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1. At the 9 September Parade in Sofia the troops were presented by Lieutenant General Dikov, commander of the Sofia garrison, to Colonel General Panchevski, Minister of National Defense. The parade lasted from 8:15 to 8:55 a.m. and was carried out in the following order:

I. Troops on foot	Officers	Student Officers	Men
a. A General with his orderly	1		1
b. The "G.S. Rakovski" Academy, preceded by its flag:			
(1) Two officers (a General and his aide)	2		
(2) Three officers (one colonel)	3		
(3) Four officers	4		
(4) 225 infantry officers (15 rows of 15)	225		
(5) Four officers	4		
(6) 225 officers of various arms	225		
(7) General Trunski	1		
(8) Four officers	4		
(9) 225 officers of various arms	225		

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	Officers	Student Officers	Men
c. The "Suvorov" School:			
(1) Four officers	4		
(2) 120 students (12 rows of 10)			120
d. The "Nakhimov" Naval School:			
(1) Four officers	4		
(2) 120 students (12 rows of 10)			120
e. The "Vasil Levski" School preceded by its flag:			
(1) Four officers	4		
(2) 225 infantry students (15 rows of 15)		225	
(3) Four officers	4		
(4) 225 artillery and engineer students		225	
(5) Four officers	4		
(6) 225 tank students		225	
(7) Four officers	4		
(8) 225 Air Force students		225	
(9) Four officers	4		
(10) 225 Border Guard students		225	
f. Interior Troops:			
(1) Four officers	4		
(2) 225 men (15 rows of 15)			225
g. Infantry:			
(1) Four officers with 	4		25X1
(2) Four officers	4		
(3) 225 men (15 rows of 15)			225
(4) Four officers	4		
(5) 225 men			225
(6) Four officers	4		
(7) 225 men (artillery?)			225
(8) Four officers	4		

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	Officers	Student Officers	Men	
(9) 225 men			225	
(10) Four officers	4			
(11) 225 men			225	
h. Navy student officers:				
(1) Four officers	4			
(2) 225 students (15 rows of 15)		225		
II. Motorized infantry:				
a. One jeep with flag <input type="checkbox"/> (3 officers, one driver)	3		1	25X1
b. Two jeeps	6		2	
c. 30 Molotov trucks (in pairs), each with one officer next to the driver and 16 men per truck	30		510	
d. One jeep	3		1	
e. 28 Molotov trucks	28		476	
f. One jeep	3		1	
g. 30 Molotov trucks	30		510	
III. Mounted cavalry:				
a. Four officers	4			
b. A bugler			1	
c. 60 horsemen (5 rows of 12)			60	
d. One officer	1			
e. 60 horsemen			60	
IV. Artillery:				
a. Antiaircraft:				
(1) One jeep with standard (no number)	3		1	
(2) 12 cannons, 37 mm. <input type="checkbox"/> with Molotov trucks (one officer next to each driver and 12 men per truck, plus two men per cannon)	12		180	25X1
(3) One jeep	3		1	

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	Officers	Student Officers	Men	
(4) 12 cannons, 85 mm. [] with Molotov trucks (one officer next to each driver and 12 men per truck)	12		156	25X1
b. Mortars:				
(1) One jeep	3		1	
(2) Six 120 mm. mortars with ZIS trucks (one officer and one driver, with 12 men per truck)	6		78	
(3) One jeep	3		1	
(4) 12 mortars, 160 mm., ZIS with trucks	12		156	
c. Field artillery:				
(1) One jeep without standard number	3		1	
(2) One jeep	3		1	
(3) 12 ZIS guns, 76.2 mm., [] with Molotov trucks (one officer next to each driver and 12 men per truck)	12		156	25X1
(4) One jeep	3		1	
(5) 12 76.2 mm. [] ZIS guns	12		156	25X1
d. 122 mm., [] Howitzers:				
(1) One jeep	3		1	
(2) 12 howitzers with ZIS trucks (one officer with the driver and 12 men per truck)	12		156	25X1
e. Rocket Launchers:				
(1) One jeep	3		1	
(2) 12 rocket launchers, M 8, with 24 ramps (24 rounds) (one officer with the driver)	12		12	
f. 122 mm. cannons without gun muzzle:				
(1) One jeep	3		1	

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	Officers	Student Officers	Men	
(2) 12 cannons with Tatra trucks (one officer with the driver and 16 men per truck)	12		204	
g. 15 mm. <input type="text"/> Howitzers:				25X1
(1) One jeep	3		1	
(2) Eight howitzers with Tatra trucks (one officer with the driver and 16 men per truck)	8		136	
V. Armored troops:				
a. One jeep with standard	3		1	
b. 10 motorcycles with sidecars (one driver and one passenger armed with a machine gun)			20	
c. Seven <input type="text"/> armored cars				25X1
d. Four <input type="text"/> self-propelled artillery mounts				25X1
e. 36 tanks, <input type="text"/> (85) (plus two tow-tanks in front of the Mausoleum)				25X1
f. Five <input type="text"/> self-propelled artillery mounts.				25X1
VI. Air Force:				
a. 36 <input type="text"/> (in 12 flights of three), which flew over the parade as the tanks passed by				25X1
b. One <input type="text"/> flying overhead during a good portion of the parade				
2. The following observations were made during the 9 September Parade in Sofia:				
a. All men in the trucks were armed with rifles;				
b. The total strength, outside the Tank Corps and the Air Force amounted to 6,993 as follows:				
(1) 1,008 officers (of whom two were generals)				
(2) 1,350 student officers				
(3) 4,635 men (of whom 240 were military school boys)				
c. In comparison with the 1953 parade it should be noted that the infantry and the motorized infantry had a stronger representation. Also, new materiel was shown (160 mm. mortars and <input type="text"/>).				

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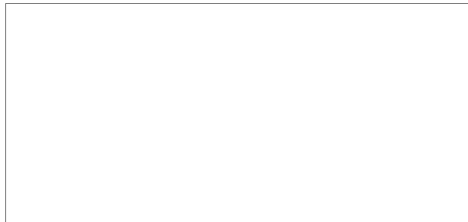
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- d. The uniforms of the men and the appearance of the materiel were excellent. The men wore new uniforms for the most part and the materiel was either new or freshly repainted.
 - e. The parade was noteworthy for its order and its fast pace; it is true that drills had been going on for several weeks along the large boulevards or in Liberty Park.
 - f. The shouting of "hurrah" by each group as it passed by General Panchevski was taken up in a louder voice by the following group, but was more mechanical than enthusiastic.
3. The civilian parade lasted from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and was poorly carried out except for the sport groups, and appeared rather naive with its banners, portraits, etc. No political allusion was made to the capitalist countries.
 4. Either by error or as a prank, an entire group of young girls between the ages of 10 and 14 threw their bouquets of flowers to the group of westerners located beyond the platform at the Mausoleum.



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