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Militia for the Armenian SSR

1. The chief of the Militia for the Armenian SSR is Major-General AKHOBOV (fnu), a one-star general. AKHOBOV is responsible to the MVD in Yerevan. His headquarters are located at Nalbandian Ulitsa, at the eastern end of the street, number unknown. Headquarters is composed of the following staff sections:
 - a. Criminal Section: the chief is Lt. Col. VAROSIAN (fnu).
 - b. Political Section: the chief is Lt. Col. MANUCHERIAN (fnu).
 - c. OBKhs: this section is responsible for combatting speculation, thefts, and bribery in factories and other establishments.
 - d. RUD: this is the traffic control section; the chief is Captain ANDREY (fnu).
 - e. KBZ: this section is responsible for the maintenance of public safety on the streets and in establishments open to the public.
 - f. Auto Inspection Section (Avto Inspektsiya): this section is responsible for traffic control on the highways outside of cities.
 - g. Financial Section (AKhO; probably Administrativno-Khozaystvennyy Otdel).
 - h. Permit Section (Propusknoy Otdel): this section issues permits for travel in Armenia. [] there was an identical section at another MVD office in Yerevan, which issued passes for travel to the border zones of Turkey and Iran. In May 1948, there was a rumor circulating in Yerevan that this section of the militia might be absorbed by the other MVD counterpart. The chief of this section was VAROSIAN, mentioned in "a" above.
 - i. Passport Section (Pasportnyy Otdel): this section issued and registered or stamped passports.

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- j. Military Registration Board (Voyenny Uchëtnyy Stol): this section keeps track of reservists.
- k. Special section [REDACTED] this section is responsible for the control of firearms held by individuals who are not members of the armed forces.

The Criminal Section and the OBKhS are the largest staff sections. All section chiefs are directly responsible to AKHOBOV.

Yerevan City Militia

2. The chief of the Yerevan City Militia is Major KHANGALDIAN (fnu), who is directly responsible to Major-General AKHOBOV. His office is located at ulitsa Marksa No. 13 or 15, a three-story black stone building, formerly known as the Aram Agha House (sic). Major KHANGALDIAN is assisted by a number of deputy chiefs. The city militia (gorodskoye otdeleniye militsii) is divided into eight militia districts (rayonnyy otdel militsii), each district covering a certain section of town as follows:

First district: headquarters at Ploshchad Azizbekhov
 Second district: headquarters at No. 31 Mayeskaya ulitsa
 Third district: headquarters at No. 8 ulitsa Marksa
 Fourth district: address of headquarters and limits of area unknown
 Fifth district: headquarters at Bazar Pervogo Kolkhoza
 Sixth district: address of headquarters and limits of area unknown
 Seventh district: address of headquarters and limits of area unknown
 Eighth district: headquarters on Prospekt Mikoyan

[REDACTED] chief of a district, SARKISIAN (fnu) [REDACTED]

3. See attachment, which is a map of Yerevan showing the approximate limits of militia districts No. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8. The territory to the north of districts Nos. 1 and 2 is subdivided into two districts, and the territory to the west of districts 3 and 8 is covered by one district. [REDACTED]

Third Militia District

4. The chief of the third militia district is a captain [REDACTED]. The deputy chief is Sr. Lt. STIOPA. The principal sections of the third district headquarters are:
- Passport Section: the chief is Sr. Lt. ZATUR; he has one assistant.
 - Military Registration Boards: there is one chief and one assistant. The chief of this section is also the politruk for the third district militia personnel and responsible for political propaganda among the personnel.
 - Address Bureau (Adresnyy Stol): This is an information bureau, which keeps a record of the addresses of each individual residing in the city. There is only one address bureau for the city of Yerevan, and it is located at the headquarters of the third district because this is the most important district in town. The chief of this bureau has two or three assistants.
 - KBZ: this section is responsible for the maintenance of public safety and order in the streets and other places open to the public for the entire city of Yerevan. Militia detachments in each of the eight military districts are responsible to this KBZ office for the maintenance of safety and order in their respective districts. The KBZ interrogates briefly all individuals who are brought in by the militia detachments on charges of disturbing the public peace and, after determining the real nature of the offense, transfers the case to the appropriate government agency for disposition. The KBZ operates a small jail at the third militia headquarters where individuals under arrest can be detained overnight. This section has one chief, who has eight or nine assistants or guards.
 - A representative of the Criminal Section, mentioned in para. 1a, is known as the Oberlitsor (sic); he has no assistant.

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f. A detachment of approximately 30 militia men, who represent the strong arm of the district headquarters. They are stationed at various points in the streets and other public places within the third district's area of responsibility for the purpose of maintaining public peace and order. They arrest individuals who disturb peace and order and take them to the KBZ office. They also carry out the decisions of the other sections, such as rounding up reluctant draftees called by the Military Registration Board. They are not responsible for traffic control and do not handle political cases.

5. The third district headquarters occupies the entire building at No. 8 ulitsa Marksa. The building is of black stone and has a flat roof; it is located directly on the street. To the right, as one faces the street, there is a public garden, named 26 Kommunary. There is an iron grill fence running from the militia building to the corner of ulitsa Plekhanova. The entrance to the garden is at the intersection of ulitsy Marksa and Plekhanova on ulitsa Marksa. To the left of the militia building on ulitsa Marksa is a four-story pink stone building with large square windows; this is No. 10 ulitsa Marksa. The Yerevan city Soviet is located at No. 12 ulitsa Marksa, a three-story black stone building. There is no space between No. 8 and No. 10; between No. 10 and No. 12, there is a large iron gate, which is the entrance to a garage for government vehicles. The garage itself is located at the rear of No. 12. [REDACTED]

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6. The general office at No. 8 ulitsa Marksa is occupied by 10 or 12 minor officials, assistants, and clerks. The officers in charge of the militia detachment and several small sections are grouped in this space.
7. The third district headquarters has only one motorcycle assigned to it and no other transportation. The motorcycle is a Harley-Davidson.
8. The chief of the Military Registration Board at the third district headquarters, until spring 1948, was GALUSTIAN (fnu). GALUSTIAN was also politruk at third district headquarters and secretary of the Yerevan third district Partkom. In March or April 1948, GALUSTIAN was promoted to become Deputy Chief of the militia under Major KHANGALDIAN and ceased being Partkom secretary.

City Militia Uniforms

9. Privates and NCOs wear a summer uniform consisting of black high shoes, blue putties, blue riding breeches, blue blouse, leather belt, ordinary buckle with no insignia, and a blue garrison cap with a red star. Epaulettes are blue; regular army rank insignias appear on epaulettes only. All militia men carry a Nagant or Samazvodt (sic:possibly automatic) revolver while on duty; sometimes they also carry a rifle.
10. In the winter, privates and NCOs wear high boots instead of putties, a khaki blouse, a blue overcoat with epaulettes of the same color, a blue overseas cap with large ear flaps. The cloth used in the winter uniforms is heavier than that used in summer uniforms. In other respects, however, the winter uniform is the same as the summer uniform.
11. Junior officers up to and including majors wear a summer uniform like that worn by privates. Junior officers wear shoes of a better quality, a Sam Brown belt with a star on the buckle, and white epaulettes. Their winter uniform is the same as that worn by privates, but junior officers always wear high boots, a Sam Brown belt with a star on the buckle, white epaulettes with a thin blue border line and a wider blue line in the middle, and the quality of leather and cloth is better than that used for privates and NCOs.
12. Senior officers wear a summer uniform consisting of high boots, khaki riding breeches, khaki blouse or sometimes a white blouse, white epaulettes with a thin blue border line and a wider blue line in the middle, Sam Brown belt with a star on the buckle, a garrison cap [REDACTED] and carry a TT pistol.

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- 13. In the winter, senior officers wear high boots, blue riding breeches, khaki blouse, khaki overcoat, white epaulettes like those worn in summer, on formal occasions gold epaulettes, and a Sam Brown belt with pistol.
- 14. Major-General AKHOBOV wears a tan uniform with regular Army tunic, closed neckband, and gold epaulettes with one gold star.
- 15. Winter uniforms are worn starting in November and summer uniforms starting in March.

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