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In connection with References (a) and (b), it will be recalled that DUVERGE is strategically located for military purposes along the so-called "Southern Invasion Route" from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to Barahona, D. R. (Via Ganthier, Jimani, Duverge, and Cabral). The town and its accompanying military barracks were greatly enlarged and partially rebuilt during the period 1 January 1944-1 April 1945 similar to Jimani as part of a long range program by the Dominican Government to extend its control over territories adjacent to the Haitian-Dominican Border. At present the Army Detachment at DUVERGE numbers less than twenty (20) men; however, the newly-constructed barracks will accommodate twice that number. The DUVERGE Detachment is drawn from the complement of the 13th Infantry Company (Capt Leogivildo PRATT) with Company Headquarters at Barahona, all under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Southwestern Military District, Lt.-Colonel Manuel de Juses CHECO, E. N., with G.H.Q. also at Barahona. It has been reported but not yet confirmed that additional troops have been sent from Ciudad Trujillo to augment the DUVERGE Garrison since the first week of April 1945.

*See also Serial R-91-45, 15 June, 1945 re town and army barracks at Jimani, which post was established for some purpose; i.e., to set up military outposts and agri. communities along thinly populated region near Haitian frontier.*

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