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1. The village of Tulcea is on a lagoon of the lower Danube. The town of Isaceea is 33 km north-northwest, connected with Tulcea by an indifferent road. The section of the road between the western edge of the city and where it crosses the Tulcea-Catalei railroad is to be built up into a first class highway. Near this crossing, south of the road, there is an infantry barracks, occupying an area of 550 m to 600 m. It is an old establishment, consisting of nine two-story buildings, to which two new ones have been added since the end of World War II, now being used as staff buildings.

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2. The barracks is now occupied by a Rumanian infantry regiment. The staff is 52 to 55 men. Regimental troops consists of a staff company, 75 to 80 men; an accompanying battery, 82 to 85 men; a mortar company, 85 to 88 men; a heavy mortar company, 82 to 84 men; a reconnaissance company, 88 to 90 men; a communications company, 83 to 85 men; an AA machine-gun company, 82 to 85 men. The 1st Battalion has 360 to 370 men, with a battalion staff; a reconnaissance platoon; an AT platoon; a communications platoon, three rifle companies and a machine-gun company. The 2nd Battalion has 420 to 440 men, the 3rd Battalion 360 to 380 men; both are organized like the 1st.

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3. At the barracks there is also a reserve refresher training battalion. It is commanded by Capt. Contescu, about 35 years old. The battalion staff is 12 to 14 men. It has a 1st Company of 120 to 125 men, with 82 Soviet rifles, 22 machine pistols, 2 Maxim heavy machine guns, 2 Degtyarev light machine guns, one AT rocket projector; a 2nd Company of 115 to 120 men, with the same armament; a 3rd (Weapons)

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Company of 120 to 130 men, with a medium mortar platoon having two 82 mm mortars; a heavy mortar platoon with two 120 mm mortars; an AT platoon with two 57 mm guns; a medium AT platoon with two 76.2 mm guns; an AA machine-gun platoon with two heavy AA machine guns. The company also has about 105 to 110 Soviet rifles. A platoon has 20 to 23 men, without counting instructors or cadres, who are furnished from the active battalions.

4. Eighty percent of the reservists are from Siebenburgen, the remainder from the Regat; all are of Rumanian nationality. Down through 1952 reservist training lasted three months, but in 1953 this was shortened to two months.
5. All the men of the regiment wear red insignia.
6. Basic training in the active formations is rapid. Two weeks are spent in learning the new weapons, whereupon exercises and fire training were immediately begun. Great attention is given to accuracy of fire. The instructors are anxious that the troops also learn movement in both open and difficult country and there is much training in concealment from air observation and attack.
7. A Soviet first lieutenant accompanied by 16 to 18 other Soviets, visited the regiment during the sixth week of training, and exercises were held for them. The Soviets seemed contented with results in the Balkans.
8. Morale is not high and the men are listless; there are few Party members among them.
9. Motorization of the regiment is in progress.
10. In addition to this regiment, Tulcea also holds a marine infantry battalion and a border guard company.
11. There is a military exercise area 3 km south of the infantry barracks. Large formations of infantry were brought to it for summer exercises in 1953.

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