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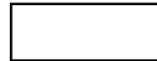
1. Composition of the Albanian Armed Forces:
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- a. Four infantry divisions - 6,000 men each.
 - b. One armored brigade - 500 men.
 - c. One antiaircraft artillery regiment - 800 men.
 - d. One antitank artillery regiment - 400 men.
 - e. One coast artillery brigade - 1,000 men.
 - f. One signal regiment - 750 men.
 - g. One motor transport unit - 600 men and 450 vehicles.

2. Disposition of Units:
- a. Headquarters of the Albanian Armed Forces is located in Tirana.
 - b. 1 Infantry Division, Tirana.
 - c. 5 Infantry Division, Gjinokaster.
 - d. 6 Infantry Division, Shkoder.
 - e. 8 Infantry Division, Korce.
 - f. Unidentified armored brigade, Tirana.

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g. Headquarters of the coast artillery brigade is located in Durres and its bat-
 talions are located in Durres, Kavaje, Vlone, Sarande, and the Island of Saseno.

3. Strength:

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| a. Army | 40,000 officers and men |
| b. Navy | 500 officers and men |
| c. Air Force | 500 officers and men |
| d. Frontier Guards and Sigurimi units | 16,000 officers and men |
| e. Special Pursuit Brigade | 2,500 officers and men |
| f. Police guards | 7,000 officers and men |

4. Armaments used by all units of the armed forces:

- a. Army - equipped mainly with Soviet type armaments and some German and Italian equipment.
- b. Frontier Guards - Italian and German type arms. None of the Frontier Guards have been equipped with Soviet arms.
- c. State Police Guards and Sigurimi troops - German arms.
- d. Municipal Police - Italian rifles.
- e. Pursuit Brigade - German arms.

5. Armaments used by infantry units:

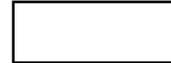
- a. Antitank guns 14.5 mm Soviet type.
- b. Mortars 82 mm, 107 mm and 120 mm Soviet type.
- c. Antitank guns, 45 mm and 76.2 mm Soviet type.
- d. Mountain guns, 75/13 Italian type and 76.2 mm Soviet type.
- e. Field guns, 76.2 mm Soviet type.
- f. Antiaircraft guns, 76.2 mm, 37 mm Soviet type, 20 mm German and Czechoslovakian type and 88 mm German type.
- g. Rifles, automatic rifles, submachine guns, light machine guns, heavy machine guns are of 7.62 mm Soviet type.

6. Armaments used by coast artillery units:

- a. 202 mm and 152 mm guns Soviet type.
- b. 150 and 105 mm guns German and Czechoslovakian type.

7. Tanks:

- a. Sixty T 34/85 Soviet model.
- b. Forty, old Italian and German model.



- c. Twenty, armored cars, Soviet model.
- d. Soviet SU 76, 24 inch self-propelled guns.

8. Aircraft:

An unspecified number of Soviet YAK's and jet fighters are expected. There are rumors that parts for approximately 60 Soviet planes have arrived and are being assembled.

9. Navy:

- a. Six Soviet motor torpedo boats have been assembled in Vlone harbor by Soviet specialists from parts brought from the Soviet Union. Each boat is ten meters long, has a speed of 25 knots, carries a crew of fifteen men, and mounts three 45 mm guns.
- b. In addition there are four Italian 70 ton patrol boats, five Italian 20 ton M.B.'s, three Soviet 15 ton M.B.'s, and one German coastguard boat. All are lightly armed. There are also an unspecified number of Italian and Soviet small craft, and four midget submarines.

10. Total armament and equipment:

200 field and mountain guns
140 antitank guns
90 antiaircraft guns
100 coastal guns
350 light mortars
150 heavy mortars
125 vehicles
60 T 34/85 Soviet type tank
25 motorboats
4 midget submarines
10 YAK fighters
70 unidentified type planes brought from the USSR

11. Mobilization:

- a. All units currently on active status can be brought to wartime strength within one week. Two additional divisions can be organized within a month's time.
- b. Each year there are two mobilization calls, one in the spring and the other in the fall. Generally two classes are serving at one time. There are approximately 12,000 men in each class.
- c. There are 6,000 regular officers and noncommissioned officers in the Army, and approximately 5,000 former servicemen in the officers' reserve. Each year reservists are called for a two month tour of active duty for refresher training.
- d. The total number of men between 15 to 50 years of age available for service is 200,000.

12. Military Districts:

There are three military districts: Tirana, under the command of General MOISE SPIRO; Berat, under the command of General TAHIR QUANDARAJE; Shkoder under the command of General SUKIT PEQI.

13. Morale:

Officers are devoted to their service. They are well paid and well looked after. A large number of officers in the army, navy, and air force are sent to the Soviet Union for training. The morale in the officers reserve, however, is very low.

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14. Organization and Defenses:

- a. Every infantry division has three infantry regiments each consisting of three battalions and one artillery regiment. Units are especially trained and equipped for mountain warfare. The general mission of the Army is said to be defensive.
- b. Field and semi-permanent light fortifications have been constructed along Albania's land frontiers. Two independent infantry regiments are stationed along the coastal frontier. Minefields are layed opposite the island of Corfu, between Sarande and Himare. A double minefield is located at the entrance of Vlone Bay between the Island of Saseno and the mainland.

15. Airfields:

There are airfields at Durres, Tirana, Vlone, and Berat. Seaplane bases are located at Vlone and Durres. Landing fields are located at Gjinokaster, Korce, Kukes, Shkoder, Kopkik, Peshkepi, Peqin, Losing(sic), and Fier.