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1. A para-military labor service organization has been established in Hungary since the autumn of 1951. The "unreliables," eligible for military duty, spend their service-time in this branch. These men are called up along with the other recruits, through the district headquarters. However, they are inducted into labor battalions, instead of the regiments of the Hungarian People's Army. The men in the Labor Service get leaves on the same basis as those in the regular units.
2. The labor battalions are subject to military discipline, but receive no combat training. Members of the labor battalions wear the former Honved uniform with a garrison belt, but no side arms. They get regular army food and maintenance, but no pay.
3. As an example it is reported, that sons of prosperous farmers (kulaks) will be assigned to the Labor Service. Their selection depends on their number and on the disposition of the individual district office, in conjunction with the local Communist council.
4. The labor service men from the county of Vas, have all been assigned to the same labor battalion. They are working in the county of Heves.

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