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**1. Armies**

**Locations**

- 1st Army**  
 Commander: Lt Gen Todor Stefanov TOSCEV  
 Political Commissar: Maj Gen Sterio ATHANASOV  
 Chief of Staff: Col BOJAGIEV
- 2nd Army**  
 Commander: Lt Gen Assen GREKOV  
 Political Commissar: Maj Gen Boris KOFCEV  
 Chief of Staff: Col BOJAGIEV
- 3rd Army**  
 Commander: Lt Gen Marko KOLEV  
 Political Commissar: Col NANOV  
 Chief of Staff: Name not known
- 4th Army**  
 Army is in course of activation. The Commanding Officer will be Gen Ivan VIMAROV

**Sofia**

**Plovdiv**

**Shumen**

**Pleven**

**2. Infantry Divisions**

- 1st "Guards"**  
 Commander: Maj Gen PANCEVSKI  
 Chief of Staff: Col BOJAGIEV
- 2nd "Trakinska"**  
 Commander: Col Dimitar BRATANOV
- 3rd "Balkano Dravska"**  
 Commander: Maj Gen Vassil MILEROV LIUBENOV  
 Vice Commander: Col Nicola PETROV
- 4th "Preslavska"**  
 Commander: Col OVCIAROV
- 5th "Dunavska"**  
 Commander: Col Russe RUSSEV  
 Vice Commander: Col TOMKIEV
- 6th "Vidinaska"**  
 Commander: Col JAKOVSKI  
 Chief of Staff: Col Svetko ANEV

**Sofia**

**Plovdiv**

**Sliven**

**Shumen**

**Varna**

**Vratsa**

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Infantry Divisions (Cont'd.)

Locations

7th "Rilska"

Commander: Col STOJKOV

Chief of Staff: Col GANCEV

Dupnitsa

8th "Tungianska" (in process of re-activation)

Commander designate: Gen Sterio ATHANASOV (is presently Political Commissar of the 1st Army, see above).

Stara Zagora

9th "Plevanska" (in process of re-activation)

10th "Belomorska Rodopska" (in process of re-activation)

Partisan Division (Struma Valley, Bulgar-Greco frontier) Petric (Zone)

Commander: Gen Slavco TIRNEVSKI

3. Cavalry Brigades:

1st Cavalry

Sofia

2nd Cavalry

Commander: Col B. MDRUNOV

Yambol

3rd Cavalry

Commander: Col Dimitar Kristov POPOV

Shumen

4. Armored Brigades:

Units are designated as Brigades but because of their lightness may be considered divisions:

1st Armored Brigade Commander: Col IVANOV

Sofia

2nd Armored Brigade

Commander: Col Assen Malinov SURDULOV

Plovdiv

3rd Armored Brigade

Commander: Col Todor POPOV (in process of being replaced)

Kazanlik

5. Infantry Regiments:

1st "Sofijski"

Commander: Col GEPOLSKI

Sofia

3rd "Vidinaki"

Vidin

5th "Lunavski"

Commander: Col SEMIZOV

Ruse

6th "Tirnovski"

Commander: Col Dencio ZNEPOLSKI

Sofia

7th "Prealavski"

Commander: Col STANCEV

Shumen

8th "Primorski"

Commander: Col Dimitar Andreev STAMBOLGIEV

Varna

9th "Plovdivski"

Commander: Col Anghel ANGHELOV

Plovdiv

11th "Slivenski"

Commander: Col MOEV

Sliven

14th "Makedonski"

Commander: Col DRANGIEV

Gorna Dzhumaya

15th "Lomski"

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Belogradcik

18th "Gierski"

Commander: Col Hagi LILOV

Tirnova

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<u>Infantry Regiments (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Location</u>
19th "Sumenski" Commander: Col HAGIEV	Razgrad
21st "Sredna Gorski" Commander Lt Col RAZSUKANOV	Smolyan
22nd "Trakinski"	Dupnitsa
24th "Cernomorski" Commander: Col MIHAILOV	Burgas
25th "Dragomanski" Commander: Col TASCEV	Silivniza
27th "Cepinski" Commander: Lt Col MIHAILOV	Cepine
29th "Jambolski" Commander: Col Liuben PAZAROV	Yambol
33rd "Svistovski" Commander: Col SCESTANOV	Lovec
35th "Vracianski" Commander: Col Metodi KRISTOV	Vratsa
39th "Solunski"	Nevrokep
6. The 8th Division which is signalled as in process of re-activation was composed of the following infantry regiments:	
12th "Balkanski"	.....
23rd "Scipkanski"	.....
30th "Sceinovski"	.....
7. The 9th and 10th Divisions which are in process of re-activation were composed of the following infantry regiments:	
4th "Plevenski Skobelev"	.....
34th "Trojanski"	.....
36th "Orhovinski"	.....
10th "Rodopski"	.....
47th "Ardinski"	.....
44th "Krumovski"	.....
8. The re-constitution of the 9th and 10th Divisions will probably result also in the re-construction of the above indicated regiments with their old garrison headquarters locations.	
9. <u>Cavalry Regiments (united in Brigades)</u>	
1st Cavalry Regiment Commander: Col KAZAROV	Breznik
2nd Cavalry Regiment	Lom
4th Cavalry Regiment Commander: Col ASMANOV	Yambol
6th Cavalry Regiment Commander: Col MAINOV	Hermanli
8th Cavalry Regiment Commander: Col ZIAPKOV	Silistra

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<b>Cavalry Regiments (Cont'd)</b>	
10th Cavalry Regiment Commander: Col DANEV	Shumen
<b>10. <u>Tank Regiments</u> (forming part of Armored Brigades)</b>	
1st Tank Regiment Commander: Lt Col NAIDENOV	Sofia
2nd Tank Regiment Commander: Col Kristo KRISTANOV	Plovdiv
3rd Tank Regiment (In process of activation)	Kazanlik
<b>11. <u>Motorized Infantry Regiments</u> (forming part of Armored Brigades)</b>	
1st Motorized Infantry Regiment	Samakov
2nd Motorized Infantry Regiment	Plovdiv
3rd Motorized Infantry Regiment (In process of re-constitution)	.....
<b>12. <u>Field Artillery Regiments</u> (assigned to Infantry Divisions)</b>	
1st Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col BOZDAROV	Ruse
2nd Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col BECVAROV	Vratsa
3rd Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col Assen STEFANOV	Plovdiv
4th Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col A. Pancev DIMITROV	Sofia
5th Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col MORUNOV	Shumen
6th Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col NADENOV	Sliven
7th Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col MIHALOV	Samakov
<b>13. <u>Self-Propelled Artillery Regiments</u> (form part of Armored Brigades)</b>	
1st Self-Propelled Artillery Regiment Commander: Col ZONEV	Breznik
2nd Self-Propelled Artillery Regiment	Plovdiv
3rd Self-Propelled Artillery Regiment (In process of re-activation)	.....
<b>14. <u>Mountain Artillery Regiments</u> (depend from Army Hqs)</b>	
1st Mountain Artillery Regiment Commander: Lt Col RASKOV	Hazlog
2nd Mountain Artillery Regiment Commander: Col MITROV	Asenovgrad
3rd Mountain Artillery Regiment	Tegovishte
<b>15. <u>Heavy Motorized Field Artillery Regiments</u> (depend from Hqs of Army)</b>	

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	<u>Locations</u>
<b>Heavy Motorized Field Artillery Regiments (Cont'd)</b>	
1st Heavy Motorized Field Artillery Regiment Commander: Col RANCHELOV	Sofia
2nd Heavy Motorized Field Artillery Regiment (A Group)	Plovdiv
2nd Heavy Motorized Field Artillery Regiment (B Group) Commander: Lt Col CIORBANOV	Haskovo
3rd Heavy Motorized Field Artillery Regiment	Shumen
16. <u>Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiments</u> (depend from Army Hqs)	
1st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment Commander: Lt Col PETHOV	Sofia
2nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment Commander: Lt Col ZEMOV	Kazanlik
3rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment Commander: Lt Col MINKOV	Xambol
17. <u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u> (depend from Army Hqs)	
1st Anti-Tank Regiment Commander: Col KRISTEV	Ryustendil
2nd Anti-Tank Regiment	Chapan
3rd Anti-Tank Regiment Commander: Col STOICEV	Razgrad
18. <u>Coast Artillery Regiments</u> (depend from General Staff of Army)	
1st Coast Artillery Regiment	Burgas
2nd Coast Artillery Regiment	Varna
19. <u>Engineers Communications Regiments</u> (depend from General Staff of the Army or from Army Hqs , the first three):	
1st Engineers Communications Regiment Commander: Col IVANKOV	Sofia
2nd Engineers Communications Regiment Commander: Lt Col MAVROV	Plovdiv
3rd Engineers Communications Regiment	Shumen
Engineers Communications Regiment of Army	Sofia
20. <u>Engineer Pioneer Regiments</u> (depend from Army Hqs)	
1st Engineer Pioneer Regiment Commander: Major JOSILOV	Sofia-Pancerevo
2nd Engineer Pioneer Regiment Commander: Lt Col LOSANOV	Plovdiv
3rd Engineer Pioneer Regiment	Shumen
21. <u>Railroad Engineers Regiment</u> (depends from General Staff of Army)	
Commander: Lt Col VASSEV	Sofia
22. <u>Transport Engineers Regiment</u> (depends from General Staff of Army)	
Commander: Col ANASTASOV	Sofia

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23. Autonomous Units below level of Regiment:

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Parachute Troops (strength about a battalion)

Sofia

At the dependence of the General Staff of the Army:

1 Battalion of heavy machine guns

Radomir

2 Battalion of heavy machine guns (at the dependence of Army Headquarters)

Peshtera

3 Battalion of heavy machine guns (at the dependence of Army Headquarters)

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Recon. Cavalry Groups (assigned 1 to every Infantry Division. Hqs in headquarters of Division).

Recon. Armored Groups (in Armored Brigades. 1 for each Brigade) Headquarters: 1 Group - Bankia, 2 Group - Plovdiv.

Pioneer Engineers Battalion (assigned 1 for each Infantry Division)

Communications Engineers Battalion (assigned 1 for each Infantry Division)

Mixed Communications and Pioneers Battalion (in Armored Brigades, 1 for each Brigade).

Supply Battalion (1 for each Division).

Transport Battalion (1 for each Infantry Division)

Medical Companies (1 for each Infantry Division)

Militia Battalion (police, one for each Army)

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