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## MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES - BUCHAREST

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## Personal Staff of the Minister

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## Higher Council of the People's Armed Forces

President: Minister of the People's Armed Forces

Vice-president: Chief of the General Staff

Members: Soviet Military Adviser (Warsaw Pact)

Head of the Political Directorate

Head of the Directorate for War Industry

Head of the Directorate of Logistic Services

Head of the Intelligence Services

Commanders of the three Military Regions

Commander of the Navy

Commander of the Air Force

Note: Whenever the Minister of the People's Armed Forces

deems it necessary, he may also call other commanders

of large units to attend the Higher Council of the

People's Armed Forces.

# Central Inspectorates

Army

Navy

Air

# Directorates

Political (passed over to the jurisdiction of the General Political Directorate in 1956)

Military Cadres

Administration

Personnel

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Military Training and Education

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Medical Corps

Veterinary Corps

Transportation

Military Courts

Logistic Services

Weapons and Ammunition Technical Services

War Industry

Nuclear Research and Special Studies (Missiles)

# GENERAL STAFF - BUCHAREST

# Personal Staff of the Chief of the General Staff

## Sections

Operations

Intelligence (Espionage and Counterespionage)

Communications

Organization and Mobilization

History

Topography

Codes and Ciphers

Military Territorial Organization

# Military Regional Commands

1st Regional Command: IASI

2nd Regional Command: BUCHAREST

3rd Regional Command: CLUJ

Note: Up to 1955-1956, there were four Military Regions: 1st at TIMISOARA, 2nd at BUCHAREST, 3d at CLUJ, and 4th at IASI. The TIMISOARA Military Region has been eliminated because it has come under the control of the Soviet Armed Forces stationed in the Banat.



# HIGH MILITARY COMMANDS

# Army: BUCHAREST

Infantry Command

Artillery Command

Antiaircraft Artillery Command

Armored-Mechanized Troops Command

Cavalry Command

Engineer Command

Communications Command

Chemical Warfare Command

Logistic Services Command

Technical Services Command

# Navy: CONSTANTA

Fleet Command

River Flotilla Command (at BRAILA)

Amphibious Infantry Command

Coastal Artillery Command

Hydroplane Section Command

Logistic Services Command

Technical Services Command

# Air: BUCHAREST

Fighter Command

Fighter-Bomber Command

Transport Command

Parachute Units Command

"Comet" Missile Battalion Command

Logistic Services Command

Technical Services Command

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#### SOVIET ARMED FORCES IN RUMANIA - OCTOBER 1958

Warsaw Pact, 1957: 60,000 men

Warsaw Pact, 1958: 55,000 men

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HEADQUARTERS: BUCHAREST

STRATEGIC COMMAND OF THE BANAT: TIMISOARA

COMMAND OF THE MECHANIZED-ARMORED CORPS: TIMISOARA

14th Armored Division

Command: ORADEA

34th Mechanized Division

Command: TIMISOARA

32nd Mechanized Division

Command: ARAD

Note: the 14th Armored Division reached RUMANIA July 1958 coming from VESZPREM (Hungary). This division, along with five other divisions including the 2nd and the 17th Mechanized Division, took part in the military occupation of HUNGARY in 1956.

# JET AIR DIVISIONS

10th Tactical Division (10 VD-FA)

Command: IANCA

.... Tactical Division

Command: ARAD/LUGOJ

8th Tactical Division

Command: BUZAU

Note: The Jet Air Divison which was formerly stationed at the CRAIOVA Airfield was transferred to the VIDIN (Bulgaria) Airfield April 1958. The VIDIN Airfield is about 15 minutes by air from the CRAIOVA Airfield and is located near the DANUBE River on the BULGARIAN-RUMANIAN border.

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# MISSILE UNITS

Launching ramps for missiles and atomic devices are located between ARAD and TIMISOARA.

# T/O&E OF A SOVIET ARMORED DIVISION (1958)

Medium Tank Regiments: 3

Heavy Tank Regiments: 1

Self-propelled Artillery Regiments: 1

Motorized Infantry Regiments: 1

Mortar Regiments: 1

Antiaircraft Artillery Regiments: 1

Antitank Artillery Regiments: 1

Rocket Artillery Battalions: 1

Reconnaissance Battalions: 1

Engineer Battalions: 1

Technical Services Battalions: 1

Communications Battalions: 1

Medical Battalions: 1

Military Police Battalions: 1

Transportation Units: 1

Air Sections: 1

Reconnaissance Aircraft: 3

T-54 (100-mm gun) Medium Tanks (L/54): 195

JS-III (122-mm gun) Heavy Tanks (D-25 L/45): 65

Reconnaissance Tanks (47-mm gun): 30

SU-100 Self-propelled Artillery Weapons: 12

SU-122 Self-propelled Artillery Weapons: 12.

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SU-152 Self-propelled Artillery Weapons: 21

200-mm Rocket Launcher (12 rounds), on tracked carrier: 12

57-mm Antitank Artillery Guns: 24

76-mm Antitank Artillery Guns: 12

37-mm Antiaircraft Artillery Guns: 9

Antiaircraft Armored Vehicles (two 57-mm guns) [ZSU-57-2?]: 12

82-mm Medium Caliber Mortars: 54

120-mm Heavy Caliber Mortars: 54

7.62-mm Automatic Rifles: 405

12.7-mm Antiaircraft Machine Guns: 58

7.62-mm Machine Guns: 58

BTR Armored Personnel Carriers: 8

ZIS Motor Vehicles: 1,630

ZIS Motorcycles: 290

Observations: The T-34/85 tanks have been replaced with the new 36-ton T-54 which went into series production in 1956.

The number of reconnaissance aircraft has been increased from two to three.

The 136-mm Katyusha rocket launcher has been replaced by the new 200-mm tracked piece (12 rounds).

The antiaircraft artillery has been reinforced with twin 57-mm self-propelled antiaircraft guns.

The self-propelled artillery has a new 100-mm piece, the SU-100. The strength of the division continues to be 10,300 men.

# T/O&E OF A SOVIET MECHANIZED DIVISION (1958)

Mechanized Regiments: 3

Artillery Regiment (Brigade): 1

Armored Regiments: 2

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T-54 (100-mm gun) Tanks: 130

SU-100 Self-propelled Artillery Weapons: 12

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ZIS Motor Vehicles: 1,879

ZIS Motorcycles: 300

Reconnaissance Tanks (47-mm gun): 39

132-mm Rocket Launchers (Katyusha): 12

JS-III Heavy Tanks: 23

Observations: The T-54/85 tanks have been replaced with the 36-ton T-54/100 which went into series production in 1956.

A new type 14.5-mm antitank rifle.

Self-propelled artillery has a new 100-mm piece, the SU-100.

Twin 57-mm self-propelled antiaircraft guns.

The strength of the divisions continues to be 12,850 men.

# SOVIET JET TACTICAL AIR DIVISION (1958)

MIG-17 Fighter Regiments: 2

YAK-25 Regiments: 1

IL-12 Transport Units: 1

Strength of a Regiment: 40 planes

YAK-25 and MIG-17 in a division: 125 planes

Strength of the two IL-12 sections: 8 planes

Each division has one Radar unit, one Technical Services unit, one Communications-Signal-Observation unit, and one Antiaircraft unit.

#### RUMANIAN PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (OCTOBER 1958)

Movements of large units in the 3d Military Region (CLUJ): 2nd Infantry Division transferred from ARAD to LUGOJ in September; 10th Infantry Division transferred from S. GHEORGHE to SIBIU in May 1958.

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# Mountain Divisions

Commands: TIRGU MURES and CIMPULUNG

Note: Each division has three regiments (formerly 8 battalions) and a 76-mm Mountain Artillery regiment.

#### Cavalry

The three Cavalry Divisions which were located at IASI, ALBA
IULIA, and DOROHOI have now been dishanded. There are now three
Cavalry Regiments, one at each of the three Army Corps Commands (IASI,
BUCHAREST, and CLUJ Military Regions). Each Cavalry Regiment has three
squadrons and a 57-mm Artillery unit. There is reportedly a so-called
Cavalry Division Command at ALBA IULIA to which the three Cavalry
Regiments are purportedly attached.

# Border Guards Along the Rumanian-Yugoslav Border

8th Regiment

Command: RESITA

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Command: TURNU SEVERIN

#### Air Divisions

Jet Division

Command: CRAIOVA

Fighter Division

Command: ORASUL STALIN

Bomber Division

Command: BUCHAREST/PLOESTI

Fighter Division

Command: ROSIORI DE VEDE

#### Armored Troops

The 1st Armored Brigade was transferred from TIMISOARA to CLUJ in September 1958 after the military maneuvres.

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