drawn by teams of two horses each. The barrels of some of the guns were slimmer and shorter than those of the other guns. A column of about 100 troops, with about 10 rubber boats, marched behind the guns. Another train of about 40 cars which unloaded at Itcani, carried troops, horses and forage. Only a few of the soldiers carried rifles.

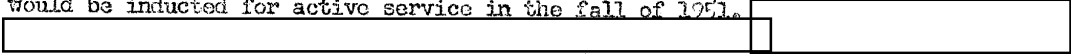
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[Redacted] the artillery pieces were sheltered in the local barracks installation while most of the troops and horses were quartered on local residents in the town. No training activity was noticed at the barracks installation prior to the beginning of July 1951. The troops wore olive-drab uniforms, with NCOs wearing field caps and officers wearing visor-type caps. The soldiers on foot wore red service color and those observed with the artillery pieces wore black service color. Several soldiers had large Latin letters of sheet metal on their rhombic collar patches.

3. Rumanian Militia men wore blue uniforms of cloth fabric, usually with long trousers, flat visor-type caps with blue pipings, a red band and the Soviet star in front. The epaulets matched the color of the uniform. Railroad policemen also wore blue uniforms, but wore red caps instead of blue.

4. Following a public announcement, 18 Itcani residents of the 1931 class were examined for the draft in the barracks installation at Suceava in the fall of 1950. The inductees from Itcani subsequently wrote letters from the military posts of Oradea Mare and Caracal (R 33-34/B 21), stating that they would have to serve for two years. In April or May 1951, it was officially announced that the 1932 class would be inducted for active service in the fall of 1951.

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5. Prior to June 1951, no Rumanian Army troops were known to be stationed in the neighboring towns of Radauti, 35 km northwest of Suceava; and Siret, 15 km northeast of Radauti. No Soviet troops were ever seen in the Suceava area.

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