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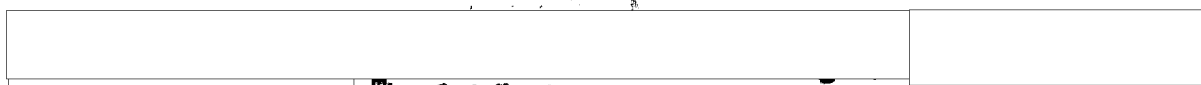
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a) Structure of the 3rd Engineer Battalion:



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The 3rd Engineer Battalion, which had two companies, received a third company in November. The third company contained two platoons, one of which was a technical platoon and another which was a bridge constructing platoon. The Battalion had come to SHUMEN from ELHOVO in 1946. As in all the army units, the 1928 recruits in the Engineer Battalion were released on 5 March 1951.

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b) 5th Engineer Battalion of the 5th Division in RUSE:

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This battalion contains two companies whose structure is the same as in the

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3rd Engineer Battalion companies. A third company had not been added to this battalion. Very few men remained in the battalion because of the release of the 1928 recruits. The cadres were filled by the enlistment of the 1930 class.

c) 19th Infantry Regiment:

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[redacted] the number of the Infantry Regiment [redacted] changed from 19th to 21st and [redacted] this is how the 19th Regiment has been "cancelled" [redacted]

The headquarters and staff of the 19th Infantry Regiment, together with one battalion were sent to ORHOVO and two battalions with their headquarters were sent to VRATSA. Only 200-250 men from the 19th Infantry Regiment remained in RAZGRAD. Afterwards, the 21st Regiment was formed in RAZGRAD.

The 31st Infantry Regiment in SILISTRA, subordinated to the 5th Division, was sent to the Turkish border and a new Infantry Regiment was formed in SILISTRA which had the number 50th. The headquarters, officers and men of the 50th Infantry Regiment are all new. [redacted]

One battalion of the 24th Infantry Regiment in BURGAS was sent to SVILENGRAD in November 1950. The other two battalions of the same regiment were sent to a place in the same vicinity [redacted]

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A new Infantry Regiment was formed in YAMBOL, carrying the number of the 40th. Everything about this regiment is also new.

It can be ascertained from these statements that the 19th, 31st and the 24th Infantry Regiments were not "cancelled" nor were their "numbers changed". It does not seem at all logical in a military sense to "cancel" old regiments and form new ones to take their place. It can be assumed that the 19th, 31st and 24th Infantry Regiments left their garrisons and were sent to the front lines together with their headquarters and officers to reinforce the structure of the units in the front lines and that the three new regiments, 40th, 21st and 50th, were formed on the basis of the skeleton men left by the departing regiments. Only the 21st Regiment already existed under the O.B. of the 2nd Division in SMOLYAN.

4. Turkish-Bulgarian Border Units:

a) The complement of regiments on the Turkish-Bulgarian border has been doubled, that is to say that regiments with complements amounting to 2,000-2,500 are now about 5,000.

b) There are, at the present time, Soviet officers, in uniform, on the

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Turkish -Bulgarian border. [redacted] Soviet military units were to arrive there also to take command of the defence against the Turkish border. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

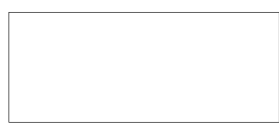
5. Soviet Equipment in Bulgaria: 50X1-HUM

a) It was rumored in Bulgaria that a large number of guns, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, KATUSHKAs had arrived via the Danube. It is not known where they were sent to. 50X1-HUM

b) [redacted] new Soviet ^{RIFLE} VINTOPKA (infantry) rifles and MAKSIM SOKOLOF heavy machine guns were distributed among the troops and [redacted] the deficiency in arms was thus made up. 50X1-HUM

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