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1. A special Border Guard training battalion, known as Iskur, has been formed in 35 Infantry Regiment at Vratsa. The battalion has one company of three platoons, composed of woodsmen, trappers, and hunters, who are considered specialists at detecting clandestine border crossers in the more isolated parts of the frontier.
2. All old German-type light weapons in 35 Infantry Regiment have been replaced by Soviet weapons.
3. Within the last two months, troops from the Trudovaks have begun to be transferred to regular Army units. In the past, soldiers who were considered to be poor security risks or who did not openly support the regime were assigned to Trudovak duty. Now the more intelligent men and those who have shown loyalty to the regime are being sent to special training schools at Sofia and Knyazhevo after which they are enrolled in the regular Army; some of the men are made non-commissioned officers.
4. A new engineer regiment is being formed in Sofia. The unit will have a peacetime strength of 750 officers and men. Its cadre is being taken from 1 Engineer Regiment at Samokov, 2 Engineer Regiment at Plovdiv, and 4 Engineer Regiment at Kolarovgrad. 50X1-HUM
5. In late 1951, the unidentified artillery regiment formerly located in Vratsa was divided into two groups: the first being sent to Vidin and the other to Kula. There were also two infantry regiments stationed in the Kula area.

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