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1. The 1 "Sofiyska" Infantry Division, with headquarters in Sofia, and the 7 Infantry Division, with headquarters in Dupnitsa, were assigned to 1 Army. In 1950, the chief of 1 Army supply section was Colonel KOZHUKHAROV. The 1 "Sofiyska" Infantry Division was composed of three regiments. The headquarters of 25 Infantry Regiment was in Slivnitsa. During the summer, the headquarters of 1 and 6 Infantry Regiments were transferred to Malo Buchino (N 42-41, E 23-10), about 22 kilometers northwest of Sofia.¹
2. The 7 "Rilska" Infantry Division was composed of the following regiments:
 - a. The 13 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Kyustendil;
 - b. The 14 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Gorna Dzhumaya; and
 - c. The 39 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Nevrokop.
3. The 2 Division, with headquarters in Plovdiv, and 8 Division, headquarters in Stara Zagora, were assigned to 2 Army, with headquarters in Plovdiv. The 2 Division was composed of three regiments as follows:
 - a. The 9 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Plovdiv;
 - b. The 19 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Smolyan; and
 - c. The 27 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Pazardzhik.

In 1950, the commanding officer of 9 Infantry Regiment was Lieutenant Colonel KOMITOV, and the head of the division supply section was Captain Georgi KOVACHEV.

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4. The 8 Division was composed of the following regiments:
- The 12 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Stara Zagora; in the summer the headquarters of the regiment was in Preslovatz (N 41-59, E 25-53), Kharmanlii Okoliya;
 - The 30 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Simeonovgrad; in 1951, the commander was Second Lieutenant Georgi DANAILOV;
 - The 10 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Khaskovo; in 1951, one of the battalions of the regiment had its headquarters in Kurdzhali; and
 - The 23 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Kazanluk; in December 1951, this regiment was converted to a motorized unit.

5. The 3 "Balkan" Infantry Division, with headquarters in Sliven, the 4 "Preslavaska" Infantry Division, with headquarters in Shumen, and the 5 "Dunav" Infantry Division, with headquarters in Ruse, were assigned to 3 Army, with headquarters in Shumen. General Slavcho TRUNSKI was the commanding officer of 3 Army until 1951 [redacted] Colonel DZHUROV, former commanding officer of 2 Army, replaced General TRUNSKI.

6. The 3 "Balkan" Infantry Division was composed of three regiments:
- The 11 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Sliven;
 - The 24 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Burgas; and
 - The 29 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Yambol.

In 1950, the commanding officer of 29 Infantry Regiment was Lieutenant Colonel KHUNMOV.

7. The 4 "Preslavaska" Infantry Division was composed of three regiments:
- The 7 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Shumen;
 - The 8 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Varna; and
 - An unidentified regiment, with headquarters in Razgrad.

The regiment in Razgrad was created to replace 19 Infantry Regiment which was transferred to Smolyan. In June 1949, the commanding officer of 4 Division was General Tsoryu Gonev KHRISTOV [redacted]

8. The 5 "Dunav" Infantry Division was composed of the following regiments:
- The 5 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Ruse;
 - The 18 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Turnovo; and
 - The 33 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Svishtov.

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9. The 6 Infantry Division, with headquarters in Vratsa, and 9 Infantry Division, with headquarters in Pleven, were assigned to 4 Army which had its headquarters in Pleven. The 6 Division was composed of the following regiments:
- a. The 3 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Vidin; in 1951, the commanding officer was Major VELCHEVSKI;
 - b. The 35 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Oryakhovo; and
 - c. The 15 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Belogradchik; in late 1949 or early 1950, the headquarters of 15 Infantry Regiment was transferred, possibly to Lom, and their barracks in Belogradchik were turned over to Greek guerrillas.
10. The 9 Infantry Division was composed of the following regiments:
- a. The 4 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Pleven;
 - b. The 16 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Botevgrad; and
 - c. The 36 Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Lovech.
11. An artillery regiment, a mountain artillery regiment, and an antiaircraft artillery regiment were assigned to the headquarters of each of the four armies as follows:
- a. The 1 Army:
 - (1) The 1 Army Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Sofia;
 - (2) The 1 Army Mountain Artillery Section, headquarters in Razlog; and
 - (3) The 1 Army Antiaircraft Regiment, with headquarters in Sofia;
 - b. The 2 Army:
 - (1) The 2 Army Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Khaskovo;
 - (2) The 2 Army Mountain Artillery Section, with headquarters in Asenovgrad; and
 - (3) The 2 Army Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Plovdiv;
 - c. The 3 Army:
 - (1) The 3 Army Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Shumen;
 - (2) The 3 Army Mountain Artillery Section, with headquarters in Turgovishte; and
 - (3) The 3 Army Antiaircraft Regiment, with headquarters in Yambol; and
 - d. The 4 Army:
 - (1) The 4 Army Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Pleven;
 - (2) The 4 Army Mountain Artillery Section, with headquarters in Mikhaylovgrad; and
 - (3) The 4 Army Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Gorna Oryakhovitsa.

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12. The following artillery regiments were assigned to headquarters of infantry divisions, as follows:
- a. The 4 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Sofia, assigned to 1 Division;
 - b. The 7 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Samokov, assigned to 7 Division;
 - c. The 3 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Plovdiv, assigned to 2 Division;
 - d. The 8 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Stara Zagora, assigned to 8 Division;
 - e. The 6 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Sliven, assigned to 3 Division;
 - f. The 5 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Shumen, assigned to 4 Division;
 - g. The 1 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Ruse, assigned to 5 Division;
 - h. The 9 Artillery Regiment, with headquarters in Sevlievo, assigned to 9 Division; and
 - i. An unidentified artillery regiment, with headquarters in Berkovitsa, assigned to 6 Division.
13. In 1951, Captain Ivan PIRONKOV, son of General Bons PIRONKOV, deceased, and Lieutenant Colonel Nikola POPOV were serving in the Artillery Section of the Ministry of Defense. Lieutenant Colonel POPOV had attended an artillery school in the Soviet Union. The chief inspector of Bulgarian artillery was Colonel Veselin VURBANOV whose office was in Pleven.
14. In 1950, the 2 Cavalry Division in Yambol was composed of the following units:
- a. The 4 Cavalry Regiment, with headquarters in Yambol;
 - b. The 6 Cavalry Regiment, with headquarters in Yambol;
 - c. The 8 Cavalry Regiment, with headquarters in Silistra;
 - d. The 10 Cavalry Regiment, with headquarters in Dobrich;
 - e. The 2 Motorized Regiment, with headquarters in Sliven; and
 - f. The 2 Artillery Battalion, with headquarters in Nova Zagora.
- During 1950, the 4 and 6 Cavalry Regiments were deactivated, and in 1951, the 8 Cavalry Regiment was transferred to Razgrad. In December 1951, Warrant Officer Ivan PETROV was serving in the headquarters of the 10 Cavalry Regiment, and Warrant Officer Sazda GOLUBOV was assistant commanding officer of one squadron of the regiment.
15. During peacetime, the 2 Artillery Regiment and the 17, 20, 22, 26, 28, 32, 27, and 38 Infantry Regiments are inactive.
1. Comment: According to the Deutsche Heereskarte 1:100,000 Map Series, Malo Buchino is located 10 kilometers west of Sofia.

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