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1. In February 1949 detachments of 11 Infantry Brigade and 7 Labor Brigade .  
were constructing fortifications facing the Albanian frontier in the  
neighborhood of Jablanica. About 2,500 men were engaged in this work.
2. Among the fortifications in progress were sites for 75 mm Skoda guns and  
87 mm Katushka mortars.
3. About 3,000 men taken from 2 Infantry Brigade and 3 Youth Brigade were  
constructing fortifications facing the greater Prespa Lake on Mt. Peristeri  
(southwest of Bitolj) from the Yugoslav frontier as far as Carev Dvor. 50X1-HUM
4. The 4 Labor Brigade was constructing fortifications on Mt. Plakenska, east  
of Resan, designed to cover the main Resan-Bitolj road.
5. Five battalions from 5, 7 and 9 Brigades of 3 Division arrived at Bitolj  
on 10 March 1949 by rail from Mitrovica in Serbia.
6. The 3 Battalion of 3 Infantry Brigade, was transferred from Velusina to  
Lazec and Gradesnica on 5 February 1949.
7. The 3 Battalion of 2 Infantry Brigade, 2 and 3 Battalions of 4 Infantry  
Brigade, and 1 and 4 Battalions of 3 Infantry Brigade were all engaged on  
the construction of fortifications in the frontier area.\* 50X1-HUM
8. In the Mt. Kajmakcalan frontier area, Yugoslav troops were engaged at the  
beginning of February 1949, in erecting barbed-wire defenses and in digging  
trenches in the neighborhood of all Yugoslav frontier posts and mountain  
passes.
9. The 17 Brigade of 48 Division arrived in the Strumica area from Veles on 24 February 1949. 50X1-HUM
10. The 8 KNOJ Brigade left Strumica on 22 February 1949 for Novo Selo.
11. A formation of 10 light tanks and 5 armored cars arrived in Strumica on

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25 February 1949. It is reported that they had come from Stip.

12. Unspecified elements of 41 Division have arrived in Veles from Nis but their exact date of arrival is unknown.

Comment: The 3 Battalion of 2 Infantry Brigade was reported at Krane in mid-January 1949. The 3 Battalion of 4 Infantry Brigade was reported to be reinforcing KNOJ units in the Ljubljana area in December 1948. The 1 and 4 Battalions of 3 Infantry Brigade were reported at Kisava and Ostrec respectively in December 1948.

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