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Gjinokaster

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1. In the former "Citta Militare," situated opposite the airfield, is located the headquarters of an unidentified division.
2. At the two extremities of the "Citta Militare" are emplaced two pieces of anti-aircraft artillery, mounted on carriages with four rubber-tired wheels. these pieces very large and having full automatic fire. The personnel maintaining these pieces live in a shelter made of stone covered with canvas. 25X1
3. There are eight pieces of heavy artillery in the "Citta Militare," two of which have been emplaced in the neighborhood of the Kardito bridge. There are also mortars of undetermined caliber mounted on wheels, 75 mm. cannon, and anti-tank cannon. 25X1
4. In Gjinokaster and environs there are from 5,000 to 6,000 soldiers of different arms and services.
5. In the "Citta Militare," four new barracks have been built in which various supplies are kept. These barracks measure 14 x 30 meters.
6. On the slopes of the mountain overlooking the "Citta Militare," four corrugated iron barracks have been built, inside of which are kept artillery pieces, mortars, and machine guns.
7. In the church situated 3 kilometers south of the point designated as altitude 316 (Gjinokaster map, 1:100,000) there are warehouses for food and clothes, and about 20 soldiers posted on guard.
8. Near the electric power station there is a large, newly-constructed barracks used as a warehouse for foodstuffs.
9. The construction of a new civilian hospital was begun in the "Citta Militare" on 1 May 1950. 25X1

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10. The headquarters of a unit of engineers is located in the same area; a certain Captain Fatil and about 100 workers under him, are attached to this headquarters.

11. A solidly-built, underground prison is in course of construction.

Giorgucat

12. Various units, among which are two assault battalions, are located along the border.

Tepelene

13. An infantry battalion under the command of a major is located here.

Durres

14. Antiaircraft and coastal batteries have been moved on to the hill where the former royal palace is located. Other anti-aircraft pieces are emplaced along the hills in the direction of Shkoder.

15. [redacted] in the city and its surroundings there are about 10,000 soldiers.

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16. The warehouses of the port are full of cases containing miscellaneous material recently arrived from the USSR, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Between the customs and the port, at a distance of about 500 meters, there are great quantities of pipes of various dimensions, iron rods, and large cases of machinery and material.

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[redacted] this material is to be used at the oil fields of Kucove.

Vlone

17. More than 30 officers and "aspirants" of various arms have been noted in the city.

18. A section of the Police, popularly called the "torturers," has its office in the Duni Palace.

19. Soldiers in light blue uniforms have been noticed since approximately the beginning of 1951.

20. In the immediate vicinity of the insane asylum, tunnels are being built in which coast artillery will be located.

Drashovice

21. In the zone situated about 15 kilometers to the east of Vlone, four unidentified battalions are encamped.

22. The point designated as altitude 115, east of Vlone (probably near Drashovice) is strongly fortified.

Gusbaba

23. To the east of Vlone, a radar station is located.

Shiak

24. Military repair shops recently have been built here.

Sarande

25. On the heights dominating the sea, tunnels are being constructed for coast artillery emplacements.

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Tirana

26. Large military repair shops have been built in the immediate vicinity of the city, on the road to Durres.
27. In the former "Sata" establishment, there is a civilian motor pool with about 250 vehicles.
28. The ammunition depot of the DMP (Divisione Mbrojtes Popullit)¹ is in the ex-royal palace.
29. The present Albanian Army has a strength of about 70,000 men, in addition to the Police, who number about 30,000. Presently under arms is the entire class of 1932. Previous classes are called in turn every two months (sic). The next call will be for the class of 1933.
30. During the Tirana military parade of 29 October 1950, on the anniversary of the liberation of Albania, the following were noted:
 - a. 30 to 40 medium tanks armed with long cannon;
 - b. 4 Tiger tanks;
 - c. 30 armored cars of two unidentified types;
 - d. 50 pieces of artillery pulled by small prime movers;
 - e. 40 pieces of motorized antitank artillery;
 - f. 1 company of 70 motorcyclists with sub-machine guns mounted on the handle bars of their vehicles.
31. In the woods situated near a small church, mid-way on the Kelcyre-Berat highway, there is a barracks about 20 meters square. It is isolated and used as a powder-magazine. It is guarded by about 10 soldiers.
32. On the road from Tepelene to Gjinokaster, at the 16 kilometer point, is a stone bridge on the right of which are two ammunition storehouses, measuring about 9 x 30 meters, with floors of reinforced concrete.
33. During early 1951 about 30 freight trains arrived at the Yzberishe railroad station from which Albanian soldiers unloaded cases (contents unknown). The cases were taken to the Shkumbini Barracks.
34. The entire Albanian coast is closely guarded by members of the Border Militia, 25X1 as well as by motor torpedo boats of the Albanian Navy.
35. [redacted] there are no searchlights in Albania, and [redacted] recently (sic-presumably during early 1951), when planes of unknown origin flew over Albanian territory, antiaircraft batteries opened fire without the aid of searchlights.² 25X1
36. The tank-drivers' barracks are situated at the crossroads to the south of point designated as altitude 87 (Albania map 1:100,000, Tirana sheet).
37. During early 1951, a large number of gasoline drums arrived in Albania from Czechoslovakia. It is not known where they have been stored.
38. The present ranks of non-commissioned officers in the Albanian Army are indicated by transverse silver stripes worn on the shoulders: corporal, 1 stripe; sergeant, 2 stripes; sergeant-major, 3; "maresciallo" (staff sergeant), 4.
39. In the zone to the north and south of the cart road from Tirana to Noroqi (sic-Ndroq?) is an ammunition depot consisting of various buildings built on both

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sides of the road.

40. Along the mule track east of Tirana, which passes by Kasemat (sic) and Kenios (sic) toward Mount Dajti, is located a company of military engineers, the Officers' Candidate School, depots of portable and automatic arms with their ammunition, and the repair shop of the Intermarrja Rruga.

41. The "Enver" vehicle maintenance establishment is the largest and best equipped in Albania. It is located on the premises of the former Fiat works, and is composed of large barracks about 100 meters long. About 100 soldiers and 150 civilians work there. The workshop produces pistons and piston rings; provides for the assembly, disassembly, and overhaul of vehicles; and has a foundry section for bronze, cast iron, and aluminum.

42. The director of the "Enver" works is Captain Toma Basko; the political commissar, Captain Raffaele Spiro; and chief of planning, Lieutenant Sofokli Kalupi.

43. Production of the "Enver" works is limited by lack of raw materials and specialized workers. Only about 20 vehicles per month can be repaired. 25X1

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1. [Redacted] Comment: Generally conceded to have been disbanded in 1949, and its units incorporated into the regular Army, the Border-Coastal Command, and the Sigurimi. 25X1

2. [Redacted]

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