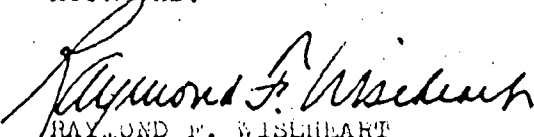


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The following is a partial list of significant Bulgarian Air Force officers:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (Lt. Colonel) <del>Kristo ATANASOV</del> - about 48 years old. Born in Popovijane near Samokov. Graduated from Officers Training College in 1926. Completed pilot training in Poland on single engine fighters in 1934. was Commanding Officer of a fighter Training School at Plovdiv, 1938 - 1944. Fought in a German Air Force Unit after German occupation of Bulgaria. After the collapse of the German Army in Bulgaria served as second in command of a Russian-organized Bulgarian fighter unit. Colonel ATANASOV is a good pilot but a rather weak Commanding Officer. At present he is Commanding Officer of the Fighter Division stationed at Bojuriste.</li> <li>2. (Colonel) <del>ATANASOV</del> (no relation to (Lt. Colonel) Kristo ATANASOV) - went to Russia in 1923 and returned in 1944. Presently Commanding Officer of the Flight Training School at Dolna-Mitropolia.</li> <li>3. (Lt. Colonel) Ivan <del>BOYADJIEV</del> - a good friend of (General) ZAHARIYEV. Lt. Colonel <del>BOYADJIEV</del> strongly supports the present regime but is believed to be very corrupt. He is, however, a good administrator and was previously head of the Personnel Department. Present assignment unknown.</li> <li>4. (Lt. Colonel) <del>ALAYANOV</del> - born at Mostendil, Bulgaria. He is an ex-cavalry officer and was trained in Germany prior to World War II as a paratrooper.</li> <li>5. (Lt. Colonel) <del>Luben CHOROPLOV</del> - Born in Russia. An ex-fighter pilot who was at one time Chief of Staff of a fighter division. This officer is believed to be a Communist in name only. Present assignment head of the Internal Department.</li> <li>6. (Lt. Colonel) <del>HABOV</del> - age about 38. Ardent Communist. Graduated from Law School, University of Sofia. He has never practiced law. He is presently assigned as Legal Advisor, Headquarters, Bulgarian Air Force.</li> <li>7. (Colonel) <del>KONSTANTINOV</del> - age about 50-55. Spent the last 20 years in Russia. Believed to be an ardent Communist. Present assignment unknown.</li> <li>8. (Major) <del>GANEV</del> - age about 38. A fanatical Communist presently assigned as head of the Political Security Section under Colonel <del>PIRINOVSKY</del>.</li> <li>9. (Colonel) <del>Boris GANEV</del> - age 50. Born at Rozitsa, Nikopol. Left Bulgaria in 1931 for Russia with General ZAHARIEV. Fought with the General in the Spanish War. Returned to Bulgaria in 1944. Trained as a flying instructor in Russia. He is an ardent Communist. His technical knowledge is said to be indifferent. Present assignment unknown.</li> </ol>		

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