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1. The Bulgarian army is located as follows:
 - a. The First Army, headquarters in Sofia, units located along the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border;
 - b. The Second Army, headquarters in Plovdiv, units located predominantly along the Greek border and some forces along the Turkish border; and
 - c. The Third Army, main forces concentrated around Varna.
2. The First and Second Armies are each composed of the following component parts:
 - a. Three infantry divisions, partly motorized;
 - b. One cavalry brigade;
 - c. One armored division;
 - d. One field artillery regiment;
 - e. One heavy motorized artillery regiment;
 - f. One air force regiment;
 - g. One antitank battalion;
 - h. One reconnaissance battalion;

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1. One engineer battalion, and
- j. Signal units.
3. The Third Army contains two infantry divisions and a third infantry division is in the process of being organized.
4. The infantry and armored units of the Bulgarian army are organized along Soviet lines. Each armored division consists of the following units:
 - a. One armored regiment;
 - b. One motorized infantry regiment;
 - c. One antiaircraft battalion; and
 - d. One armored reconnaissance battalion.
5. The majority of the tanks are improved T-34's, but there are still some German Tiger tanks within the armored divisions.
6. Ninety-five percent of the officer-trainees are members of the Communist Party. Approximately 150 officers who were on duty at the time of the Peace Treaty remain in the service; the wartime officers of the Bulgarian army were all victims of purges.
7. Recently, 3,000 young, politically reliable officer-candidates left the military academy and were sent to the Soviet Union for further training.
8. The Soviets seem to consider political penetration of the Bulgarian army of even greater importance than the rearming process. Weapon familiarization and other military training receive less attention than political training under Soviet supervision, and other types of political education.
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1. Soviet Major General Vladimirov commands the Bulgarian troops which are located throughout the Yugoslav border area. The following units allegedly are in that area:
 - a. One armored division, originally from Sofia and assumed to be 1 Armored Division; and
 - b. Two infantry divisions, components of 2 Bulgarian Army Corps, assumed to be 6 Division and 7 Division.
2. The 6 Bulgarian Infantry Division is known as the Vidimaka Division and has headquarters at Svilengrad. Major General Yankorski is the divisional commander and Major General Yanev is his Chief of Staff. The division has three infantry regiments bearing the designations Vidiniki, Lomki, and Vrachamaki (literally, regiments from Vidin, Lom, and Vratsa) and an artillery regiment.
3. The 7 Bulgarian Infantry Division is designated the Rila Division. Major General Zialkov is divisional commander and Colonel Ganchev is his Chief of Staff. The division has been stationed in Macedonia, along the southern Serbian border; it has three infantry regiments, located at Macedonski, Truziski, and Solunski, and an artillery regiment.
4. Three Greek Communist brigades in the Petrich area belong to the units along the Yugoslav border. In addition, a battalion composed of refugee Yugoslav Cominform followers under the command of Major Murzak has been organized.
5. There are no Soviet troops stationed along the Yugoslav border; any reported Soviet troops must have dealt with only very small units which have been incorporated into Bulgarian units to strengthen them, such as has been done in the rocket-launching units.

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6. The Bulgarian divisions also contain the following units:

- a. One engineer battalion;
- b. One cavalry reconnaissance battalion;
- c. One antitank battalion;
- d. One antiaircraft battalion;
- e. One medical battalion; and
- f. One motorized transportation battalion.

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1. The four Bulgarian armies, each with four divisions, were located as follows:

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a. The First Army: Sofia

- The 1 Infantry Division Sofia
- The 1 Armored Division Sofia
- The 1 Antiaircraft Regiment Sofia /Slatenski
- The 5 Artillery Regiment Sofia
- The 1 Motorized Infantry Regiment Sofia-Selo

b. The Second Army: Plovdiv

- The 2 Infantry Division Khaskovo
- The 2 Armored Division Plovdiv
- The 25 Infantry Regiment (2 Division) Kharmanli

c. The Third Army: Kolarovgrad (Shumen)

- The 3 Infantry Division Pleven
- The 4 Infantry Division Ruse

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The 2 Antiaircraft Regiment	Gorna Oryakhovitsa
The 7 Infantry Regiment (Divisions unknown)	Shumen
The 19 Infantry Regiment (4 Infantry Division)	Razgrad

d. The Fourth Army: Pleven

The 9 Infantry Division	Pleven
The 6 Infantry Regiment (9 Infantry Division)	Pleven
The 34 Infantry Regiment (Division unknown)	Unknown

2. The subordination of the following units was uncertain:

- a. The 5 Cavalry Regiment, Bresnitsa; and
- b. The 51 Infantry Regiment, Lovech.

3. The following were special units:

- a. The 1 Obstovojsko Polk, infantry division strength;
- b. The 2 Obstovojsko Polk, infantry division strength; and
- c. Five Hunters Regiments, altogether one division.

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