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1. In late December 1950 and early January, 1951, the 14 Rifle Regiment was re-designated 23 Infantry Regiment. The reason for the redesignation is not known. [] E/O strength of 23 Rifle Regiment to be between 1800 and 2000 men. However, the strength of the Regiment in July 1952 was approximately 1000 men. [] as to the units, other than 14 Infantry Regiment, which furnished the cadre and filler. 25X1

2. [] as to the actual status of 7 "Rilska" Rifle Division. In December 1950, the 14 Rifle Regiment had two rifle battalions and one artillery company.

3. [] as to the redesignation of other units.

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5. Second Lieutenant Tosho Aleksandrov Petrov, Political Officer of 2 Battalion, 23 Rifle Regiment, [] a Soviet Colonel acted as adviser to 10 "Strumska" Rifle Division. This Soviet Colonel twice visited the 23 Infantry Regiment.

6. [] who was a member of an artillery regiment at Simitli subordinate to 7 "Rilska" Rifle Division, that the artillery regiment was deactivated after maneuvers in September 1950. At that time half of the personnel were sent to Sofia and half to Dupnitsa. []

[] who was a member of an unidentified artillery regiment in Sofia, Podelenie 1770. [] could not remember when he received the letter. 25X1

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7. In the spring of 1952, it was rumored in 23 Rifle Regiment that Major Chochev, formerly commander of the first battalion of 14 Rifle Regiment, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and given the command of an unidentified regiment in Kyustendil.¹
8. In 1952, the rifle battalions of 23 Infantry Regiment had their summer camp at Zelen Dol (N4200 E2302), six or seven kilometers west of Gorna Dzhumaya. The artillery company remained in the Gorna Dzhumaya garrison.
9. Captain Angelov is Deputy Commander of 23 Rifle Regiment. In July 1952, Senior First Lieutenant Kashokiev was given command of the first battalion of 23 Rifle Regiment. In March 1952, Senior First Lieutenant Zhelev was given command of the second battalion of 23 Rifle Regiment. Captain Moravski is the commander of an unidentified artillery company subordinate to 23 Rifle Regiment.
10. In June 1952, [redacted] pointed out barracks in Pleven which he identified as belonging to 4 Rifle Regiment. 25X1
11. [redacted] the area in the vicinity of a monastery 15 kilometers southeast of Troyan and five kilometers south of Oreshak (N4252 E2446) is a restricted military zone. Since 1951, this area has been used by an unidentified unit from Pleven for summer encampment. 25X1
12. [redacted] The train had 10 to 15 cars of troops with full pack. The troops descended at Levski. [redacted] troops were coming from summer encampment in the Troyan area since no units were stationed in Troyan. 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment: Possibly reference is made to 13 "Rilski" Rifle Regiment. 25X1