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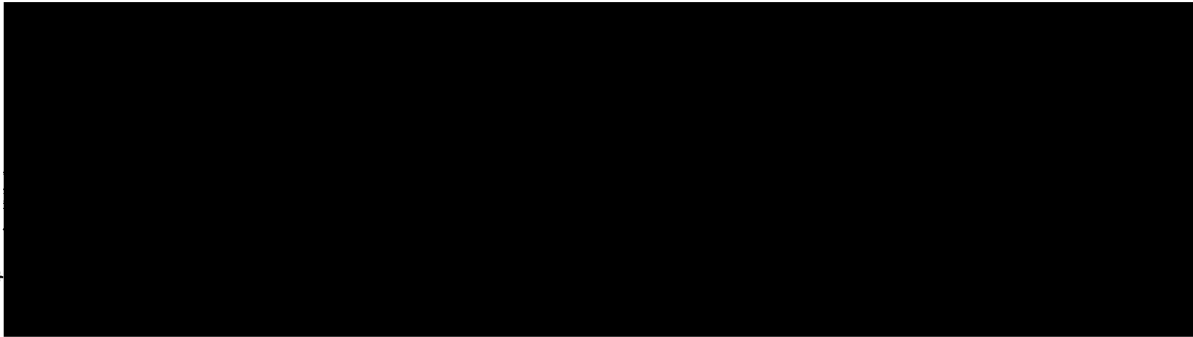
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1. 26 Infantry Regiment at Shkoder and 31 Infantry Regiment at Kukes belong to the Independent Infantry Brigade of Shkoder. Commander of the Independent Brigade is Thomas Cico, from Kukes, who was trained in the Soviet Union.
2. 26 Regiment has three infantry battalions, a communications platoon of 26 to 28 men, and a mechanized platoon. Each battalion has a rifle company, a machine gun company, a mortar company, and an administrative group.
3. The rifle companies are composed of four platoons each, with a total strength of 120 men. The platoons are divided into four 7-man groups; each group has one 7.62 mm. Soviet machine gun. Each rifle company is equipped with 16 machine guns, 97 rifles, and seven revolvers.
4. The machine gun company has three platoons and 70 men. Each platoon has three 7-man groups, each of which has a Maxim (M 1910) 7.62 mm. machine gun and seven rifles. The machine gun company is equipped with 9 machine guns, 64 rifles, and six revolvers.
5. A mechanized battalion is also a part of the brigade. The mechanized battalion has two companies:
  - a. 1 Company: this company is made up of recruits and has four platoons, one of which is a training platoon for non-commissioned officers. The training platoon has 25 men divided into two groups. Each of the other three platoons has 23 men divided into three groups. Each platoon is armed with 21 rifles and one revolver.
  - b. 2 Company: this company has 95 men from 35 to 55 years old from northern Albania; the men served only two months.

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6. [REDACTED] the following equipment which belonged to the artillery regiment in Shkoder: 38 x 76.2 mm. mountain artillery guns, 42 x 45 mm. artillery guns, 85 mm. artillery guns, and 107 mm. mortars. [REDACTED] estimates that the regiment has about 250 horses.

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7. At the end of April 1951, the 2 Infantry Regiment of 5 Division moved to an area south of the village of Erind (M.485-098). 3 Battalion of 2 Regiment remained at Gjinokaster.
8. The artillery regiment of 5 Division moved to the area of Lekel. The staff of the regiment remained in Gjinokaster.
9. On 25 April 1951, the brigade of Vlone moved to Shkoder. The units of the brigade encamped at Shkoder included an artillery regiment, a training battalion for non-commissioned officers, a communications battalion, and a mechanized company.

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