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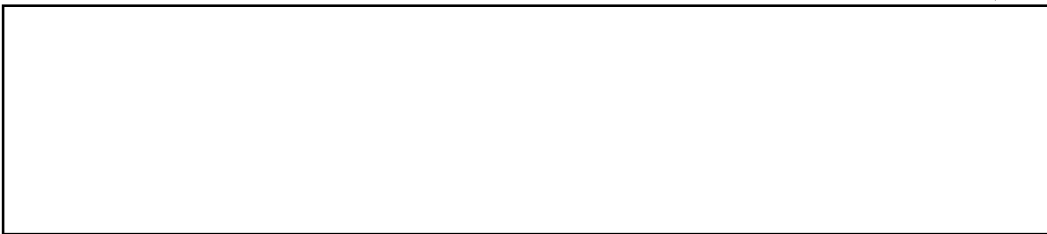
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SOURCE



Rumanian Troops in Sighet.

1. Prior to September 1951, source observed a barracks installation located in Sighet (S 18/G 13) about 100 meters southwest of the main railroad station and consisting of one five-story brick building, about 100 meters long, not enclosed by a fence. Source saw troops in the installation, who, it was rumored, belonged to a Rumanian infantry unit. The EM wore garrison caps, the officers had round service caps; Soviet-star emblems were fixed to the caps.
2. Another old barracks installation, which was being reconditioned, was located 100 meters west of the Infantry Barracks, on the south side of the same street. It included one four-story brick building, about 100 meters long, and an unidentified number of other structures and was not fenced. The installation also seemed to be occupied to capacity. The soldiers wore blouses, ski trousers, mountain boots and berets and displayed a good, soldierlike behavior. Horse-teams and Skoda trucks were observed in the barracks area. From the PW camp located on the eastern perimeter of the city in an old, partially destroyed Hungarian artillery barracks, source frequently saw a total of 200 Rumanian soldiers marching three abreast on this street, equipped with not more than six short-barreled light guns drawn by EM.
3. From the southern bank of the Theiss River, source observed Soviet soldiers doing excavation work on the northern bank of the river. Watchtowers and small searchlights were seen there. Except for a small guard detail for the PW camp, no Soviet units were located in the city of Sighet.

Rumanian Troops in Sibiu.

4. Prior to September 1951, Sibiu (R 35/R 20) was occupied to capacity by Rumanian troops. According to German residents, artillery, infantry and cavalry units were located in the city. In addition, Militia and Security

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troops were observed. No details as to the equipment of the troops were known. Motorized artillery units with guns of about 100-mm were frequently observed in the city area. Barracks installations located in the city included the Artillery Barracks on the west side of the road to Cisnadia (R 35/W 29), which was occupied by a Rumanian artillery unit; and the Infantry Barracks, adjoining the Artillery Barracks to the south, and the Cavalry Barracks on either side of the road to Brasov (R 35/K 37). Both of these installations were occupied by Rumanian units. *

5. The offices and the billets of the Securitate were located in the former palace of the commanding general on the former Schewisgasse, which led to Poplaca (R 35/W 19). The former court house and the building of the former Klausenburg University were located opposite the palace. The neighboring private houses were requisitioned by the Securitate.
6. Prior to mid-1951, the Rumanian troops wore the rank insignia of the old Rumanian Army. In the summer of 1951, the new insignia, similar to those of the Soviet troops, was introduced. In September 1951, source still observed both the old and new style insignia.
7. Prior to September 1951, source observed an infantry unit in the barracks installation of the former 190 Inf Regt in the central sector of the city. Detachments seen marching out of the installation carried rifles only. No Soviet troops were observed in the city.
8. Prior to early October 1951, another source observed a Rumanian unit of 400 to 500 young soldiers billeted in the suburb of Turnisor, southwest of Sibiu, in the former town hall on the market place and in a former theater on Hintergasse. The troops moved in during the spring of 1951. The soldiers wore green uniforms with long trousers and blouses and wore blue-bordered epaulets. Most officers wore visor-type service caps with red bands; but a few officers wore caps of the same type with blue bands. Source thought these troops were an infantry unit. She was certain that the troops did not belong to the air force. ** Several trucks were parked in front, and at the rear, of the billets. Rifles were observed but no heavy weapons. Soldiers riding in trucks were frequently seen traveling towards the north.
9. Prior to late September 1951, source observed another old barracks installation in a park enclosed by a wall, opposite a corn market on Strada Sibiului, formerly Hauptstrasse. Its former designation was Honved Kaserne. The installation consisted of one U-shaped building with its closed side, including a large gateway, facing the street. It was common knowledge among the local people that the installation was occupied by a Rumanian infantry unit.
10. According to statements made in early October 1951, by a worker employed at the ordnance depot in the southwestern sector of the city, guns were frequently shipped from this depot. No information concerning tanks was known. Source did not know of any Soviet units stationed at Sibiu.

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* Comment. The statements of the present report largely substantiate several previous reports on the occupation of Sibiu by Rumanian units. According to a previous report, a former cadet school, located in the southwestern sector of the city on the road to Poplaca and occupied by an officer candidate school for officer candidates of all branches of the service, is also located in Sibiu.

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