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1. The headquarters of the 14th River Battalion are located in Bratislava near the Engineer Depot. The battalion is outfitted as follows:

Two heavy gun boats:

SVORNOST - 2 guns in revolving turret
1 gun mounted on bow
4 H.Gs in turret (battery)
4 H.Gs on stern (battery)

Crew 26 men

HRDINA - 4 guns in revolving turret
1 gun mounted on bow
4 H.Gs in turret
4 H.Gs

Crew 24 men

Nine gun boats:

1 gun in revolving turret
4 H.Gs on bow (battery)
1 L.G in turret
2 H.Gs on stern

Crew 10 men

Twenty light boats:
(350 HP, 40 mph)

1 twin heavy LG in turret
1 L.G on deck

Crew 5 men

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2. Five Soviet naval officers are assigned to the battalion to direct tactical and technical training. These officers are quartered in the Carlton Hotel, Bratislava. Senior officer is Capt Simonievski (Simonovic), about 40, 165 cm. tall, stocky build, with blond hair. He reportedly was the former commander of the submarine ROZVEDKA. The Czechoslovak commander of the battalion is Maj Ingr Igor Bar, about 32, 175 cm. tall, with brown wavy hair, brown eyes. He is a convinced Communist. The battalion political officer is 1st Engr Janko, age 27, 175 cm. tall, with brown hair, brown eyes. He is a former NCO, and is reportedly a dangerous Communist.

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