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- 25X1X 1. On 7 August, an infantry battalion was observed in a bivouac around one large and several smaller bunkers on height 1311. Two field kitchens and an army horse drawn cart were observed. The latter carried ammunition of unknown caliber for storage in a bunker.
- 2. On 8 and 23 August a company of border guards was seen at Dobri Luki training in trenches on a nearby hill.
- 3. On 9 August an infantry battalion was seen on height 1076 overlooking the Shanovska River.
- 4. On 10 August a unit of 1,000 men was seen encamped at the base of height 1710 on both sides of the main road. Seventy tents were observed.
- 5. On 20 August, two encampments of troops, estimated between one and two regiments, were observed on heights 1360 and 1208. The troops were training in field exercises, ambush and patrols.
- 6. Border guard troops wore rubber sandals and were equipped with Soviet 72-round drum sub-machine guns. Guards and troops wore winter overcoats because of the cold weather in the mountains.
- 7. Previously Bulgarian patrols had two or three men; since July patrols now number up to eight men and usually have trained dogs. Many new, young and untrained soldiers are in the border guards and especially in the infantry units. The infantry troops are composed of men from northern Bulgarian provinces.
- 8. 25X1X [REDACTED] artillery units were present in the area, but did not observe any; reportedly, there is one artillery battalion at Simitli.

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