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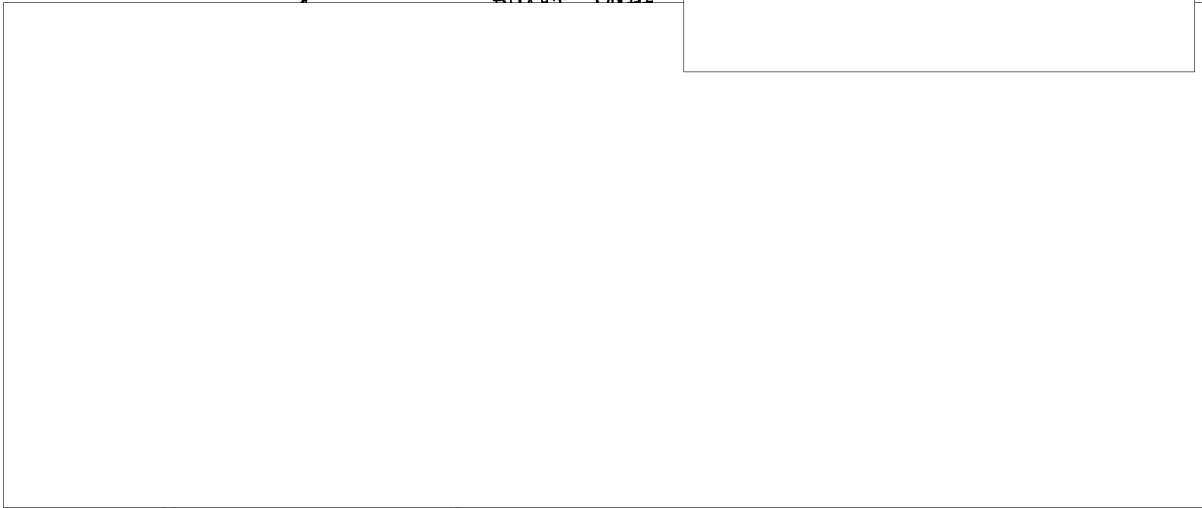
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A) Yugoslav Armed Land Forces

a) - Headquarters

April 1949 - ~~Vojna Otvorak~~ Military District of

located on the road through

Vipacco, in a 3-story building.

Commanding officer; an infantry lieutenant.

Other personnel noted: a second lieutenant and 6 soldiers, 3 noncommissioned officers and soldiers (all

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infantry)

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recruits

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were sent from this district to Ljubljana.

April 1949 Headquarters of recruit battalion of

LJUBLJANA

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located at the airport but the

place indicated in the margin,

in wooden barracks.

Commanding officer: an Infantry Major

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The recruits, about 2,000, were supplied

with clothing and incorporated in

a battalion, then sent to Spalato.

b) Troops

May 1949 Ivo Lavecic's Labor Battalion

SPALATO

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Commanding officer: 1 captain

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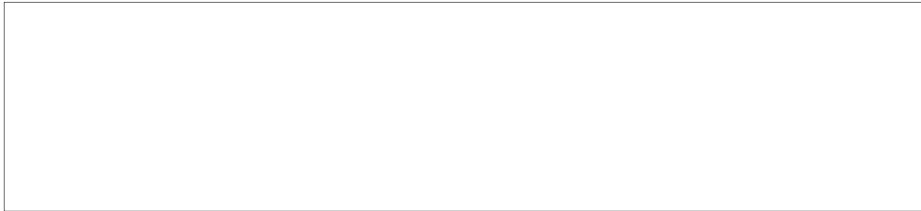
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Political Commissioner: a lieutenant,  
a Montenegrin, disliked by the  
soldiers

Doctor, a Croatian captain.



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Organization

6 companies, numbered progressively.

Commanding officers of companies; 1st  
or 2d lieutenants.

3 platoons to every company under  
command of noncommissioned officers.

Every platoon divided into a variable  
number of squads

Strength:

About 2,400 men.

350-400 men in each company.

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All soldiers were unarmed.

There was not even any armament for the units.

Post Office Address

Soldiers must have mail addressed to: "Gradevinsko Preduzeca.

Ivo Tavčević" Km m. 5/A - SPLIT.

Location

In wooden barracks near the small chapel at Spinut (Spalato -



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There are 12 barracks altogether:

1 for battalion HQ, kitchen, officers' mess;

1 for the troop kitchen;

1 for the store house;

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9 for troop billets.

The barracks for troop billets, supplied with wooden bunks, can lodge a maximum of 350 men each.

The whole camp is surrounded with ~~the~~ barbed wire stretched between concrete posts and guarded by soldiers armed with rifles.

Employment

The employment of the battalion was under civilian managers from the shipyards

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Work

levelling a lilly and rocky area east of the shipyard for a

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width of 1 km and depth of 0.500 km;

building two ~~sections~~ concrete ways

for ship launching (see *Economica*

Information - Industry)

Schedule (in summer)

Reveille at 0200;

Breakfast 0300;

Work 0500 - 1200

1<sup>st</sup> Mess. 1200

Rest 1200 - 1300.

Work 1300 - 1600

2<sup>d</sup> Mess. 1900

Propaganda meetings from 1700 to 1900  
were held 4 days a week by the political

Commissar.

Food

Breakfast: coffee or soup with sifted flour

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1<sup>st</sup> mess: a mess tin of green vegetable soup.

2<sup>d</sup> mess: soup with sifted flour.

1 kilogram of black bread per day.

Meat (mutton) 2 to 3 times a week.

### Uniforms

Since the uniforms given to the soldiers are second hand, they are reduced to the worst possible condition by work.

### Goods for sale

Cigarettes and wine are sold at market price.

### Pay

Soldiers receive 20 dinars per day.

From this sum withdrawals are made for "Aid to Yugoslavia" or

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for reconstruction work.

### Leave

Leave was granted only from 1600 to 1900 hours on Sunday

Many soldiers did not take leave because they were ashamed of the wretched condition of their uniforms.

### Movies

Almost every evening a truck with a projector came to the camp; the films, generally of American origin, were shown out-of-doors.

### Discipline

Soldiers were punished; by making them work 2 to 4 hours in addition to the prescribed time. Two

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search lights were used to light the  
terrain;

by having to stand guard at night  
over the sleep of their comrades gathered  
together in a convenient spot.

Discipline was very severe.

Morale

Morale was not very high on account  
of the insufficient food, poor condition  
of the clothing, and excessive work.

Escapes

In 8 months about 50 ~~men~~ soldiers  
out of the 2,400 escaped. [redacted]

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[redacted] they were not caught.

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[redacted]

Sanitary conditions

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During the summer, as a result of colic, about 500 soldiers were placed in hospital <sup>in the course of</sup> ~~for~~ 2 weeks

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This ~~partly~~ partly confirms



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November 1949 Detachment of



Commanding officer, 1 2d Lieutenant from Spalato

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Strength:

50 soldiers of the Ivo Lovčević Labor Battalion, all from the former province of Gorizia

Work

Unloading and storing, in a wooden barrack, building materials (lumber, cement, tracks and cars for narrow-gauge railways), shipped

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by boat from Spalato.

The materials were to employed in building a small harbor in the same locality.

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B) Navy

November 1949 Old disarmed <sup>ex</sup> Austrian warship

MOSTAR  
Ploča



In March 1949

an ex-Austrian warship, built about 50 years ago, was towed from the port of Sebenico to Ploča bay. The ship was anchored back in the bay.

It is 214 m. long. It has 1 funnel.

It has no armament.

The coal-burning engines are not in running condition; the hull is much rusted.

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The ship was used as quarters and mess for about 150 officers and 50 sailors.

The officers were almost all captains and lieutenants.

the officers and sailors,



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had no employment or work at this post.

Every day some of the officers went off in two (Diesel) motorboats, each about 25 m long.

The boats usually returned after 10-12 hours, occasionally after 1-2 days.

At night the ship was illuminated by electricity, supplied by a generator.

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A squad of 10 men from the R. N. O. J.  
was on guard at the ship night  
and day.

C) Economic Information

Industry

October 1949. Krstulovic Shipyard of SPALATO

Administration; civilian; some  
engineers from Spalato.

Work

Clearing the terrain back of the  
shipyard;

Building (at approximately  
the date indicated in the margin)  
a 4-floor concrete building, 150  
x 50 meters, with large rooms  
to be used as an office;

Building (at approximately the

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the date indicated in the margin.)  
two ~~ways~~ ways for launching  
ships.

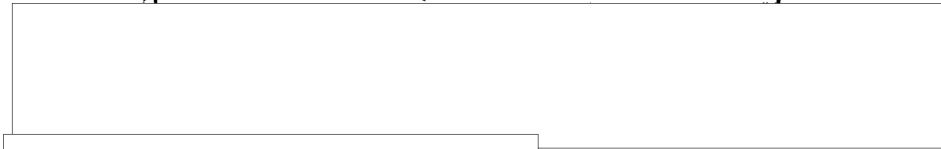
The two ways are about 20 meters  
apart.

Description:

About 9 m above sea level;

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length: 200 m. to the sea;



the water is

very shallow.

Width: 15 m

Ballast: rock and concrete.

Inclined surface, concrete. Two parallel

double-T metal beams, <sup>6 meters apart,</sup> are em-

bedded in this surface for the

entire length of the way.

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Workmen;

Ivo Lavećević Labor Battalion

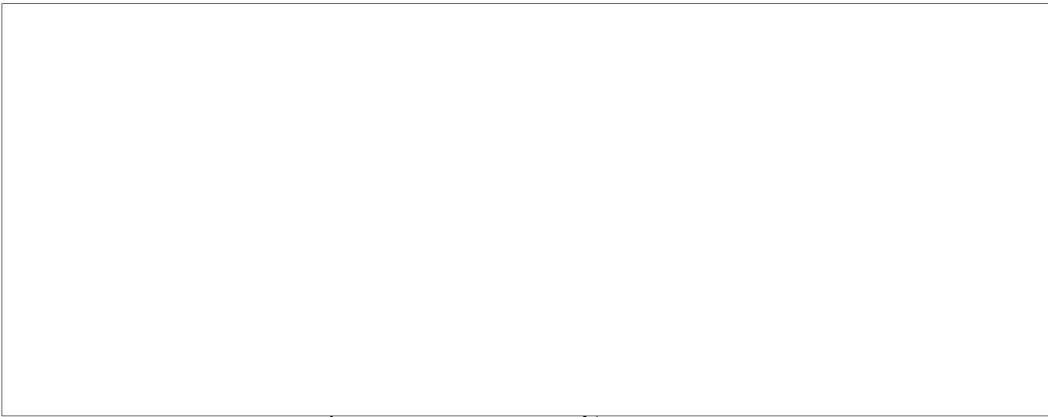
(cf Yugoslav Armed Land Forces)

Shock workers (About 600) (chiefly  
women 20 to 40 years old);

About 150 expert workmen from

Spaleto.

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