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1. Bulgaria is divided into five military zones. 25X1
 these zones, and the Infantry Divisions located in each, as follows: 25X1
 - a. Zone I: Sofia
 The 1 Infantry Division at Sofia;
 The 7 Infantry Division at Gorna-Dzhumaya; 25X1
 - b. Zone II: Plovdiv
 The 2 Infantry Division at Plovdiv;
 The 8 Infantry Division at Stara Zagora; 25X1
 - c. Zone III: Kolarovgrad
 The 4 Infantry Division at Kolarovgrad;
 The 9 Infantry Division at Stalin;
 - d. Zone IV: Pleven
 The 3 Infantry Division at Pleven;
 The 6 Infantry Division at Vratsa;
 - e. Zone V: Krasovo¹
 No information on units.
2. the following breakdown of the various Bulgarian Infantry divisions: 25X1
 - a. The 1 Infantry Division at Sofia:
 - (1) The 1 Infantry Regiment at Sofia;
 - (2) The 6 Infantry Regiment at Sofia;
 - (3) The 25 Infantry Regiment at Slivnitsa;
 - (4) The 4 Motorized Artillery Regiment at Sofia;²
 - (5) The 1 Antitank Troop at Botevgrad;
 - b. The 2 Infantry Division at Plovdiv:
 - (1) The 2 Motorized Infantry Regiment at Plovdiv;

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- (2) The 20 Infantry Regiment at Levski⁵grad;
 (3) The 9 Infantry Regiment at Plovdiv;³
 (4) The 27 Infantry Regiment at Pazardzhik⁴;
 (5) An Unidentified "Mountain Hunter's Regiment" at Peshtera;
 (6) The 10 Artillery Regiment at Momchilgrad;
 (7) The 2 Antitank Troop at Asenovgrad;

c. The 3 Infantry Division at Pleven:

- (1) The 4 Infantry Regiment at Pleven⁶;
 (2) The 7 Infantry Regiment at Lovech;
 (3) The 34 Infantry Regiment at Oryakhovo;
 (4) The 5 Motorized Artillery Regiment at Pleven;
 (5) The 4 Antitank Troop at Pleven;

d. The 4 Infantry Division at Kolarovgrad;

- (1) The 5 Infantry Regiment at Ruse;
 (2) The 18 Infantry Regiment at Kolarovgrad;
 (3) The 30 Infantry Regiment at Tŭrnovo;
 (4) The 19 Infantry Regiment at Razgrad;
 (5) The 1 Artillery Regiment at Ruse;
 (6) The 5 Antitank Troop at Kolarovgrad;

e. The 5 Infantry Division⁷

f. The 6 Infantry Division at Vratsa:

- (1) The 3 Infantry Regiment at Vidin;
 (2) The 35 Infantry Regiment at Vratsa;
 (3) The 15 Infantry Regiment at Belogradchik;
 (4) The 2 Artillery Regiment at Vratsa;
 (5) The 3 Antitank Troop at Mikhaylovgrad;

g. The 7 Infantry Division at Gorna Dzhumaya:

- (1) The 21 Infantry Regiment at Samokov;
 (2) The 14 Infantry Regiment at Gorna Dzhumaya;
 (3) The 22 Infantry Regiment at Stanke Dimitrov;
 (4) The 11 Artillery Regiment at Stanke Dimitrov;
 (5) The 14 Antitank Troop at Kyustendil;
 (6) The 7 Antitank Troop at Samokov;
 (7) The 1 Mountain Hunting Regiment (sic) at Samokov;

h. The 8 Infantry Division at Stara Zagora;

- (1) The 24 Infantry Regiment at Burgas;
 (2) The 29 Infantry Regiment at Yambol;
 (3) The 10 Infantry Regiment at Kŭrdzhali;
 (4) The 6 Artillery Regiment at Stara Zagora;
 (5) An unidentified Artillery Regiment at Nova Zagora;
 (6) An unidentified Antitank Troop at Sliven;

i. The 9 Infantry Division at Stalin;

- (1) The 31 Motorized Infantry Regiment at Silistra;
 (2) The 39 Motorized Infantry Regiment at Tolbuhin;
 (3) An unidentified Motorized Infantry Regiment at Stalin;
 (4) An unidentified Motorized Infantry Regiment at Tutrakan;
 (5) The 8 Motorized Artillery Regiment at Tolbuhin;
 (6) The 9 Antitank Troop at Stalin.

3. in each of the five military districts are various units which are not integral parts of any of the above-mentioned divisions. These units are:

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a. Zone I:

- (1) The 1 Motorized Heavy Artillery Regiment at Sofia;
- (2) The 1 Engineer Regiment at Sofia;
- (3) The 1 Transport Regiment at Sofia;
- (4) The 1 Motorized Antiaircraft Regiment at Sofia;
- (5) The 1 Communication Regiment at Sofia;

b. Zone II:

- (1) The 2 Motorized Heavy Artillery Regiment at Plovdiv;
- (2) The 2 Motorized Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment at Plovdiv;
- (3) The 2 Engineer Regiment at Plovdiv;
- (4) The 2 Transport Regiment at Plovdiv;

c. Zone III:

- (1) The 3 Motorized Heavy Artillery Regiment at Kolarovgrad;
- (2) The 3 Transport Regiment at Kolarovgrad;
- (3) The 3 Engineer Regiment at Kolarovgrad;
- (4) The 3 Communication Regiment at Kolarovgrad;

d. Zone IV:

- (1) The 4 Motorized Heavy Artillery Regiment at Pleven;
- (2) The 4 Motorized Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment at Pleven;
- (3) The 4 Engineer Regiment at Pleven;
- (4) An unidentified Communications Battalion at Nikopol;

e. Zone V:

- (1) The 5 Motorized Heavy Artillery Regiment at Khaskovo;
- (2) The 3 Motorized Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment at Yambol;
- (3) An unidentified Communications Battalion at Haskovo;
- (4) An unidentified Transport Battalion at Haskovo;

4. the following units and subordinate units, where known, are directly subordinate to the Ministry of National Defense:

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a. Air Force:⁸

- (1) The 1 Aircraft Division at Sofia:
 - (a) The 1 Aircraft Regiment with units at Sofia, Bozhurishte, Dobraslavtsi⁹ and at Elin Pelin;¹⁰
 - (b) The 3 Aircraft Regiment, with units at Vrba, Kuykendil, Dimitrovo and Samokov;
 - (c) Aircraft Regiment;¹¹
- (2) The 2 Aircraft Division at Plovdiv;
 - (a) The 2 Aircraft Regiment, with units at Plovdiv, at Asenovgrad, and at Graf Ignatiev;
 - (b) The 4 Aircraft Regiment, with units at Stara Zagora, at Khaskovo, and at Yambol;
 - (c) The 6 Aircraft Regiment, with units at Levskigrad, at Kazanluk, due north of the town, and at Kazanluk, due east of the town.

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[redacted] the airfields at Burgas, Doapat, and Lyubimets are subordinate to the 2 Aircraft Division, but that it is not known under which aircraft regiments these fields are placed.

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- (3) The 3 Aircraft Division at Tolbukhin;
- (a) The 17 Aircraft Regiment, with units at Stalin, at Provadiya and at Gorna Oryahovitsa;
 - (b) The 16 Aircraft Regiment, with units near Tolbukhin, at Tutrakan, and at Ruse;

[redacted] the airfields at Kolarovgrad and Balchik are subordinate to the 3 Aircraft Division.

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- (4) The 4 Aircraft Division at Plevna;¹²
- (a) The 3 Aircraft Regiment, with units at Plevna, at Dolna Mitropoliya, and at Lovech.

[redacted] the airfields at Vratsa, at Nikopol/Dunav, and at Vidin/Dunav are subordinate to the 4 Aircraft Division.

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b. Armored Units:

- (1) The 1 Armored Division at Sofia:
- (a) The 1 Armored Tank Regiment at Sofia;
 - (b) The 4 Armored Regiment at Samokov;
 - (c) The 1 Motorized Artillery Regiment at Slivnitsa;¹³
 - (d) The 1 Motorized Infantry Regiment at Sofia;
 - (e) The 4 Motorized Infantry Regiment at Samokov;
 - (f) The 9 Motorized Infantry Regiment at Slivnitsa;

- (2) The 2 Armored Tank Division at Plovdiv;¹⁴
- (a) The 2 Armored Tank Regiment at Plovdiv;
 - (b) The 6 Armored Tank Regiment at Sliven;
 - (c) The 2 Motorized Artillery Regiment at Plovdiv;
 - (d) The 3 Motorized Artillery Battalion at Kazanluk;
 - (e) The 11 Motorized Infantry Regiment at Sliven;
 - (f) The 3 Motorized Infantry Battalion at Kazanluk;

- (3) The 3 Armored Tank Division at Plevna;¹⁵
- (a) The 7 Armored Tank Regiment at Plevna; [redacted] according to other reliable reports, this unit at Plevna is an armored brigade, not an armored regiment;
 - (b) An unidentified Artillery Battalion at Sevlievo;

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c. Cavalry Units:

- (1) The 1 Cavalry Regiment at Sofia;¹⁶
- (2) The 4 Cavalry Regiment at Yambol;
- (3) The 6 Cavalry Regiment at Kharmanli;
- (4) The 8 Cavalry Regiment at Silistra;
- (5) The 10 Cavalry Regiment at Kolarovgrad;

d. Communications Units:

- (1) The 1 Radio Regiment at Sofia;
- (2) An unidentified Communication Battalion at Krasno Selo near Sofia;

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e. Railway Units:

- (1) The 1 Railway Regiment at Sofia;
- (2) An unidentified Railway Battalion at Burgas;

f. Coast Artillery:

- (1) The 1 Coastal Defense Artillery Regiment at Stalin;
- (2) The 2 Coastal Defense Artillery Regiment at Burgas;

g. Navy¹⁷.

[redacted] Comments:

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1. [redacted] in the event of war the defense of this Zone would probably require one infantry division in each of the following areas: Haskovo, Elhovo and Kurdzhali. 25X1
2. [redacted] according to another report, the 4 Artillery Regiment is not motorized. 25X1
3. [redacted] according to another report, the 9 Infantry Regiment has been partly motorized. 25X1
4. [redacted] according to another report, the 27 Infantry Regiment has been partly motorized. 25X1
5. [redacted] according to another report, the number of this regiment is 21, not 20. 25X1
6. [redacted] the 4 Infantry Regiment is partly motorized.
7. [redacted] the 5 Infantry Division was abolished in 1947, but that according to "reliable" reports it will be re-established. [redacted] this has not yet been confirmed. 25X1
8. [redacted] according to persistent reports, initiation of new Air Force changes was scheduled to start in mid-1954. Reliable confirmation, however, had not been obtained in this connection. [redacted] that all instructors and advisors at the Air Force Headquarters, at the bases, and at the aviation schools, are Soviet officers. [redacted] it had been reported that there are Soviet Air Force units located at the airfields near Tolbukhin, at Lovets and at Vratsa, but that this had not been confirmed. 25X1
9. [redacted] according to reports, these units are at Kumaritza not Dobroslavtsi.
10. [redacted] according to other reports, these units are at Novoseltsi, not Elin Pelin. 25X1
11. [redacted] no information could be obtained about this unidentified aircraft regiment. It is not clear whether [redacted] this third aircraft regiment actually existed as a component part of the 1 Aircraft Division, [redacted]. 25X1
12. [redacted] this Aircraft Division is currently in the process of activation, [redacted]. 25X1
13. [redacted] this Regiment was previously at Sofia.
14. [redacted] the 2 Armored Tank Division was formed in 1952; that prior to that time it had been an independent armored brigade at Sliven.

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15. [Redacted] the formation of the 3 Armored Division is currently being carried out.

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[Redacted] according to unconfirmed reports, two additional armored units were to have been activated during 1954.

16. [Redacted] this is the "Bodyguard Cavalry Regiment".

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17. [Redacted]

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