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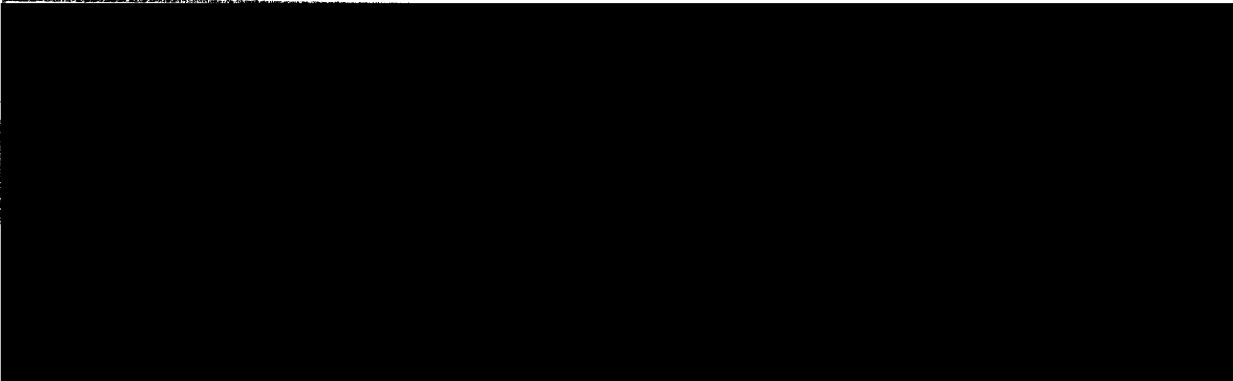
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1. In December 1950 the headquarters of the 48 Infantry Division was moved to Sarajevo. The headquarters of one of the brigades of the 48 Division was in Strumica, and the headquarters of two of the battalions of the brigade were also in Strumica. The third battalion had its headquarters in Novo Selo. The following were officers of the brigade stationed in Strumica:
 - a. Major Zubic, commanding officer of the brigade.
 - b. Captain Goskic, commanding officer of one of the battalions.
 - c. Second Lieutenant Vojinovic, commanding officer of one of the companies.
 - d. Second Lieutenant Radojicic, commanding officer of one of the companies.
 - e. Second Lieutenant Herceg, a specialist on border fortifications in brigade headquarters.
2. Until December 1950 the 1 Brigade, 48 Infantry Division, occupied about 80 barracks at Vadi, near the villages of Benice and Vodoca. In December 1950 the unit was moved and the barracks were disassembled, leaving only three concrete stables, about 50 x 12 meters. During February and March 1951 about 20 military trucks took uniforms, boots, ammunition, and boxed rifles from Miravci railroad station to the concrete stables in Vadi. There was a guard unit of 35 men in Vadi.
3. In February 1951 various unidentified infantry and engineer units arrived in Strumica and were housed in barracks in Strumica and in private homes in the nearby villages. The soldiers were detailed to repair highways, bridges, and to construct trenches and bunkers.

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4. At the end of March 1951, three mortar companies arrived in Strumica. At the same time a vehicle drawn artillery battery and a mountain artillery battery arrived in Strumica. The two batteries allegedly came from Nis. The field artillery battery was under the command of an artillery unit which had its headquarters in Veles-Basino Erdo.
5. In April 1951 new bunkers and trenches were constructed at Tasli Bajir near the villages of Angelci and Gradosorci. In early May 1951, trenches were being constructed along the Bulgarian border near Novo Selo, Novo Konjarevo, Susica and Stinik.
6. In June 1950 a military warehouse about 30 meters long and 20 meters wide was constructed near the road between Banice and Strumica; the warehouse had two underground floors and a ground floor. During February and March 1951 ammunition and other military materials were stored in the warehouse.

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