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INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY	Bulgaria	REPORT	[Redacted]
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- In mid-August 1953 [Redacted] hospital or ambulance train rolling stock totalling about 80 cars on sidings at Diana Bad railway station on the southeast outskirts of Sofia. The sketch on page 2 shows the location of this stock.

Details

- On each of four pairs of rails, there were between 15 and 25 cars and coaches; of these, there was a total of at least eight tank cars. Of the balance, the majority were converted wooden 4-wheel and 6-wheel (Bogie) closed goods trucks, mostly with built-in windows, plus a few converted steel passenger coaches. One car was refrigerated, painted white, and marked "Khladilen Vagon" in the same way as all Bulgarian refrigerated railroad trucks. All other rolling stock was painted dark green and bore on either side a red cross on a white disc about 18 inches in diameter. All trucks were in good condition. [Redacted] 50X1-HUM
- One of the four sets of trucks had the appearance of a complete hospital or ambulance train. It consisted of about 18 assorted cars and coaches, headed by a locomotive (No. 19.01) with the same red cross markings as the cars. Directly behind the locomotive (which was not under steam) were two tank cars followed by the rolling stock mentioned above. The rolling stock were inter-communicating, with "concertina" attachments.
- It is considered probable that the rolling stock in question is permanently located at the site described. One armed soldier was observed patrolling the sidings.
- A small fuel dump is located immediately southeast of the level crossing where the road from Sofia to Simeonovo crosses the loop line leading through Diana Bad station, and immediately adjacent to the station area. [Redacted] ten 50-gallon gasoline drums stored in the open at this site. The dump is enclosed.

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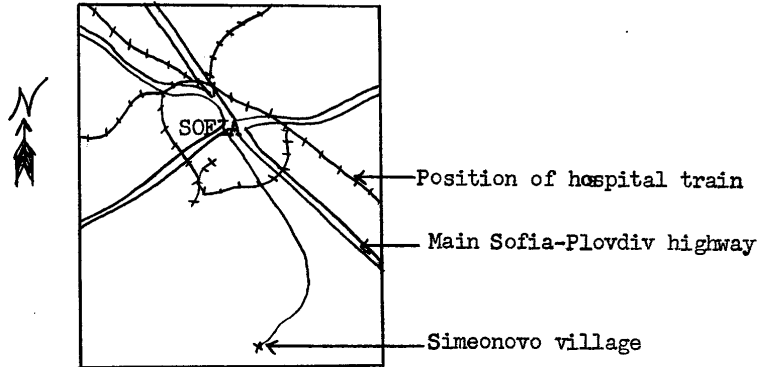


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by a barbed wire fence. It is guarded by Internal Security troops ("blue caps") and one Alsatian dog.

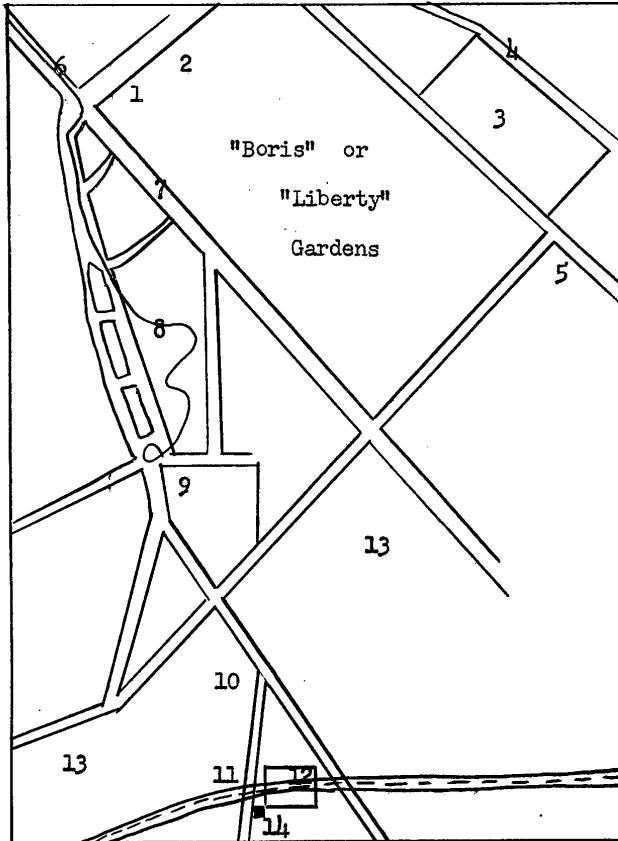
Sketches

6. The sketch below showing the location of the sidings is based on the AMS M506 1:250,000 map series:



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7. The sketch below is based on the "Plan na Sofiya", 1947:



1. Old sports stadium.
2. New sports stadium.
3. Tank barracks.
4. Ivan Asen II Street.
5. Main road to Plovdiv
6. Graf Ignatiev Boulevard.
7. Dragah Tsankov Boulevard.
8. Streetcar line.
9. Seminary standing on high ground and overlooking central Sofia.
10. Road leading due south to Simeonovo.
11. Level crossing.
12. Area of Diana Bad station and sidings.
13. Woods.
14. Position of small fuel dump.

Scale in meters:



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