

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

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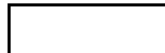
1. The Rumanian Army Chemical Center and its subordinate units are housed in the barracks located in the west side outskirts of the city of Fagaras. The commander of the center is Major General Damian, an old-time officer who once was a member of the Royal Army.
2. The following units are under the command of the Chemical Training Center:
 - Regular Army Chemical Officers' School
 - Reserve Chemical Officers' School
 - Chemical Noncommissioned Officers' School
 - Courses of specialized training.
3. Chemical Noncommissioned Officers' School. Location: The school is located, together with the other schools, in the barracks of the city of Fagaras. The students are selected from among privates undergoing their regular military training. The students may be recruited from any branch of the armed forces including the units of the Ministry of the Interior.
4. The courses last six months. The training program is similar to that of the Reserve Chemical Officers' school with the difference that courses are reduced and simplified. After finishing school, the students are sent to the military units where they organize and conduct the chemical platoons of those units. During the school year 1952-1953, approximately 300 chemical noncommissioned officers attended the school.
5. Courses of Specialized Training. A course of specialized training is part of the curriculum of the Chemical Training Center. The course is attended by all ranks of officers from each branch of the army and reserve officers of all ranks from all branches of service including those trained in civil defense.

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6. The specialized courses last two months. They are attended by the officers divided into two series. Each series is composed of 60 to 80 officers. The courses deal with general theoretical information and emphasize the preparedness against a chemical attack, as well as the practical measures to be taken in such circumstances. The courses also teach how to build shelters and how to train civilians in civil defense.
7. Three or four times a year, the chiefs of civil defense of large cities and industrial centers visit the Chemical Center. At these periodic meetings the matters discussed pertain to the betterment of the civil defense system.

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