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Commande

1. The garrison command of Burgas is located in a large building approximately 300 meters west of the central railroad station. The building is two stories high, about 15 meters square, painted yellow, and has a twin-sloped tile roof. It is enclosed by an iron railing set in masonry supports. A single guard is stationed at the entrance.

Military Zone

2. The following area around Burgas is considered to be a "military zone:"
 - a. North boundary, an imaginary line joining Burgas and Yambol;
 - b. East boundary, the Black Sea;
 - c. West boundary, an imaginary line south from Yambol to the Turkish border; and
 - d. South boundary, the Turkish-Bulgarian border.
3. Civilians are forbidden to travel in this zone without a special permit. Residents of the area are given a permanent document known as an "otkrit list." Non-residents apply to the Militia for permission to enter the area; permission is granted only for emergency cases.
4. It has been much more difficult to obtain passes to this area since the distribution of interior passports which was started in January 1953 and completed in April 1953.

5. this "zone" has a large concentration of troops and permanent defense works are under construction. 25X1

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Port Zone

6. Access to the port zone of Burgas is permitted only for the port work personnel. This area is also considered to be a "military zone" and has defense works [] 25X1
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New Barracks

7. Construction of new barracks is under way three or four kilometers from Burgas on the right side of the road to Sofia. As of August 1953, three buildings three or four stories high and described [] as "very large" had been completed 25X1
The construction work is being carried out by a military construction unit and military manpower.

Trial Mobilization

8. On 17 and 18 July 1953, when the work in the country was most intense, a trial mobilization was held in the Burgas area. The recall orders were issued on post-cards and concerned men up to 45 years of age. The card indicated the point at which the men were to assemble immediately upon receipt of the card at any means at their disposal. The reason for the mobilization was to ascertain how fast mobilization could be carried out in an emergency. The men were kept at the assembly centers for a period of three days, during which time they were given some military instruction.

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