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1. On 30 September and 1 October 1948, there was a movement of troops from Ochrid towards Bitolj and from there to Prilep. These troops included units of infantry and motor-drawn artillery. The exact number of infantry troops involved is not known, but about a regiment was involved.
2. The artillery unit was loaded on a train in Bitolj on 1 October and was sent towards Prilep. There were eight 75-mm. guns.
3. Source believes that this was a movement of the independent artillery unit of 2 Division based at Prilep, and that it was returning from summer quarters to which it had gone last July.
4. The military appearance of the border region near Florina, Greece, appears unchanged except for the following. In the mountainous regions above the villages of Grassinc (sic), Kisava, Ostrec, and Zlokvoani (sic) at the end of October there were frequent patrols of infantry consisting of two platoons each. They have made repeated searches in the villages and have prohibited movement into or out of these villages in an attempt to trap a guerrilla band. At the same time gendarmerie forces made searches in these villages. The total strength of troops engaged in making these patrols is estimated to be two companies of infantry; they have some cannon and artillery.

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