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2. Barracks and Warehouses in Kola^{sh}

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1. The Scutari Brigade has the following units:

a. Staff

- (1) Commanding Officer--Colonel Skender Malini
- (2) Chief of Staff--Captain Class A Dilaver Laci
- (3) Political Commissar--Captain Class A Petro Zisi
- (4) Cryptographic and Communications Officer--a first lieutenant
- (5) Quartermaster Officer--a captain class "B"
- (6) Party Enlightenment Officer--First Lieutenant Andrea Kokoci
- (7) Artillery Officer--a captain class "A"
- (8) Medical Doctor--
- (9) Veterinarian--
- (10) Operations Officer--

- b. Three infantry battalions: 1 Battalion, 2 Battalion, and 3 Battalion
- c. Artillery battalion
- d. Heavy mortar battery
- e. Automatic weapons company
- f. Engineer company
- g. Quartermaster company
- h. Communications company
- i. Candidate officer company
- j. Reconnaissance platoon
- k. Security platoon

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2. [redacted] the Brigade did not have an anti-tank platoon. The total strength of the Brigade was 895 men. [redacted]
3. Most of the Scutari Brigade was quartered in barracks located about 100 meters north of Scutari opposite the civilian hospital on the western side of Zalkirit Street. The barracks consisted of six buildings, five of which were constructed by Zog's regime, [redacted]. The barracks were lighted with electricity brought from the powerplant in Scutari. About 200 meters northwest of these barracks there was a building which housed the artillery unit, the automatic weapons company, the engineer company, the communications company, and the reconnaissance platoon. About 10 meters east of the building there is a building which houses the kitchen. These two buildings make up the Skender Bej Barracks.
4. [redacted] the following concerning the armament of the Brigade:
- Artillery Battalion. [redacted] did not know the number of guns it had, but [redacted] saw 14 covered guns near the Skender Bej Barracks where the Battalion was quartered.
 - Mortar Unit. [redacted] saw several of them being loaded on mules when the Brigade went from Scutari to Koplik.
 - Automatic Weapons Company. It was equipped with six Soviet 7.62 m.m. sub-machine guns, PPSH 1941.
 - Engineer Company. Each member of the company was armed with a Soviet M 1891/30, 7.62 m.m. rifle.
 - The Communications Company, the Quartermaster Company and the Candidate Officer Company were armed the same as the Engineer Company.
5. About 300 meters south of Viroit Spring and 600 meters west of the road connecting Gjinokaster with Tepelene there was a large single-story building which was used as the ammunition dump of the Scutari Brigade. The building was surrounded by barbed wire and was guarded.
6. The Brigade had the following means of transportation: 10 [redacted] trucks, 1 Soviet jeep for the commanding officer, 2 [redacted] motorcycles, and 75 mules and horses. During movements of the Brigade about 20 mules are given to each of the battalions. The artillery battalion and the mortar unit have [redacted] vehicles similar to the ones described above.

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7. The 2 Infantry Battalion of the Scutari Brigade had the following units:
- a. Staff
 - (1) Commanding Officer--First Lieutenant (sic) Met Alia
 - (2) Political Commissar--First Lieutenant Menelao Dimosi
 - (3) Adjutant--First Lieutenant Tefik Ruci
 - b. Two infantry companies. Captain Glass "B" Bekir Isa was the Commanding Officer of the 1 Infantry Company, and Second Lieutenant Selman (Inu) was the Commanding Officer of the 2 Infantry Company.
 - c. Mortar Company. Commanded by a first lieutenant. There are two platoon leaders who are warrant officers.
 - d. Machine Gun Company. Commanded by a first lieutenant. There are two platoon leaders who are warrant officers.
 - e. Anti-tank squad, which consists of seven soldiers lead by a warrant officer and a sergeant.
 - f. Anti-aircraft machine gun squad, which consists of nine soldiers commanded by a master sergeant.
 - g. Engineer squad, which consists of six soldiers commanded by a warrant officer.
 - h. Squad of telephone operators, which consists of three soldiers, a sergeant and a master sergeant.
8. The two rifle companies, the engineer squad, and the squad of telephone operators were equipped with Soviet M1891/30, 7.62 m.m. rifles. Each rifle company also had four (one for each squad) [redacted] sub-machine guns. The machine gun squad was equipped with four Maxim 7.62m.m. M1910 machine guns. The mortar company had four Soviet mortars, two of which were drawn on carriages. [redacted] the mortars used by the mortar company were smaller than those used by the mortar unit of the Brigade. The anti-tank squad had two Soviet PTRS 1941 14.5m.m. guns. 50X1-HUM
9. The squad of telephone operators of the 2 Infantry Battalion had three Soviet TI-IR telephones and 1,200 meters of [redacted] wire. The telephones of this squad were used only during maneuvers to provide communications between the battalion commander and the company commanders. Telephones for communication between the brigade commander and the battalion commander were provided by the communications company of the Brigade. 50X1-HUM

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10. [redacted] the Scutari Brigade conducted defense maneuvers in the hills north of the bridge at location (Q.B. 38-15). To carry out the maneuver the Brigade went on foot from Koplik, where it was stationed for the summer, to the maneuver area. The trip lasted about 13 hours. The maneuvers, including the time required for the march to and from the maneuvers area, lasted five days. All of the Brigade, except for about a company which was left to guard the summer camp, took part in the maneuvers. The Brigade Commanding Officer, Skender Malini, and the Soviet colonel permanently attached to the Brigade observed the maneuvers.

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11. In the above maneuvers the squad of telephone operators, [redacted] was to lay a telephone line to connect the commanding officer of the Brigade with the battalion commanders, and the commander of the communications company and the transportation section.

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12. [redacted] the Scutari Brigade conducted an attack maneuver in the same area with the same number of troops. The engineer company and the 1 Company of the 2 Battalion manned the "enemy" positions. The maneuver was lead by the Brigade Commanding Officer and was again observed by the Soviet Colonel. The maneuver was not completed, but was stopped on the second day because there were four casualties among the soldiers of the engineer company.

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[redacted] a sergeant from Vlone in the 1 Company, with other nationalists in his group, found an opportunity during the maneuvers to bayonet four Communists in the engineer company.

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B. Barracks and Warehouses Near Kolsh

13. The Kolsh barracks, where the 31 Infantry Regiment was quartered, are located 300 meters south of Kolsh on the road connecting Kolsh with Kukes. The barracks consist of five single-story buildings which were constructed in 1950. The barracks are lighted with kerosene lamps.

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14. Two hundred meters south of Kolsh on the road connecting with Kukes there are three single-story buildings, each 20 by 10 meters, which were constructed by [redacted] Two of the buildings were used to store food of the 31 Infantry Regiment and one was used to house a Border Guard unit. There was barbed wire on the southern side of the buildings only. The two food warehouses were guarded by an infantry platoon.

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