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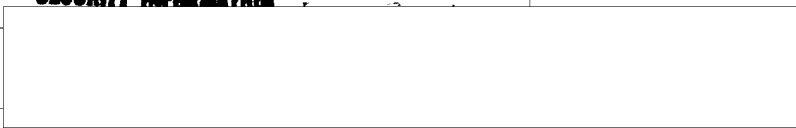
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A) YUGOSLAV GROUND FORCES

a) Headquarters

Mar 48 - Military District of **LJUBLJANA**

Commanding officer: a captain

assisted by 4-5 officers and

25-30 noncommissioned officers.

Oct 48 - Military District of

**ČAKOVEZ
VARAZDIN**



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Dec 50- Military District of 26
..... TOLMINO
[redacted]
Commanding officer: a captain
assisted by 1 sergeant and 2-3
privates.

Mar 48- Center for the assembly, 50X1-HUM
clothing, and assignment of VARAZDIN
personnel recalled to arms. area
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] barracks located at
Varazdin [redacted]

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Commanding officer: a lieutenant,
[redacted] assisted 50X1-HUM
by 3-4 noncommissioned officers,
including a staff sergeant who
acts as political commissar.

In March 1948, over a

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period of 2 weeks, the center clothed and assigned to various stations about 1,200 men recalled to the colors.

The center also provides general services, including guard service, with about 20 draftees.

b) Troops

Oct 48 - Communications Battalion VARAZDIN

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Commanding officer: a captain

Strength: 150 men, all recalled.

Organization: the battalion comprises:

- a telephone operators'

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company, 75 men strong, commanded by a second lieutenant. This company comprises 3 platoons, each 20-25 men strong, commanded by noncommissioned officers. Each platoon comprises 2 squads, each 10-12 men strong, led by a sergeant or 1st corporal.

- radio operators' company, 75 men strong, commanded by a second lieutenant. Its organization is the same as that of the above-mentioned company.

Armament

All the privates are

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armed with short-barrel
Mauser rifles; the officers
and noncommissioned officers
with pistols of various types.

Technical equipment

The telephone operators' company
is issued the following equipment:

- 4 telephone switchboards,
each with 10 lines, formerly used
by the Wehrmacht.

- 30 field telephones of various
types, including 4 used formerly
by the Italian Army. These tele-
phones are not equipped with
dry cell batteries; wet cell batteries
are used. The sets are in good

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working condition.

- telephone wire, particularly wire formerly used by the Wehrmacht, which is in very bad working condition.

- baskets to contain telephone wire.

The radio operators' company is issued an undetermined number of field radios which are used for distances of 2-3 Kilometers.

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Training

The two companies are trained in the use of their respective

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means of communication, radio and telephone.

About once a month combat drill is held by squad. Each day a half hour of close order drill is held. Drill is held near the barracks.

Inspection

Over a period of 7 months 2-3 inspections were made by a major coming from Ljubljana.

The major witnessed the drills for a few minutes and then went to battalion headquarters where he remained for several hours

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Billets

The troops are housed in building equipped with wooden double-decker beds, each provided with straw mattress, a pillow, 2 blankets, and 2 sheets. The maximum capacity of the building is 1,000 men.

Schedule

0500	reveille
0600	breakfast
0700-1300	training
1400	lunch
1400-1600	rest period
1600-1800	political indoctrination
1900	dinner

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Food

Breakfast: coffee without sugar
and a little marmelade

Lunch: turnip, mixed herb, or
cabbage soup

Dinner: same as lunch

Bread: 900 grams a day

Meat: 3 times a week

Food is scarce; those who
can, have food sent to them
from home.

Clothing

Each soldier is issued the
following items:

- 1 pair of trousers
- 1 blouse

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- 1 garrison cap
- 2 shirts
- 2 pair of underwear
- 2 pair of foot cloths
- 1 pair of shoes

All of these items are used constantly and thus they are in very poor condition.

When a soldier has to leave his shoes with the cobbler for repairs, he remains in the barracks where he performs barracks duties and is issued wooden sandals.

Post exchange
managed by a civilian: it

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sells stationery, ink, shoe polish, and cigarettes.

Pay

The privates receive 90 dinars a month.

Liberty

Only on Sunday and for one third of the personnel only each time.

Movie theater

The soldiers are taken there in formation, when their turn comes up. American films are shown.

Discipline

It is not excessively severe.

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In most cases the soldiers are punished because they fail to pay sufficient attention ~~to~~ in political indoctrination classes.

Penalties are:

- cancellation of liberty for several Sundays.

- standing guard at night over the shoes of the ~~the~~ unit which are gathered in a special area.

Morale

Rather low, owing to insufficient food, poor clothing and long and monotonous drills.

Relations with civilians

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It is strictly forbidden
for the soldiers to have any
contact with the civilian population.

Feb 51- Unidentified People's Militia TOLMINO
unit.

Commanding officer: a lieutenant
Strength: about 30 men

The PLEZZO and CAPORETTO
detachments are responsible to
this unit.

Feb 51- Unidentified KNOS unit, TOLMINO

Commanding officer: a major.

Note- No further details.

Oct 48- KNOS company VARAZDIN

Commanding officer: a captain

Strength: 200 men

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Oct 48 - Textile mill located in VARAZDIN
the outskirts of Varazdin.

It produces fabrics for the
armed forces and for the civilian
population.

Workers: about 5,000.

This mill already was in
existence before the war, but was
expanded recently. It is
guarded by KNOJ personnel.

Oct 50 - Shoe factory located VARAZDIN
in the outskirts of Varazdin.

It manufactures shoes

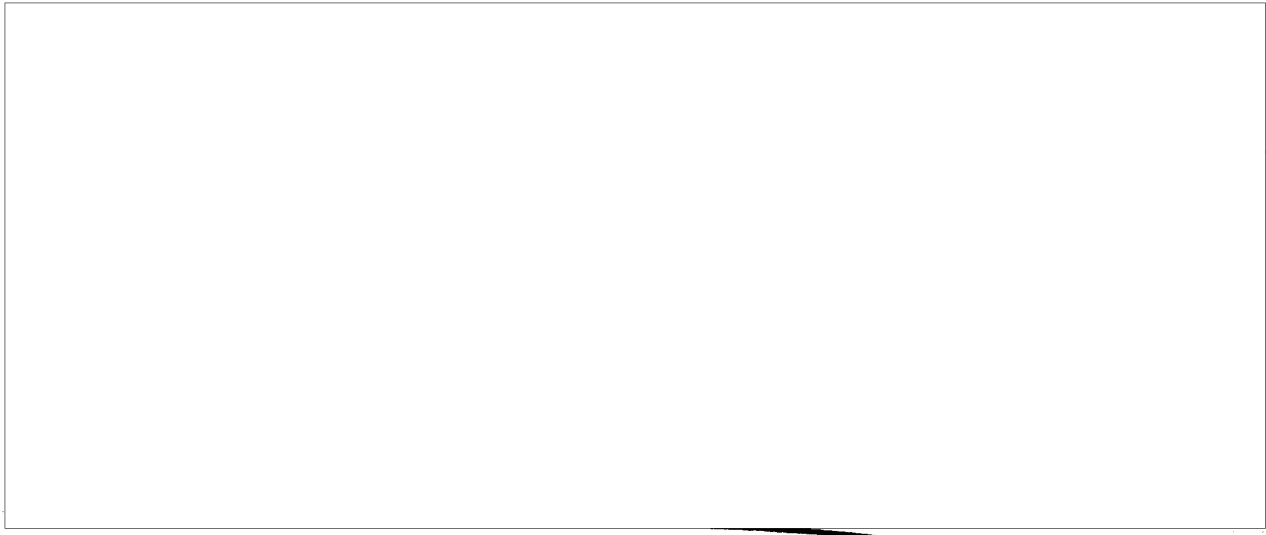
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*for the civilian population.
Workers: about 500.*

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