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1. Ivailovgrad. Militia Stations are located at the following places, which come under the jurisdiction of the Ivailovgrad District:
  - a. City of Ivailovgrad, composition unknown.
  - b. Bridge over the Arda River. Until the beginning of 1950 this post was composed of three men, but was subsequently enlarged. Their function is to guard the bridge and check, Otkriti Listove, (Travel Permits).
  - c. Popsko, composed of two militiamen. One of them is Petko Georgiev Tonchev from Popsko, and the other is a man named Stanko from Komnitsi.
  - d. Mandritsa, composition unknown.
  - e. Pelevun, composition unknown.
  - f. Zhelezino, four militiamen.
  - g. Gugutka, three militiamen.
  
2. Krumovgrad. Some of the stations coming under the jurisdiction of Krumovgrad District are:
  - a. City of Krumovgrad, composition unknown.
  - b. Potochnitsa, six militiamen, one of whom is stationed in Strandjevo.
  - c. Darets (sic), three militiamen. The chief is Dimitur Kirchev from Darets.
  - d. Zvezdel, four militiamen. Their duty is to check travel permits of travelers between Krumovgrad and Memohilgrad.
  
3. Harmanli. Following are some of the Ouchastuk Stations coming under the jurisdiction of Harmanli Okoliya, (District).
  - a. Silen, four militiamen. In addition to the usual pistols, sub-machine

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guns, and grenades, this post is equipped with a light machine gun.

b. Topolovo, four militiamen.

c. Dolno-Botevo, three militiamen.

4. As of 1 August 1950 the railroad line between Haskovo and Momchilgrad is being guarded by a special detachment of militiamen chosen especially for this purpose. This detachment was recruited from among trusted people and none of the personnel was drawn from existing militia detachments. The members of the special group receive a salary of 12,000 leva per month in addition to their food. They guard the right-of-way and all tunnels and bridges. The stations remain under the jurisdiction of the old militia formations. Each bridge and tunnel is guarded by three men armed with sub-machine guns and hand grenades.

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