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- a. Rocket artillery regiment in Stara Zagora; report includes sketches of rocket and location of military installations in the area.
- b. Biographical sketches of officers of the border regiment in Elhovo.
- c. Sketches of the barracks area south of Elhovo.
- d. Defense course against chemical and biological warfare in Bulgaria.

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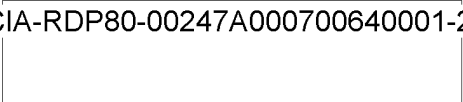
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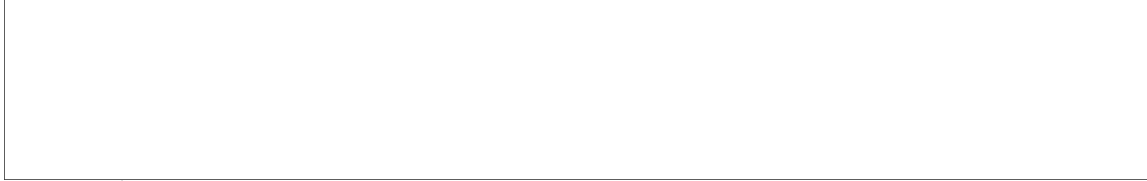
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I.  the officers in the border regiment in ELHOVO. 50X1-HUM

a) Lieutenant Colonel, TODOROF- He is political assistant of 50X1-HUM  
Border Commander. 




b) Lieutenant TOBOR IVANOF TODOROF- Veternarian. His assignment is to control the food supplies, breeding of border dogs and the horses of this unit. 50X1-HUM  




c) Lieutenant MOLLOF- He is engaged in communication (radio). 50X1-HUM



d) Lieutenant Colonel KRISTEF- Until May 963, he was the Commander of border unit. He is likely to be appointed to the border units headquarters in Sofia. 50X1-HUM  


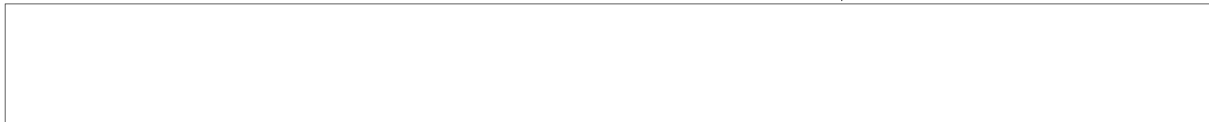


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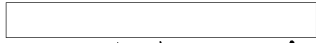
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b) The sketch of the border regiment barrack in ELHOVO is attached.

f)  both inside and outside of ELHOVO there is no ammunition or fuel depots of this unit.

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g) The strength of this regiment :

30 officers

4 non-commissioned officers

60 privates

1 service bus

2 jeeps

4 trucks ( 4 tons)

1 motorcycle having baskets on both sides

1 cart pulled by two horses having sides


1 cart pulled single horse no sides

2. The other units present in ELHOVO:

a) On the South of ELHOVO there is a unit named as regiment among the public, another unit called olo situated. They are situated on the South of ELHOVO side by side. Before olo figures there are two more figures. But I don't know them as it is not used.

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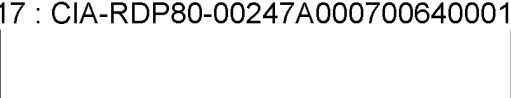


 in ELHOVO there is a band permanently consist of 10 or 15 men. The head of the band was a Major and he was working in ELHOVO in this band since he was a lieutenant.

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- b) The sketch of the unit is attached.
- b) The biographic information about the personnel of these two units.

(1) Lieutenant Colonel GENCEF- [redacted] is the Commander of oIo Unit. He is probably the Commander of the garrison. Because in the oath ceremonies this person is in charge of the ceremony ( this ceremony takes place once in a year, 200 or 300 people attend).

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(2) Major GATEF- Commander of tank battalion. [redacted]

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(3) Lieutenant Colonel FLAGIEF- He serves in oIo unit and his class is infantry. [redacted]

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(4) Lieutenant NIKOLAY - ( his first name ) . He is a tank officer in oIo unit. [redacted]

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4. The sketch of lead works in USTREM Village is attached herewith. The lead was available in the direction of Village RADOVETS which is 5Km. South-East of Village USTREM, and 1.5Km. away from the road junction 3Km. away from USTREM. [redacted] Approximately 1000 workers were working in the mine.

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Explanation of the sketch showing Barracks Area of  
Armed Forces in the South of ELHOVO

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I- Three storied building in which the probable barrack housed. It is likely to house the dormitory of the privates too. The building is alike L, it's length on both sides 5om. and width 2om.

2- Two storied building used as dormitory and sergeants school. The building is about 11om. long and 5om. wide.

3- Open-shed divided into 5 or 6 departments. There is a repair shop here. Underneath this open shed tanks kept.

4- 2 or 3 storied building used as depot for suits and supplies.

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5- The garage where the trucks parked and building assumed used as car repair shop. The garage is 1om. wide. The building used as repair shop is about 7x7.

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6- Stable

7- The small building which is always guarded and likely to be explosive deport.

8- Buildings used probably as stable, pig house, and store houses.

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9- Building allotted to the soldiers to meet their friends. In front of this building there is a garden, and isolated by digitates. these buildings used as the hair-dresser shop and canteen.

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10- Control point on the entrance gate.

11- Gates present in 3 places

12- Building possibly used as dormitory.

13- Ammunition deport isolated possibly with two rows of wire. There are guards walking among the wires.

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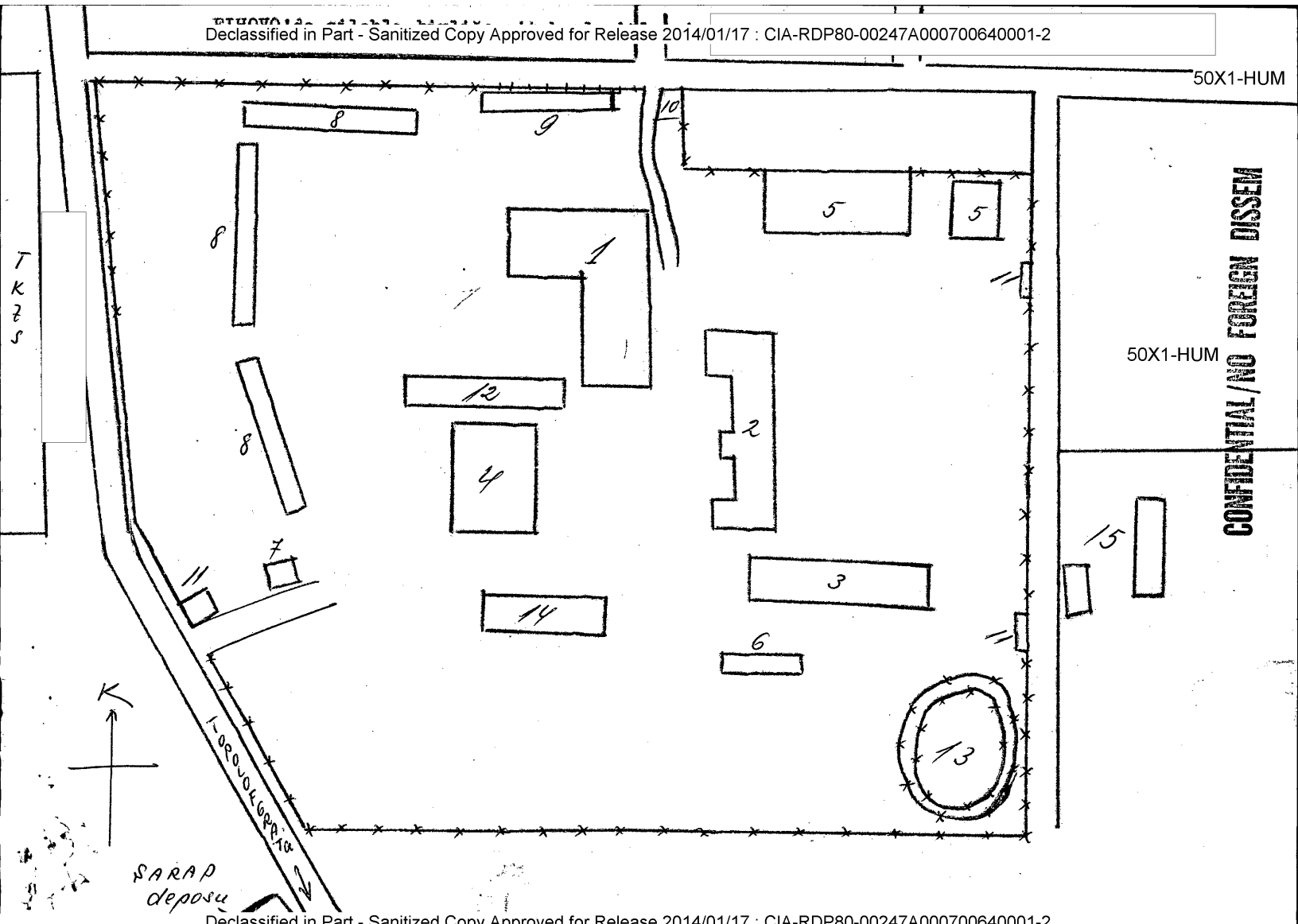
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15- Officers houses away from the barracks.

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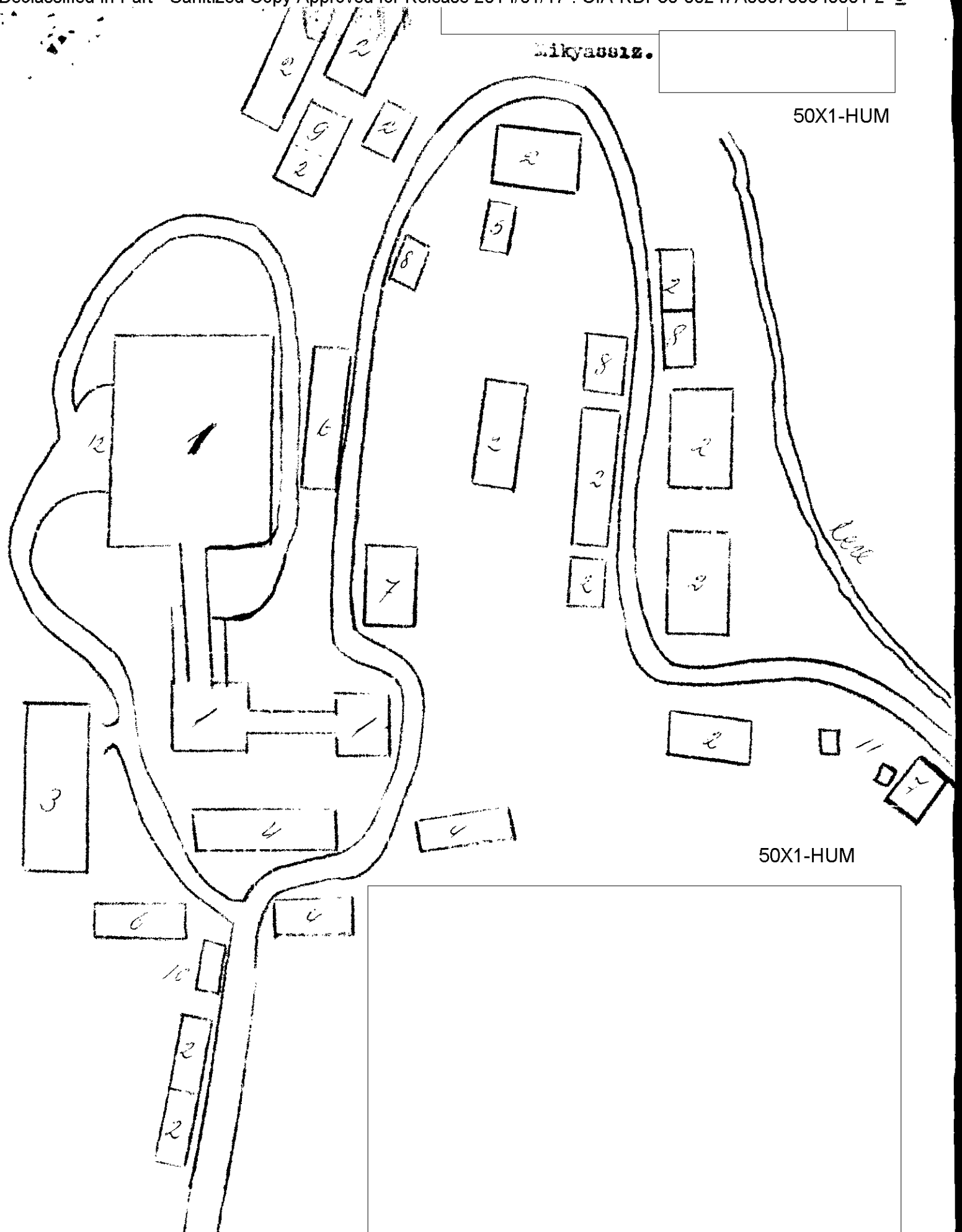
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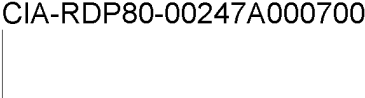
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Sketch Showing USTREM Mine Area



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- I. Floatation factories
2. Residences
3. Car repair shop
4. Offices
5. Club ( tables and billiards)
6. Depots
7. Repairshops
8. Shops
9. Restaurants
10. Canteens
- II. Elevator/descending to the mine
- I2. Loading ore area

arrangement

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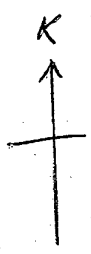
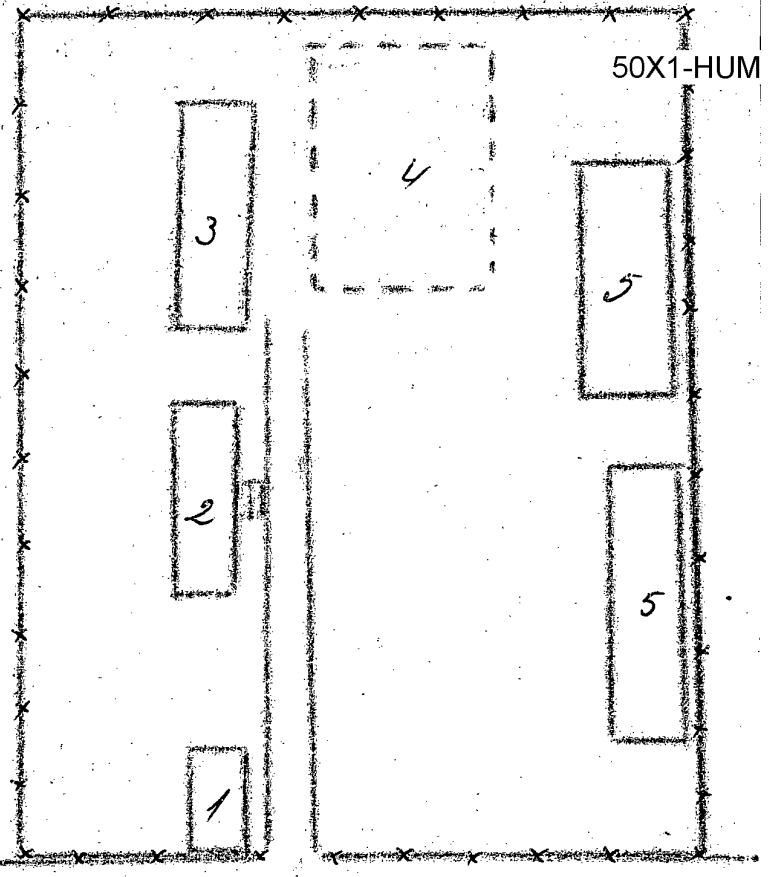
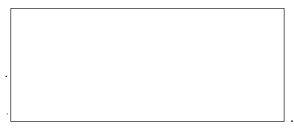
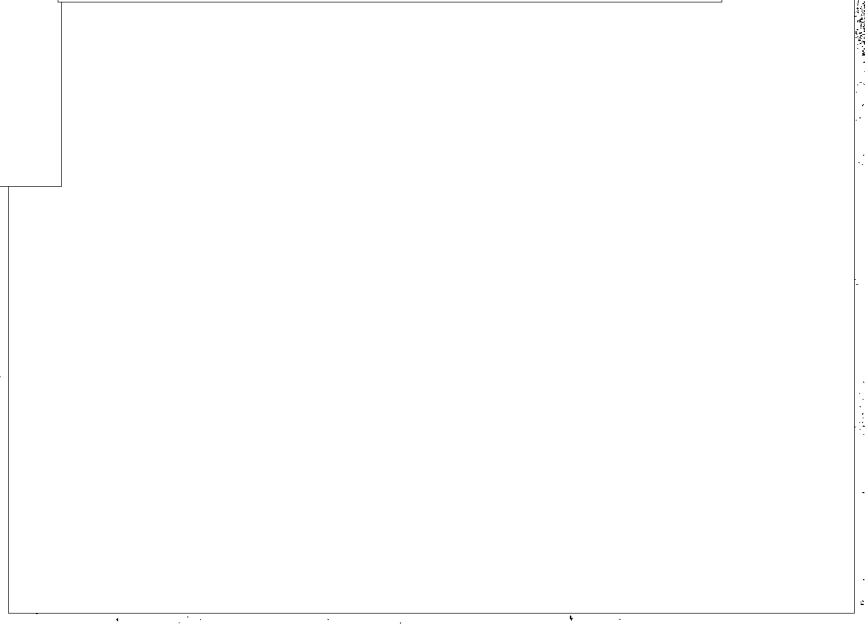
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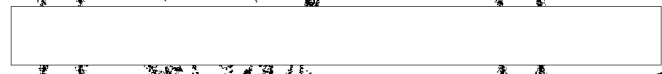
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Barracks Area of Border Unit in ELHOVO



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VOSSEROY Waterworks Organization and Tractor Repair Station Zone:

Explanation :

1. Single storied building 8x5m. in size. Here is the entrance gate, control point and billiards saloon situated.
2. Barracks building : two storied, painted in yellow, 35-40m. in length and 10-15m. wide. On the upper floor of the building there are study rooms of the commanders.
3. Single storied building. Here wards and infirmary housed. The length of the building is 40-50m. and 20m. wide.
4. Sports area
5. Cars repair shop and two buildings used as open shed for carts pulled by horses. It is possible for them to be dormitories.

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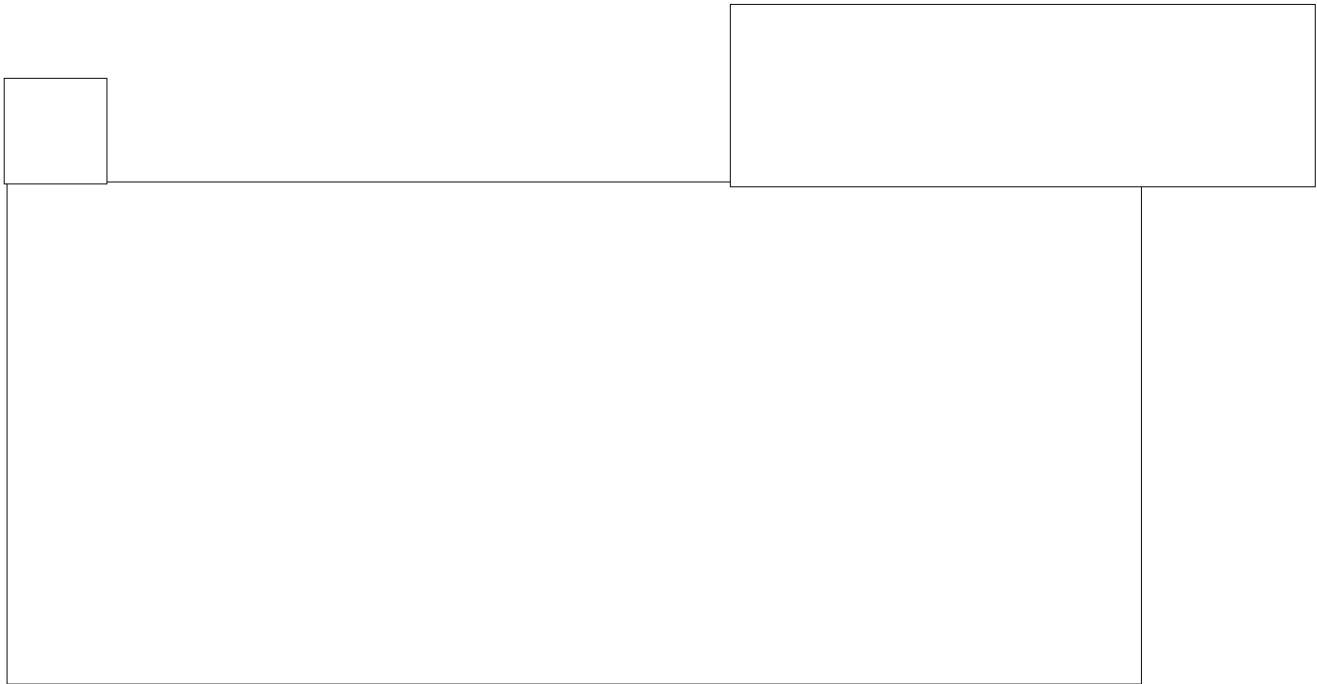
Note :

[Redacted] there are small buildings which won't take any attention. The sizes of these buildings are given approximately.

Silk Factory Area.

Side streets of ELHOVO.

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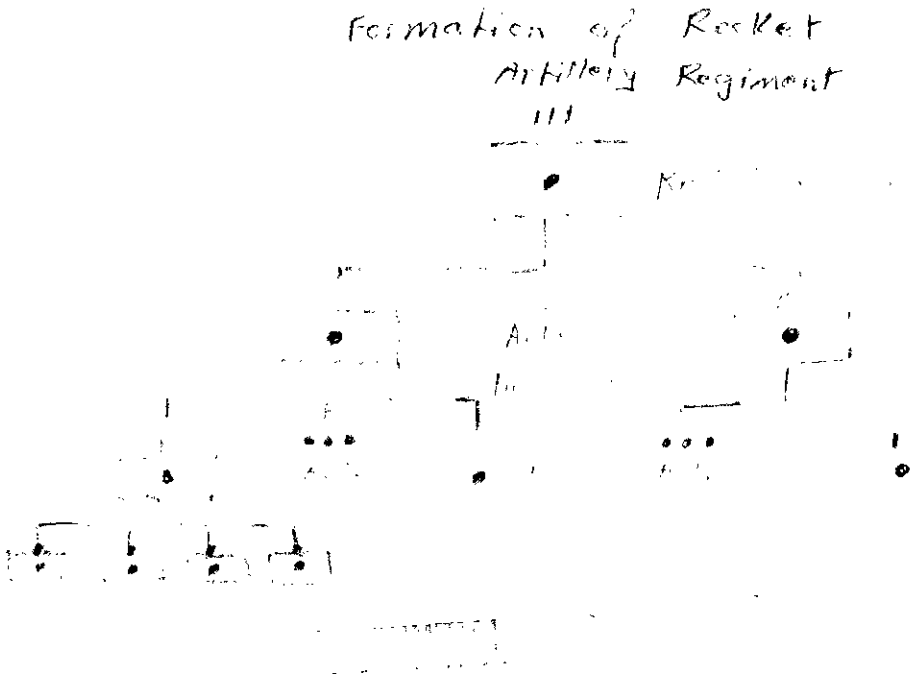
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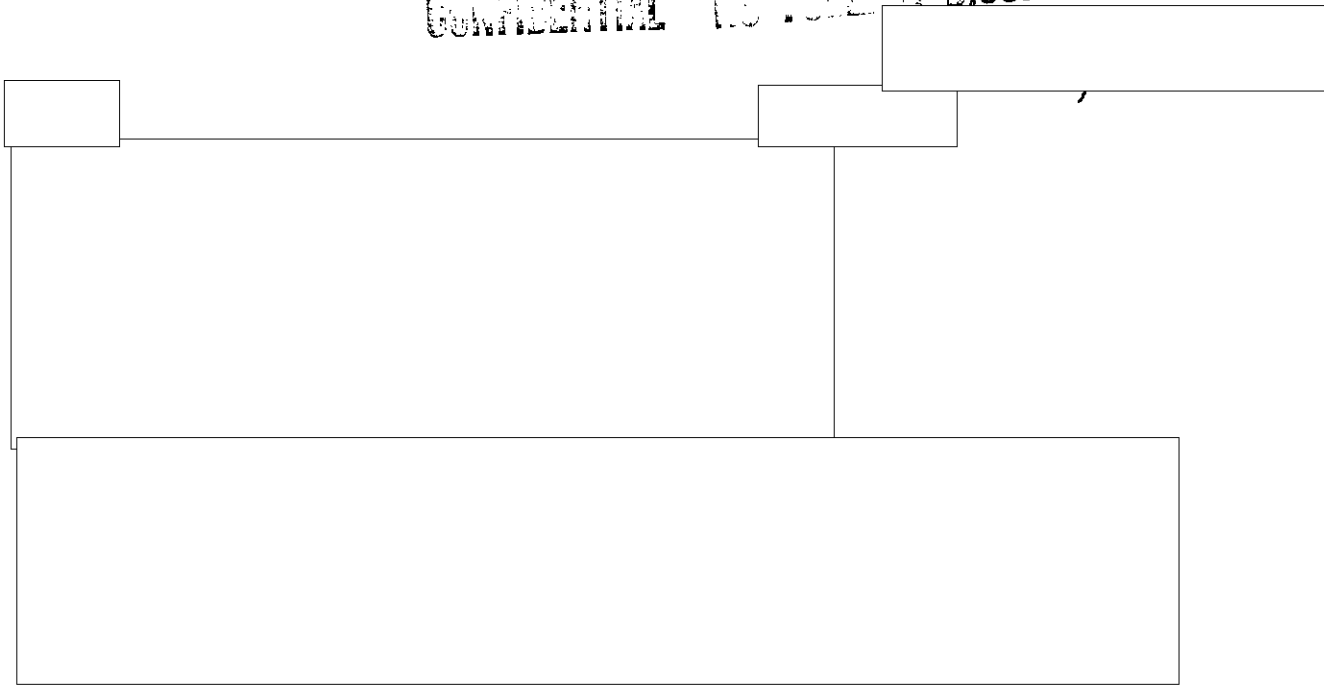
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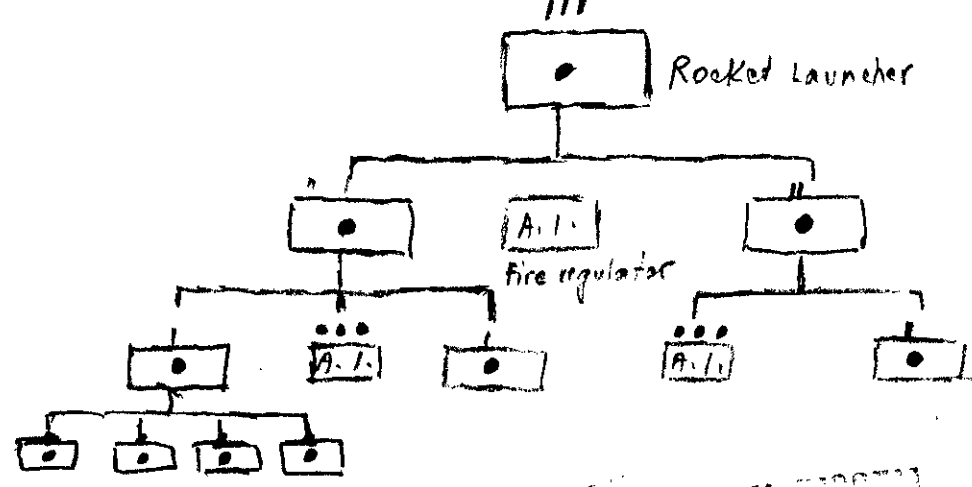
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Formation of Rocket Artillery Regiment



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Explanation of the sketch:

As can be seen on the sketch, the regiment consists of two battalions. There is no resemblance in the formation of either battalion. Also, the squads consisting of one rocket launcher, are directly connected with the battalion. Actually, each battalion consists of 4 platoons and each platoon is formed of 4 squads. Refugee maintained that this difference in the formation was due to the shortage of armament and equipment.

As indicated in the formation, the regiment has a fire-regulating battalion, and the battalions have fire-regulating platoons.

Administrative organization of the Rocket Launching Regiment:

Munitions Section	: 1 captain, 3 n.c.o., 4-5 privates.
Sanitary Section	: Medical first-lieut., 1 sanitary sergeant, infirmary with 4-5 beds.
Armament maintenance section	: 1 captain, 1 first-lieut., 5 n.c.o.
Communication section	: 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 n.c.o., 1 civil technician, 2 repairer privates.
Chemical section	: 1 lieut., 1 n.c.o., 1 sergeant.

The chemical section assists the units in the use of gasmasks and maintenance during the chemical training which is carried out once a week.

Explanation concerning the weapons: The rocket-launchers of this regiment are the same as those of BM-130 mm type

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The rocket-launcher is mounted on a Praga truck. The coverage of the truck can be extended if necessary. The rocket-launching barrels are 4-grooved, with lands. The length of the barrel is 105 cm. There are 72 shells in whole, 36 on each shell-hole fitted on either side of the vehicle. The rocket guns can only fire to the right and left of the vehicle's driving direction, but are unable to fire at targets in front or behind the vehicle. The firing is done electrically and the number of shells fired varies according to the pointing of the switch on the numbers from 1 to 32 on a dial-plate. The firing is not according to the order of barrels, but mixed.

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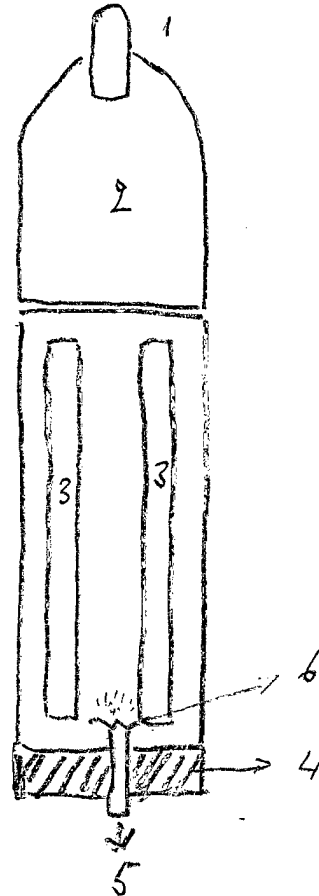
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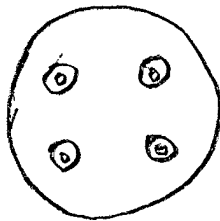
The interval between the firing of the shells is two-tenths of a second.

Explanation concerning the rocket shell:

1. Percussion cap.
2. Trotil (explosive).
3. Rocket fuel (in 4 tubes with their center pierced).
4. Channels of 28° (ensures the return of the shell).
5. Firing pin?
6. Firing mechanism of the rocket fuel by means of sparks of the electric current.



Part holding the rocket fuel:



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Formation of the fire control battery:

Fire control battery:

The battery is formed of 1 first lieut., 1 lieutenant, and a n.c.o.  
The battery consists of the following parts:-

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1. Wireless section : 5-6 wireless operators, a German-made Telefunken wireless set that is carried on the back; a Russian-made R.B.wireless set with batteries. [Redacted]

2. Telephone section : 8-9 telephone operators, reels for stretching the wires that are carried on the back, and telephone apparatus resembling the EE.8 type field telephones. [Redacted] There is no station.

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3. Measuring and calculation section : 3-4 calculators and measurers, a pair of fieldglasses to each one of the personnel, a telemeter, battery fieldglasses, one aiming circle. [Redacted]

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4. Reconnaissance : 4-5 reconnaissance personnel; since they operate jointly with the calculators and measurers, [Redacted]

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The fire control battery consists of one wireless operator, one telephone operator, one measurer and one each of the privates in the reconnaissance section. The battery has 3 Gaz ~~trucks~~ 51 trucks and 1 Sis 150 truck.

Rocket-firing squads:

This squad consists of 7 men and a Praga truck.

Commander

Chauffeur

1 marksman [Redacted]

2 assistant marksmen

2 ammunition bearers

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There is a seat, one on each side of the barrel, for the marksman [redacted] to sit on. The marksman aims the rocketgun by means of the telescope in front, according to firing instructions given by the fire control battery. After directing and charging the gun nobody is left near it. They all disperse to some 20 m away. The firing is done by the commander of the gunnery personnel, who pulls a 20 cm long cord from inside a cavity.

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## 2. Maneuvers [redacted]

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a. The maneuvers of 1956 [redacted] were carried on in the south of Nova Zagora. They continued for 15 days. The operations were offensive and units taking part, other than his own unit, were artillery, mounted artillery, infantry, tank and heavy artillery units from Elkhovo and Khaskovo.

b. The maneuvers of 1957 lasted for 15 days in the districts of Kharmanli and Khaskovo. The operations were the same and the participating units were similar to the ones mentioned above.

There were blackouts at night in both maneuvers.

Night training was carried on 2-3 times during the maneuvers.

They were not left without food during the maneuvers but the meals were sometimes late and many times they were consumed cold. There was no shortage of gasoline.

They had portable showers but the number being too small they were not able to get thoroughly clean.

The privates rested on dry grass and covered themselves with their oilskin cloaks, using their sacks as cushions.

[redacted] the vehicles in his unit did not get out of order because they were new, but that the ones of other units got out of order and stopped on the road.

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3. Units in Yambol:

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[Redacted] the unit in Yambol was presumably of a higher military rank than the unit in Elkhovo [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

5. Permanent fortifications:

a. In Lesovo:

One klm north of Melnitsa village, located 8 klm north of Lesovo, on the dominating hills, there are two concrete fortifications. Their height is 1,5 m and their front 3 m. They have two embrasures in the southern front.

b. In Elkhovo:

1) One klm east of Elkhovo and 200 m north, on the Burgas highway, there is a concrete fortification of 1,5 m height and 3 m front.(width?)

2) 3 klm east of Elkhovo, 50 m north of the Burgas highway, between the two bridges on the highway there is a fortification of the same measurements.

3) 2,5 klm east of Elkhovo and 800 m north of the Burgas highway, there is a fortification of the same measurements.

4) One klm south of Elkhovo, 500 m east of the Topolovgrad highway, on the hill of 500 m alt. there are two concrete fortifications.

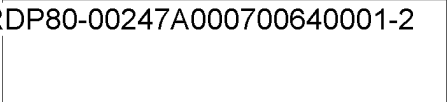
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[Redacted] these were now vacant and in a neglected state.

6. Ammunitions stores:

a. [Redacted] in 1964, there is an ammunition store 1,5 klm north of Elkhovo, in a woodland and vineyard district. Nothing can be seen from the exterior. Every day 7 men, one being a commander, from the unit stationed in the barracks south of Elkhovo, go there to stand guard. According to regulations in the Bulgarian Army, one private stands 2 hours duty, rests 2 hours and sleeps also two hours.

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b. One klm east of Elkhovo, south of the Burgas highway, about 20-30 m, in an area surrounded with two rows of barbed wire, there is an ammunition store. Three guards go there for 24 hours. A building for the military personnel is in view but the main ammunition store is hidden from the exterior.

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7. Rocket ramp constructions:

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Rocket ramps are being currently constructed in the area approximately indicated with a very slight error on the attached sketch.



10 klm west of Elkhovo, 1,5 klm away from Malik Monastir village, and towards the south, a stone road is currently being built. The location of the main installations is not seen from the road. Military trucks convey gravelled sand to the place. The area is restricted.

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8. Alarm and concentration areas near the frontier:

According to orders received, go to Kirilovo village, 7 klm away from Elkhovo, in the north, in case of a mobilization.

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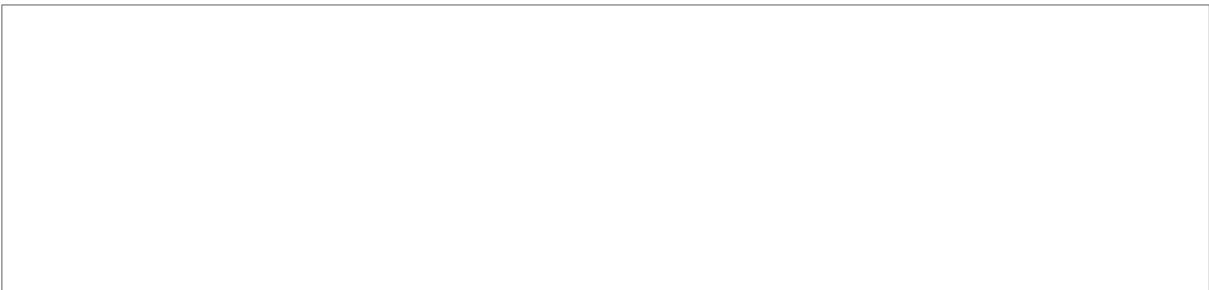
There are no military units in that village.

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Boyanovo village, 4 klm north of Kirilovo, in the summer of 1963, troops presumably belonging to an infantry unit. But the first lieut. in this village was not of the infantry branch.

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The barracks is immediately north of the village. Two single-storey buildings of 50-60 m length and several small structures can be seen from afar.



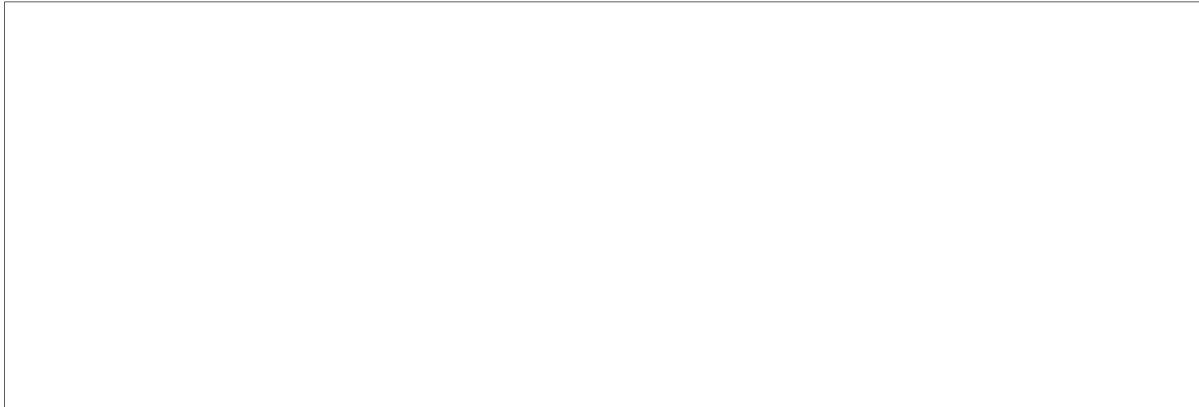
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Legend of the sketch showing military installations and the rocket ramp district in Elkhovo 

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- 1) Railroad to Yambol.
- 2) Highway to Yambol.
- 3) Highway to Topolovgrad.
- 4) Highway to Burgas.
- 5) Barracks district of the armed unit.
- 6) Barracks district of the border guard unit.
- 7) Ammunitions stores area.
- 8) Concrete fortifications (Bunkers).
- 9) Rocket ramp area (presumably).
- 10) New gravel road presumably reaching the rocket ramp area.
- 11) Barracks district near Boyanovo village.

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4. Defence Course Against Chemical and Biological War in Bulgaria.

In Bulgaria these courses called MESTNA: PROTIVO-VIZDUSNA I HIMICESKA OTBRANA or shortly MPVHO ( District ~~Defence~~ of Air and Chemistry Defence).

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Such courses start after the 9th grade and two hours ~~gated~~ in a week which continues one year.

During high school, this course repeated throughout a term 2 hours in a week. Again in the barracks during the training this subject is emphasized.

The civilians are compelled to attend these courses. The attendances of this course gather once in a week. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted]

Study of the atom and it's built. Atomic bomb and it's utilization, strength and destruction ( giving example as HIROSIMA and NAGAZAKI) protection from the blow of atomic explosion, protection from the rays originated from the atomic explosion and radioactive particulars. During this period hydrogen bomb was discussed.

The other subject [redacted] taught:

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Types of fire extinguishment. [redacted] extinguish the fire by water, foam which is a chemical foam, soil and sand.

In addition they supplied information about the hostile planes, ships and airships.

They gave information about the first aid which included cases of wound, break in the bones, drown, burning.

In addition to this, they showed [redacted] various gas masks, heavy and light protective suits ( in order to protect from harmful rays and radioactivity) and pelerines. 50X1-HUM

We learned the chemical articles used in the war. They were showing them in 5 groups. Suffocating, poisonous, irritating the skin, watering the eyes, causing to sneeze. [redacted]

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[Redacted] taught to protect [Redacted] from [Redacted] and to help those who are exposed to them. Meanwhile they showed a fortification with a different kind of soil and shelter. [Redacted] a shelter located 150m. away from the National Assembly Building which situated at SISMAN and AKSAKOF Streets junction in Sofia. There were 4 divisions in this shelter. One is allotted for mothers having babies. In this shelter there is a fountain, closed W.C. , aspirators absorbing clean air like two pipes. The pipes end in the garden of the lycee about 1.5 m. at a distance from the surface. The walls of the shelters are 1.5m. thick concrete iron. This underground shelter has an iron door. [Redacted] the shelter [Redacted] is capable of housing 40-60 people. [Redacted] in every large school there is such a shelter. In the shelter [Redacted] food supplies stored.

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[Redacted] in each town when alarm is given all the individuals know where to go. For this purpose there are gathering areas which announced. They are situated out of the town and neighbouring villages. According to the instruction [Redacted] received, [Redacted] go to Village KRIKOVO T.K.Z.S. . Parallel to this, every driver would know where to go by his own car.

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There is no shelter in ELHOVO. [Redacted] As people are not forced to build shelter, there is no shelter in the houses or at the streets.

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