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1. The Bulgarian ground forces are divided into three armies (Armiya), which together comprise a total of 12 divisions.

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- a. The Western (Zapadna) Army, also called 1 Army, has its headquarters at Sofia and consists of the 1 Division at Sofia, the 7 Division at Stanke Dimitrov (formerly Dupnitsa), the 8 Division at Vratsa, and probably the 6 Division whose location is unknown;
- b. The Southern Army, also called the 2 Army, has its headquarters at Plovdiv and consists of the 2 Division at Plovdiv, the 3 Division at Yambol, the 10 Division at Khaskovo, and the 11 ("New") Division at Burgas; and
- c. The Northern Army, also called the 3 Army, has its headquarters at either Kolarovgrad (formerly Shumen) or Sliven and consists of the 4 Division at Kolarovgrad, the 5 Division at Ruse, the 9 Division at Pleven, and the 12 ("New") Division at Tolbukhin (formerly Dobrich).

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2. Each of the 12 divisions consists of three infantry, cavalry, or artillery brigades, located as follows:

- a. 1 Division, with brigades at Sofia, Breznik, and Slivnitsa;
- b. 2 Division, with brigades at Plovdiv, Chirpan, and Pazardzhik;
- c. 3 Division, with brigades at Yambol, Nova Zagora, and Sliven;
- d. 4 Division, with brigades at Kolarovgrad, Turgovishte, and a third unknown location;
- e. 5 Division, with brigades at Ruse, Gorna Oryakhovitsa, Silistra, and a cavalry brigade at Razgrad;

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- f. 6 Division; no details are known;
 - g. 7 Division, with brigades at Stanke Dimitrov, Blagoevgrad, and Kyustendil;
 - h. 8 Division, with brigades at Vratsa, Vidin, and a third unknown location;
 - i. 9 Division, with brigades at Pleven, Lovech, and Svishtov;
 - j. 10 Division, with brigades at Khaskovo, Kharmanli, and Kurdzhali;
 - k. 11 Division, with brigades at Burgas, Elkhovo, and a third unknown location; and
 - l. 12 Division, with an infantry brigade at Balchik and artillery and cavalry brigades at Tolbukhin.
3. As far as is known, there are five tank brigades in the Bulgarian Army; two of them are located in the Sofia area near Durvenitsa and Sukhodol villages. The remaining three are located at Plovdiv, Sliven and Kazanluk.
4. Specialized schools for officers are known to exist at the following locations:
- a. Infantry and artillery at Sofia;
 - b. Infantry, artillery, and medical corps at Turnovo;
 - c. Engineers and signal corps at Svishtov;
 - d. Signal corps and adjutants' course at Ruse;
 - e. Air Force at Tolbukhin and Telish; and
 - f. Armored Corps at Kazanluk.
5. Schools for noncommissioned officers are known to exist at the following locations:
- a. Infantry at Knyazhevo and Gorna Banya in the Sofia area;
 - b. Artillery at Samokov;
 - c. Infantry and artillery at Pleven;
 - d. Infantry at Plovdiv and Kolarovgrad;
 - e. Air Force at Bozhurishte; and
 - f. Armored Corps at Kazanluk and Sliven.
1. Comment: The division numbers 1-12 most probably do not correspond to actual designations, but are listed as received.

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