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- [Redacted] three reports containing information on the following:
- a. Military units in Bacau, Lugoj and Targu-Jiu. [Redacted] A short report giving the location of three military units. 50X1-HUM
  - b. Artillery Reconnaissance Battalion at Caracal. [Redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[Redacted] A four-page report on the organization and training of this unit. 50X1-HUM
  - c. Mechanized Engineers' Battalion of the Tudor Vladimirescu Division, Bucharest. [Redacted] A three-page report on the organization and equipment of the unit. 50X1-HUM

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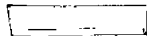
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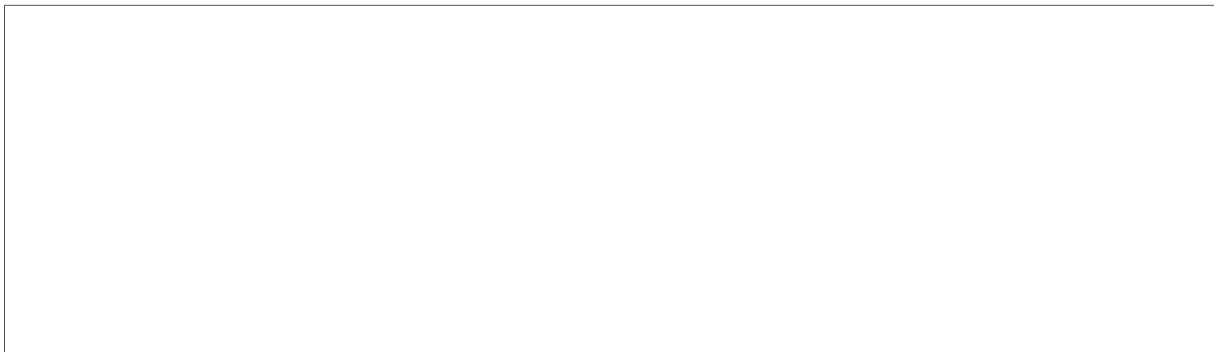


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SUBJECT : Military Units in Bacau, Lugoj and Targu-Jiu


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1. An infantry regiment, commanded by Major Gheorghe Tutuica, was stationed in the western suburbs of Bacau from mid-1961 until early 1963.

2. The 381st Signals Battalion  of the 86th Infantry Division of the 40th Corps was stationed at Lugoj from late 1955 through late 1957.

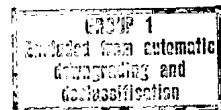
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3. Headquarters of an antiaircraft artillery division  along with two of its artillery regiments, and a services regiment with signals, radar and ordance units, were stationed at Targu-Jiu from late 1955 until late 1957. Both artillery regiments were equipped with

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Puazo-4 fire control sets and one had 37 millimeter guns, while the other had 57 millimeter guns. Each battery comprised four guns. Lieutenant Colonel Florescu (fnu) was commanding officer of the division and Lieutenant Colonel Mihaescu (fnu) was chief of staff.

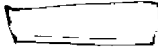
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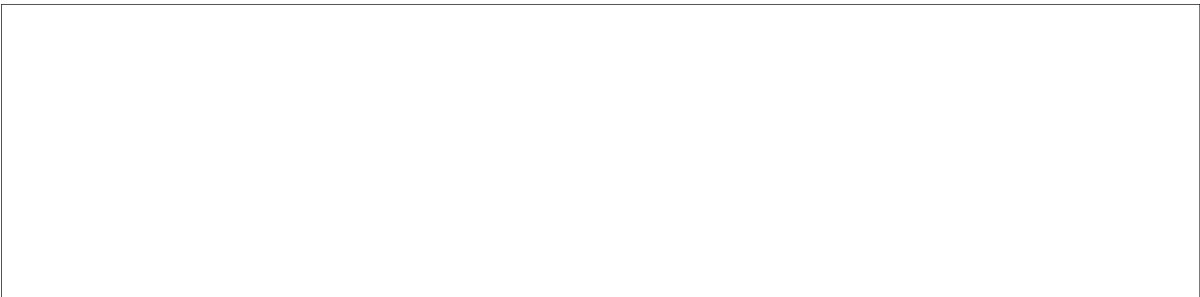
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SUBJECT : Mechanized Engineers' Battalion of the Tudor Vladimirescu Division



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1. In mid-1959, a number of units of the Tudor Vladimirescu Division were stationed at the barracks opposite the Ghencea cemetery in Bucharest, including an armored regiment, an artillery regiment, an infantry unit



and a mechanized engineers'

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battalion



2. The engineers' battalion comprised about 150 officers and men, who were armed only with semiautomatic SKR carbines. Each section of the First and Second Companies was also equipped with a light machine-gun. The battalion consisted of the following three companies:

a. The First Company, a sapper unit equipped with VIM-203 mine detectors fitted with earphones. Members of the company often trained for mine-laying and disposal.

b. The Second Company, a bridge unit, which was equipped with four BAV amphibious vehicles, about 80 metal pontoons, wooden bridging

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structures, metal bridging structures, a number of rubber dingies, a number of motor boats, and prefabricated wooden structures for bridging frozen rivers.

c. The Third Company, a technical unit, which had about ten Steagul Rosu trucks primarily for routine service functions, CzepeI gasoline engine vehicles fitted with spotlights and mine-laying equipment, two deep plows, four Kirov tractors, each fitted with a bulldozer and excavator, two motor graders, a pile driver, and a number of electric saws. A few dozen Zis and Zil four-by-six trucks were also kept in separate sheds for use in emergencies.

3. New recruits arrived at the battalion once a year and underwent three months of regular infantry training before undergoing specialized training within the units to which they were posted. Once a year, the whole battalion would participate in field maneuvers, which included mine-laying and bridge-building exercises, with the division's other units at the proving grounds/near Draganesti on the River Olt. During the eight or nine months of the dry season, most of the battalion's units were in the field, either training or working; the battalion's heavy equipment was often used for road-building and construction operations.

4. In mid-1957, the battalion participated in joint Rumanian-Bulgarian exercises for bridge-laying on the Danube

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5. [redacted] personalities in the battalion:

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a. Major Gheorghe Artenescu, commanding officer.

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b. Lieutenant Major Josif Catz, commanding officer of the First Company.

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c. Captain Aron Enciu, deputy commander of the battalion.

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d. Lieutenant Major Munteanu (fnu), commanding officer of the Second Company.

e. Lieutenant Major Gheorghe Opiteanu, commanding officer of the Third Company.

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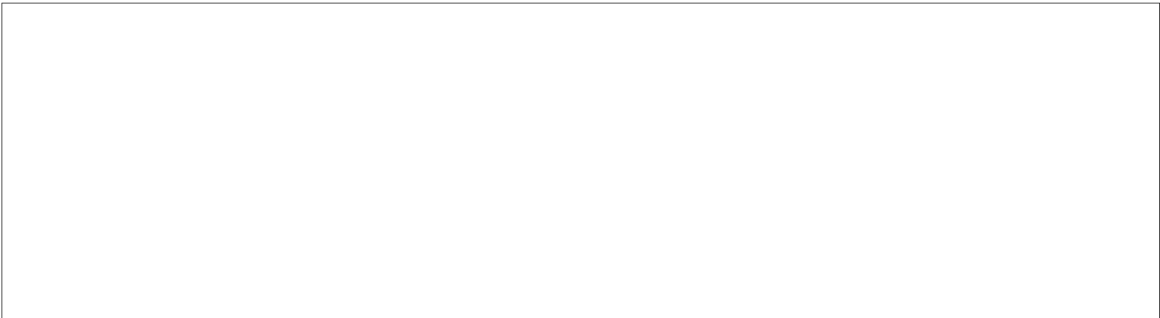
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SUBJECT : Artillery Reconnaissance Battalion  
at Caracal



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1. In 1960, an artillery reconnaissance battalion (batalionul cercetasi observatori)  was stationed at a large barracks, which was to the left of the Caracal (N 44-07, E 24-21) railroad station. The battalion comprised four companies (detasament), each of which was commanded by a senior lieutenant and was assigned one medical orderly. Each company comprised four sections (grupa), each of which was equipped with one gun and had seven men commanded by a sergeant.
2. The battalion underwent the following training:
  - a. Regular infantry training and familiarization with the F.N. 7.62-millimeter rifle. This training lasted one month and ended with an exercise using live ammunition.

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- b. Three months of gun drill, carried out in a field about 30 kilometers from the barracks. Equipped with a box of work tools (cutia de unelte) containing pinchers, plyers, and small picks, three scouts from each section preceded the unit and its weapons, reconnoitered the area, and determined the most suitable positions to deploy the guns. They then dug the gun positions within a predetermined period of time, usually half an hour. The guns were drawn by Molotov trucks, which parked a short distance from the gun positions. The men then pulled the guns into position, which consisted of a semicircle with about ten meters between each position. Only the barrel of the gun protruded from the position. The section commander received his orders over the field telephone and then passed them on to his men. After one year of training, the battalion was to have carried out an exercise using live ammunition at Capul Midia (N 44-21, E 28-41).
- c. Chemical warfare (defense), in which the soldiers, wearing gas masks, passed through a gas chamber.
- d. Political indoctrination.
3. The battalion's barracks, which included about 50 buildings, was also occupied by six other units, including a tank regiment and an infantry regiment. An Air Force unit was stationed about 14 kilometers from the barracks on the north side of the highway leading to Craiova (N 44-19, E 23-48). The barracks was surrounded by a

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barbed wire fence, and at one end of the area was a row of underground armories, covered by a layer of earth and vegetation. The entrance to each armory was closed by a circular metal cover, also covered with earth and vegetation, which stood on a wooden frame. Steps led down about three meters into the armories, which were 40-50 meters long, four or five meters wide, and made of reinforced concrete. Miscellaneous weapons [redacted] were kept in boxes of various sizes arranged in rows in each armory.

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4. The battalion did not have an armory, but received its weapons from the central armory. It had the following five buildings at its disposal:

a. Headquarters building, which included the offices of the battalion's commanding officer and about ten other officers [redacted]

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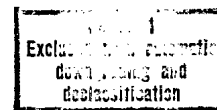
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b. Billets. A small storage room for a number of F.N. 7.62-millimeter rifles was at the entrance to this building.

c. Cultural and recreation hall, where the soldiers were given theoretical lessons. The hall was equipped with a television set.

d. A large storage room in which 70-80 guns of various types made in the USSR were kept. The smallest gun had a caliber of 25 millimeters. About 200 Molotov trucks, made in the USSR and from two-and-one-half to six tons, were kept here. The room also housed a vehicle repair shop for making routine repairs.

e. A small workshop, equipped with regular mechanical equipment,

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which was a few meters away from the large storage room.

5. Discipline at the barracks was very strict, and the men were forbidden to leave the station post. Any soldier roaming out of the permitted area could be quickly identified by his uniform's insignia. The shoulder board insignia of the battalion consisted of two cannons of yellow metal, which formed a cross on a black background.

6.  the following personnel in the battalion:

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a. Major Janulescu (fnu), commanding officer of the battalion.



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b. Lieutenant Major Neagu (fnu), a company commander.

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