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476 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion

1. The headquarters of the 476 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion is located in Skoplje. The Battalion is composed of nine companies, four of which have headquarters in Bitolj, Djevdjelija, Debar and Konopiste. The Commanding Officer of the Battalion is Colonel Marko Srdic, the Political Commissar is Lieutenant Colonel Dusan Filipovic and the Chief of Staff is a certain Major Zerica.

85 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion

2. The headquarters of the 85 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion is located in Konopiste. The following units are assigned to the Battalion:
- a. 11 Company, with headquarters in Majdan;
 - b. 12 Company, with headquarters in Rudnik, commanded by a certain Captain Jovanovic;
 - c. 13 Company, with headquarters in Huma, commanded by Captain Milan Gakovic. The Political Commissar is First Lieutenant Vlado Vujacic; and
 - d. A machine-gun company, attached to the Battalion headquarters. This company is composed of 40 men divided into two platoons. The commanding officer is First Lieutenant Dragutin Zecevic. The company has the following armament:
 - (1) Six German 7.9-mm Schartz machine guns;
 - (2) Seven Russian 7.62-mm Spagin submachine guns; and
 - (3) Twenty-seven German 7.9-mm Mauser rifles.

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3. The staff officers of the 85 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion are as follows:
 - a. Major Ciril Godec; Commanding Officer;
 - b. Major Milos Maslovara; Political Commissar;
 - c. Captain Milenko Radojcic; Chief of the KOS Section. A certain First Lieutenant Mandic and Warrant Officer Drago Kujundjic are also assigned to the KOS Section; and
 - d. A certain Warrant Officer Obren; Chief of the Communications Section.
4. The men of the Battalion receive about 800 grams of bread per day and about 50 grams of meat per meal four times each week. The soldiers receive 90 dinars per month.
5. The headquarters of the Battalion operates a school for telephone and telegraph operators. The school has 12 students who receive instruction eight hours per day. The course lasts 11 months. The commander of the school is Second Lieutenant Radovan Nikolic, whose assistant is Warrant Officer Zivota Nestorovic.
6. The pressure on the soldiers to join the Communist Party has increased since the fall of 1951. Approximately 20 per cent of the soldiers of the Battalion are members of the Communist Party. In February 1952, the trial period of 6 to 18 months required of Communist Party candidates was abolished for candidates serving with the KNOJ. At that time, all of the candidates who were serving in the 85 KNOJ Border Guard Battalion became Communist Party members.
7. During the period from 27 September 1951 to 10 April 1952, only two persons were caught attempting to escape into Greece in the sector patrolled by the Battalion. The two persons had escaped from the prison at Kavadar and were captured in early April at Klinske Livade.

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