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Following is a list of Bulgarian Army manuals

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- a. Field Service Regulations of the Bulgarian National Army (Polevi Ustav na Bulgarskata Narodna Armia) 1.

Source thumbed through this manual for about 10 minutes at the classified documents section of the 83rd Heavy Machine Gun Battalion at Fakiya (N 42-12, E 27-03) seeking general information because he wanted to apply for and attend a course at the General Staff Academy in Sofia. 2 Permission to read the manual had to be obtained from the battalion's executive officer or battalion CO and this manual could not be removed from the classified document section at any time.

This manual was published by the Ministry of National Defense in about 1952 and was printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia; it was classified as "top secret". The manual was a bound edition with a dark green hard paper cover and measured about 10 x 14 cm; it had about 300 pages. Source did not notice any statements or dates in the contents which indicated that it had been translated from a Soviet manual.

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[redacted] this manual was issued to battalions and successively larger-sized units up to army level.

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[redacted] its contents included combat tactics of a defensive and offensive nature as conducted by battalions and larger-sized organizations as high as army level. It contained a variety of schematic diagrams showing the deployment of artillery, howitzers, tanks, and infantry troops; methods of conducting warfare in open areas, cities, and wooded areas; the arrangement of artillery guns for the offense and/or defense; security march formations and distances to be maintained by the point and rear guard units; frontages and depths of large-sized units when deployed for combat.

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b. Combat Regulations of the Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry, etc. (Boyen Ustav na Pehotata, Artileriata, Konitsata, etc.)

[redacted] each branch of service had its own manual [redacted]

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[redacted] The infantry manual was published by the Ministry of National Defense and was printed about 1950 by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia.

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Although the manual was classified "confidential", the company CO could permit EM to read the manual when it was necessary. Officers who wanted to read the manual had to sign for it at the classified documents section and could retain it for an indefinite period of time. [redacted] some editions [redacted] were bound and others which were stapled. [redacted] the manual as green, containing about 325 rough paper pages, and measuring about 8 x 12 cm.

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The contents of this manual included explanations and diagrams of offensive and defensive tactics from the individual soldier to company level; scouting and patrolling and the use of messengers; reconnaissance and combat patrols; offensive and defensive combat in wooded areas, open areas, cities, and mountains; utilization of a platoon as a point and rear guard; conduct of an ambush; the use of camouflage; construction of trenches and fox holes.

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c. Drill Manual of the Bulgarian National Army (Stroevi Ustav na Bulgarskata Narodna Armia)

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[redacted] The manual was published by the Ministry of National Defense and was printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia about 1948. However, a later edition was published during 1950 and incorporated various changes in the 1948 version.

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Copies of the manual were issued to all officers down to platoon level. Additional copies were maintained in the company orderly room where EM could borrow it if they desired. [redacted] the manual as unclassified; it had either green or cream-colored soft paper covers, contained about 250 rough paper pages, and measured about 8 x 12 cm. [redacted] a notation was printed on the inside cover which stated that the regulations in the manual were based on those in effect in the "Red Army" (Chervena Armia). 3

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The contents of the manual dealt with dismounted drill from the individual soldier to regimental level, parades and ceremonies, and customs of the service including the giving of salutes.

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d. Garrison Service Manual of the Bulgarian National Army (Ustav na garnizona Sluzhba na Bulgarskata Narodna Armia)

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[redacted] It was published by the Ministry of National Defense and was printed about 1948 by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia. However, [redacted] an edition [redacted] had been printed as late as 1952. Copies of this manual were issued to all officers and unit orderly rooms and were available to EM if they desired it.

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The manual had either green or cream-colored soft paper covers, contained about 250 rough paper pages, and measured about 8 x 12 cm. Source recalled seeing a printed note on the inside of the cover stating that the contents were based on regulations in effect in the "Red Army". This manual was unclassified.

The manual contained instructions for the performance of garrison guard duty, the posting of sentries, the duties of NCOs and commissioned officers of the guard, instructions on walking posts, various guard formations, relieving of guard sentries, and the inspection of visitors' passes.

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e. Interior Service Manual of the Bulgarian National Army (Ustav na Vutreshna Sluzhba na Bulgarskata Narodna Armia)

[redacted] It was published by the Ministry of National Defense and printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia about 1948. However, a later edition was published during 1952.

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The manual was unclassified, had either green or cream-colored soft paper covers, contained about 250 rough paper pages, and measured about 8 x 12 cm in size. Copies were issued to all officers and company orderly rooms and were available to EM. [redacted] a note on the inside cover [redacted] stated that the contents were based on regulations in effect in the "Red Army". The contents of the manual included regulations on and explanations of the daily routine of troops at the company level, daily training schedules, the preparation and maintenance of morning reports and the sick book, the proper arrangement of clothing and equipment for inspections, maintenance of manuals and correspondence in the company orderly rooms, charge of quarters duties, and general performance of duties while stationed in a garrison.

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f. Disciplinary Manual of the Bulgarian National Army (Disciplinaren Ustav na Bulgarskata Narodna Armia)

[redacted] It was published by the Ministry of National Defense and printed about 1948 by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia. However, [redacted] an edition printed as late as 1952. This manual was unclassified, had either green or cream-colored covers, contained about 60 rough paper pages, and measured about 8 x 12 cm. It was issued to all officers and company orderly rooms and could be loaned to individual soldiers.

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The manual contained regulations governing the behavior of officers and EM during their period of service, types of offenses and punishments, and various types of awards, such as medals, money, and civilian clothing, that might be awarded to outstanding soldiers.

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g. Firing Practice Manual for Small Arms (Nastavlenia na Strelkovo Delo)

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by the Ministry of National Defense and printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia. The manual's date of publication was unknown [redacted]

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Both parts of this manual had green soft paper covers, measured about 10 x 15 cm, and were classified "restricted". Each company had several copies of both parts and, normally, the contents were read to a group of soldiers during instructional periods.

Part 1 contained about 125 pages and its contents included instructions on methods of computing windage and elevation for small arms, explanations on trajectories, the correct alignment of sights, and sighting-in procedures. Firing principles given in it were considered to be applicable to all small arms. One section also contained instructions on firing the 82 mm mortar (model and type unknown)

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Part 2 contained instructions on correct offensive and defensive infantry-type small arms firing positions in the field and on marksmanship firing on the range. According to instructions in the manual, record fire practice on the range (in the prone position at all ranges) consisted of firing two sighting rounds and four rounds for record at a silhouette target (head and shoulders), at 100 m, two sighting rounds and four rounds for record at a silhouette target (head and body, E kneeling type) at 200 m, and two sighting rounds and four rounds for record at a full-size silhouette target at 400 m. Sandbag rests could be utilized when record fire practice was considered to be defensive, rather than offensive, at which time sandbag rests were not permitted. Tripod-mounted machine gun record slow-fire practice was conducted on rectangular-type targets measuring about 80 cm in length and 4-cm high on which were printed 20 4-cm black squares. The gunner was allotted 20 rounds and was supposed to hit each of the 20 4-cm black squares. The pistol fire course was to consist of firing four records rounds at a conventional pistol target at distances of 25 and 50 m.

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[redacted] manuals on various types of weapons [redacted]

- a. Manual for the 7.62-mm Tokarev Pistol, Model TT-1933 (Nastavlenia za Opisania na 7.62-mm Obiknoven Pistolet "Tokarev")
- b. Manual for the 7.62-mm LGM, Model DP, M1946 (Nastavlenia za Opisania na 7.62-mm Leka Kartehnitsa Degtyarev)
- c. Manual for the Soviet 7.62-mm SMG, Model PPSH-1941 (Nastavlenia za Opisania na 7.62-mm Kartechen Pistolet "Shpagin")
- d. Manual for the 7.62 HMG, Maxim, Model M1910 (Nastavlenia za Opisania na 7.62-mm Tezhka Kartehnitsa "Maxim-Sokolov")
- e. Manual for the Soviet 14.5-mm Antitank Rifles, PTRD and PTRS-1941 (Nastavlenia za Opisania na 14.5-mm Protivotankova Pushka, "Simenov i Degtyarev") 4

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- f. Manual for the Soviet 82-mm Mortar, Model M1941 (Nastavlenia za Opisanie na 82-mm Minom'ot)
- g. Manual for the Austrian 8-mm Manlicher Rifle and Carbine (Nastavlenia za Opisanie na 8-mm Pushka i Karabina "Manlicher") 4
- h. Manual for the Soviet 7.62-mm Rifle and Carbine, Models M1891/30 and M1944. (Nastavlenia za Opisanie na 7.62-mm Pushka i Karabina-Vintovka)
- i. Manual for the Austrian Schwarzloze 8-mm, HMG (Nastavlenia za Opisanie na 8-mm Tezhka Kartechnitsa "Schwarzloze") 4

[redacted] all of the above manuals were published by the Ministry of National Defense and printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia, possibly during 1950. These manuals had green soft paper covers, contained anywhere from 60 to 300 rough paper pages, measured about 10 x 15 cm, and were classified as "restricted".

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[redacted] the contents of these manuals contained instructions on descriptions, limitations and capabilities, nomenclature (with descriptive pictures), and care and cleaning of the weapons.

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- a. Manual for the Signal Forces (Nastavlenia na Svrzochni Voiski)
- b. Manual for the Engineer Forces (Nastavlenia na Enginerni Voiski)
- c. Manual for the Chemical Forces (Nastavlenia na Himicheski Voiski)

[redacted] these were published by the Ministry of National Defense and printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia; the date of publication was unknown [redacted] they had green soft paper covers, contained approximately 300 pages, each measured about 10 x 15 cm in size, and were classified as "secret". [redacted] they contained instructions pertaining to the branches of service indicated by the titles.

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- d. Manual for Artillery Weapons Firing Procedures (Nastavlenia za Strelba vuv Artileriata) ~~Artillery Weapons Firing Procedures~~

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[redacted] It was published by the Ministry of National Defense and was printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia; its date of publication was unknown [redacted] The manual had green covers, possibly 350 pages, measured 10 x 15 cm, and was classified "secret". [redacted] it contained instructions and various firing procedures governing artillery-type weapons.

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- e. Manual for Care and Maintenance of Cavalry Horses (Nastavlenia za Gledane na Voiskovi Kon)

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[redacted] It was published by the Ministry of National Defense and printed by the Government Military Printing Office in Sofia, possibly during 1950 or later. It had green paper covers, contained about 60 pages, measured about 10 x 15 cm, and was classified "restricted". [redacted] its contents included the care and maintenance of pack animals and horses.

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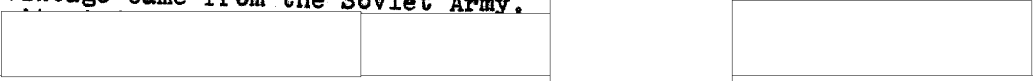
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