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1. The smallest Party unit is the cell composed of three or more Party members including the secretary of the cell. In each platoon there is one cell which usually includes from three to five members.
2. The Party unit immediately above the cell is the KOB (Communist Organization of the Base), and there is one in each company. This includes the cells of the platoons and the cell of the Company Headquarters. The members (both regular and probationary) of all the cells meet and select the Committee (Political Office) of the KOB of the company. The probationary members do not have the right of voting or of being elected. Of a total of three Party members one is elected to the Committee (i.e., Secretary). Of a total of six members two are elected to the Committee, of a total of 15 members, five are elected to the Committee, etc.
3. After the KOB of the company there is the Political Office of the Battalion. This includes the KOBs of the companies and the KOB of the Headquarters Company of the battalion. It is elected by representatives sent by the Political Offices of the companies, and it is not impossible for a mere private from a platoon to be elected. The Political Office of the battalion consists of from five to nine regular Party members including its Secretary. The Commissars of the companies and battalions are permanent First Secretaries of the corresponding Political Office and are not elected; it is they who in reality issue the orders.
4. The Political Offices of the battalions are directly subordinate to the Section of the Office of the Communist Party of the Directorate of the Border Guard, which is responsible to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Albania.
5. The duties of the members of the Political Offices are as follows:
 - a. To maintain a close check on how all officers and enlisted men, whether Party members or not, fulfill the duties of maintaining the Border Guard. The consequence of transgression is not only military but also Party punishment, i.e., expulsion from the Party.

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- b. To spread propaganda and "enlightenment".
 - c. To closely check on the proper maintenance of arms and supplies.
6. The agents of the Security Police (Sigurimi), who cannot participate in the Party organization, maintain surveillance and check on the Party members. Arrest of Commissars and of the battalion commander is made only by the Security Officer after receiving an order from the Security Section of the Directorate of the Border Guard.
 7. The cells meet three times a month. The KCBs meet once a month, and the Political Office of the battalion meets after the close of the meetings of cells and the KCBs. Special meetings are held as often as unusual events occur, e.g., elections, border incidents, desertions of Party members who escape abroad, etc.
 8. Members are admitted and expelled as follows:
 - a. The soldier who comes from the working class and who wishes to enroll in the Party submits an application to the Political Office of the company, giving as guarantors two Party members of the KCB who have served in the Party for at least a year. After investigation the application is approved by the monthly meeting of the KCB and is submitted to the Political Office of the battalion, which approved the admission of the applicant as a probationary member for six months.
 - b. The soldier who comes from the bourgeois class has the same right of submitting an application, but he must indicate three guarantors, one of whom must have had one year's service in the Party, another two years, and another three years.
 - c. The guarantors must be familiar with the life of a "worker" candidate during the past six months and of a "bourgeois" applicant during the past year.
 - d. Soldiers of aristocratic descent, government employees under preceding regimes, and intellectuals must have the following guarantors: one must be a member of the Central Committee of the Party, another a Party member at least since 1943, and the third a Party member for at least two years.
 - e. The probationary member takes part in the meetings merely as an auditor, with only the right to protect himself against any charges. He does not have a right to take part in voting or to be elected to any Party post, or to vote on decisions and resolutions. After the passage of the six months for the "workers" and a year for the "bourgeois" and "aristocrats", their enrollment in the Party may be ordered by the Political Office of the battalion in the case of workers, or by the Central Committee of the Party in the case of the other groups.
 - f. A member is expelled when he does anything whatsoever contrary to the Party line. There is a preliminary stage of six months: suspension, during which the regular Party member participates as an auditor but with the right to vote. The suspension is proposed by the Political Office of the battalion, but suspension of worker-members is proposed (sic - presumably "ordered" is meant) only by the Central Committee of the Party. During the period of suspension the conduct of the suspended member is kept under close watch, and if it is ascertained that he has not repented, his definite expulsion from the Party is ordered. He is then arrested by the Security and is sent to the Court Martial.

Organization of the Communist Party of Albania in the Infantry and Other Independent Units

9. The organization of Party members in the regular Army units is similar to that among the civilians. The differences between the Party organization of the Army and the Border Guard are slight.

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