

COUNTRY Rumania TOPIC Rumanian Troops in Oradea Mare and Denta

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1. On 28 October 1951, the barracks installation in Oradea Mare (R 48/P 65) was occupied by Rumanian troops. It was located on Barracks Street and from the railroad station could be reached in an about 15-minute ride by streetcars Nos 1 and 9. The installation consisted of four barracks buildings and a headquarters building, all of bare brickwork. Construction work was under way; only the outer walls were completed in one of the barracks buildings which possibly was to become a magazine. The installation was surrounded on three sides by a wall more than 2 meters high and, on the fourth side, by a low wire fence. This latter side adjoined an athletic field.
2. Young Rumanian soldiers seen in the billeting area were engaged in construction work and daily about noon, left in formation for dinner. Some NCOs noticed in the billeting area were employed in the headquarters building next to the entrance of the installation. *
3. the 1930 class and was inducted for military service in Oradea Mare November 1950. 25X1
4. Two or three two-axle trucks and 3 or 4 sedans were noticed through the open door of the still unpainted garage. Straw covered weapons were parked in one corner of the billeting area; gun barrels projected from the straw. Source saw one armored vehicle with large bogie wheels as track supports. The tracks lay directly on these large wheels. He thought that several of these vehicles were under the straw. There were also several guns there with muzzle brakes. They seemed to have a caliber of 100 mm. Source estimated the diameter of the wheels of one of these artillery pieces was 60 cm. Except for this equipment, he saw no other weapons in the barracks installation or training activity while at the installation for a several hour stay. *
5. In the summer of 1951, about 100 Rumanian soldiers were seen harvesting in Denta (Y 18/Y 97). They left Denta at night in the fall of 1951. **

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* [] Comment. The soldiers probably belong to a labor unit constructing the barracks installation. [] source's relative probably had to serve with such a unit. The headquarters building presumably quarters an advance detachment of the unit scheduled to occupy the installation upon its completion. The straw-covered weapons probably are for this unit.

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** [] Comment. Soldiers engaged in harvesting were observed in numerous places in the summer of 1951.

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