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1. Caserne of First Year Officers Candidate School of the Frontier Guard (former caserne of the Political Officers' school and before that of the National Gendarmerie):
  - a. Location: Road of political deportees near the Reday public garden at Oradea.
  - b. Lodging capacity: About 1,500 men in four large buildings of from one to three stories; one storehouse, 80 by 8 meters and 6 meters high.
  - c. Occupation as of 5 November 1953:
    - 1) Officers Candidate School of Frontier Guard with about 1,000 students divided into three battalions of ten companies. The instruction cadres numbered approximately 50. (Red border on the police cap and epaulettes; color of the students is the same as in the original army unit.)
    - 2) Secondary school for subordinate officers of the Frontier Guard (General Staff school) - 2 sections of 50 officers each.
    - 3) A company of services of about 100 men assigned to workshops according to profession: tailors, butchers, cooks, secretaries, etc. Individual armament.
2. Caserne of Second Year Officers Candidate School of the Frontier Guard (former caserne of the National Gendarmerie):

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- a. Location: Calea Armatei Rosiei near the Rulikovski cemetery.
- b. Lodging capacity: about 1,500 men in three buildings of four stories and one 2-storied building. One storeroom of about 25 by 8 meters and 6 meters high. The disciplinary quarters housed 20 men. One mess hall for officers and non-commissioned officers. Stables for 200 horses were under construction.
- c. Occupation as of 5 November 1953:
- 1) Officers Candidate School of Frontier Guards with 250 students who became officers at the end of the course; 30 instructors.
  - 2) One squadron of Frontier Guard cavalry with 150 men; three sections; 150 horses kept in temporary garages. The uniforms had green epaulettes with two crossed gold sabers. This unit was in charge of cavalry instruction for Frontier Guard officers.
  - 3) One command post - 30 to 40 men.
  - 4) One guard post - 30 men.
3. Caserne of Infantry Division (or still the Ministry of Armed Forces caserne):
- a. Location: Red Army Avenue near the Reday public garden.
- b. Lodging capacity: 4,500 to 5,000 men in a huge four-storied building and in a large number of small buildings or barracks. Wooden garages sheltered automotive and horse-drawn vehicles.
- c. Occupation as of 5 November 1953: Three infantry regiments of 1,500 to 1,600 men each (red shoulder straps with a yellow metallic grenade). The commander of the infantry division was Colonel Marzac, who was also commander of the Oradea garrison where he had his headquarters. (The military men of the garrison considered him to be mentally unbalanced.)
4. Caserne of 10th Frontier Guard Regiment:
- a. Location: Red Army Avenue opposite the Infantry Division Caserne.
- b. Lodging capacity: about 1,000 men in three buildings (two of two stories and one of three stories). One garage for ten vehicles and one stable.
- c. Occupation as of 5 November 1953:
- 1) Reserve battalion of 10th Frontier Guard Regiment.
  - 2) General Staff and services of the 10th Frontier Guard Regiment.
5. Caserne of Security Shock Battalion:
- a. Location: Red Army Avenue, opposite the second-year officers candidate school of the Frontier Guard.

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b. Lodging capacity: about 1,000 men in three buildings (one of two floors and two of one floor). One brick garage holding 15 small trucks and five light vehicles, kitchen, and shower rooms.

c. Occupation as of 4 November 1953:

- 1) Shock Battalion of the Oradea Security, commanded by a captain. Strength of about 600 men (rose epaulettes with blue border). Equipment: 15 three-ton trucks "Praga" model, 5 light "Skoda" vehicles. This is the only motorized unit in Oradea.
- 2) One hundred officer candidates of the Frontier Guard (sporadically), all of whom cannot be lodged in the O.C. School.

6. Caserne of Artillery Regiment:

- a. Location: Avenue of the Red Army.
- b. Lodging Capacity: Unknown. Only two buildings are visible from the street.
- c. Occupation as of 5 November 1953: One artillery regiment, strength of 1,500 men (black epaulettes with two crossed guns firing). Armament: 120 and 81 mortars, antiaircraft guns (18 or 22 caliber) which are Rumanian manufactured and horse-drawn. The regiment is commanded by a lieutenant colonel.

7. Caserne of Infantry:

- a. Location: Red Army Avenue.
- b. Lodging capacity: 2,500 men in several buildings; 4 buildings of stables, each holding about 50 horses.
- c. Occupation as of 1 November 1953:
  - 1) Infantry regiment commanded by a battalion leader. Strength of about 1,600 men (red shoulder straps).
  - 2) A cavalry unit of several squadrons (rose shoulder straps with two crossed sabers).

8. Air Force Caserne: Three buildings which will hold a pilots' school were under construction. Location: On the east border of the Oradea Military Airfield.

9. Military Prison: For officers and non-commissioned officers of the garrison; located near the railroad station.

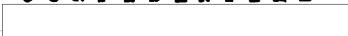
10. Drilling Grounds at Oradea: The drilling fields of the garrison are all open, flat with no buildings or fortifications. They are used in turn by the units of the garrison.

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- a. Cazarmi Field: Located about one kilometer south of the Red Army Avenue, 3 by 4 kilometers in size, used by different units of the garrison.
- b. Seleus Field: About 1 by 1.5 kilometers in size, located one kilometer southeast of the Red Army Avenue.
- c. Haiieu Field: Polygonal in shape, about 2 by 1.5 kilometers in size. This field is located about four kilometers northeast of the center of Oradea.
- d. Saldabaciu Field: 1 by 0.5 kilometers in size, located six or seven kilometers north-northeast of Oradea.
- e. Iosia Field: 2.5 by 1.5 kilometers in size, located about 1,200 meters to the west of the Red Army Avenue.
- f. Osorhei Firing Range: Located about three or four kilometers east of Oradea, 1,250 by 40 meters in size, used by the infantry.
- g. Rulikovski Shooting Gallery: Located 500 meters south of the cemetery; 100 by 10 meters in size, used as a firing redoubt.

11. Munitions Depots:

- a. Munitions depot for the Garrison: Located about 500 meters southwest of the Rulikovski cemetery and 500 meters southeast of the Oradea-Arad road. It is bounded on the northeast by an aviation field. It is 100/150 by 50/100 meters in size. Underground chambers contain all types of munitions for the Infantry.
- b. Artillery Munitions Depot: Located three kilometers south of Oradea.

12. Legend for Sketch No. 1

- 1 - Caserne of the 10th Frontier Guard Regiment.
- 2 - Caserne of the Security Shock Battalion.
- 3 - Caserne of the Artillery Regiment.
- 4 - Riding School of the Cavalry.
- 5 - Caserne of the Infantry.
- 6 - Caserne of the First Year Officers Candidate School of the Frontier Guard.
- 7 - Caserne of the Infantry Division.
- 8 - Caserne of Second Year Officers Candidate School of the Frontier Guard.

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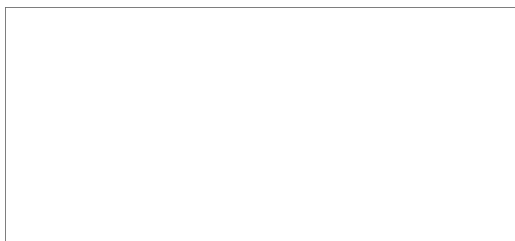
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13. Legend for Sketch No. 2:

1. Haieu drilling field.
2. Osorhei firing range.
3. Saldabaciu drilling field.
4. Seleus drilling field.
5. Artillery munitions depot.
6. Red Army Avenue.
7. Rulikovski shooting gallery.
8. Cazarmi drilling field.
9. Casernes still under construction (to be used to house a pilots' school).
10. Munitions depot for the Infantry.
11. Airfield.
12. Iosia drilling field.



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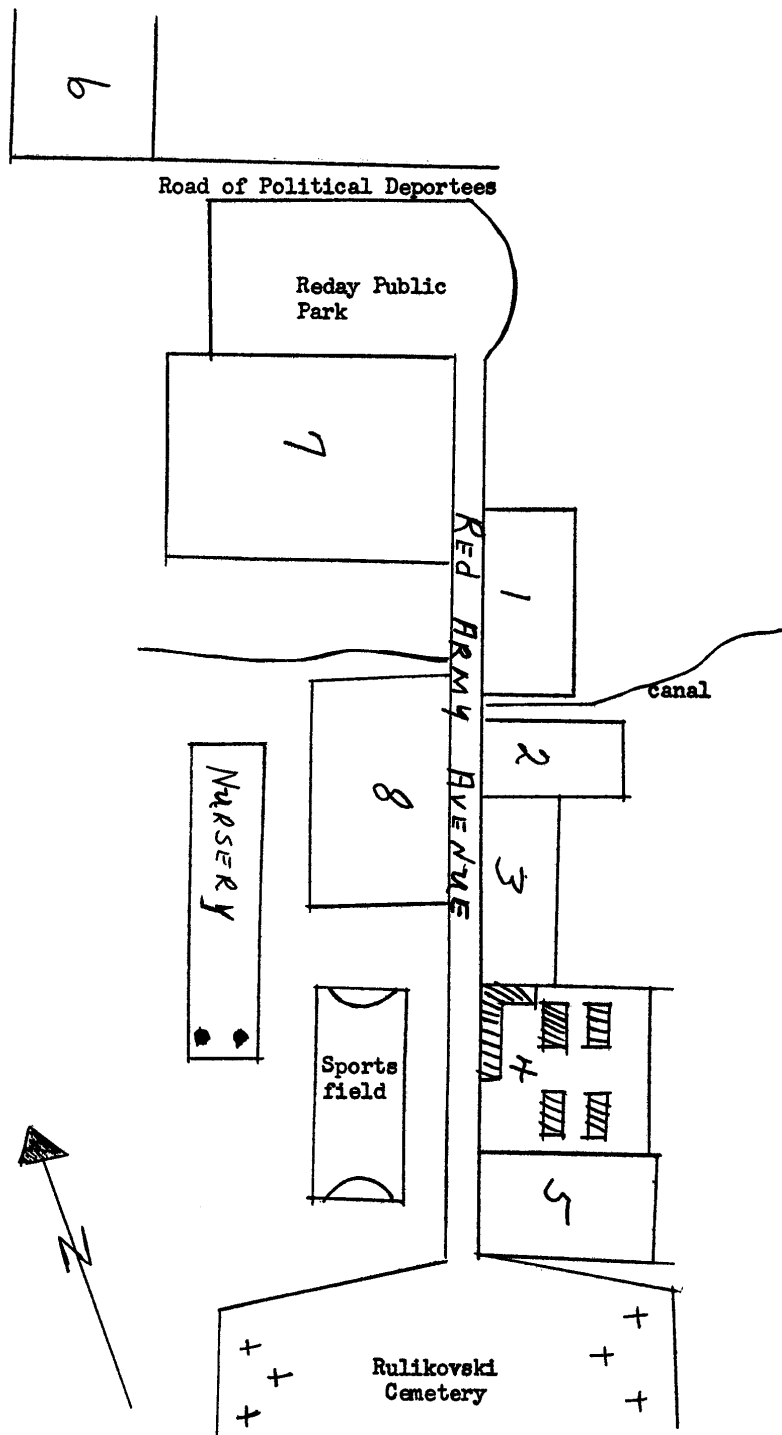
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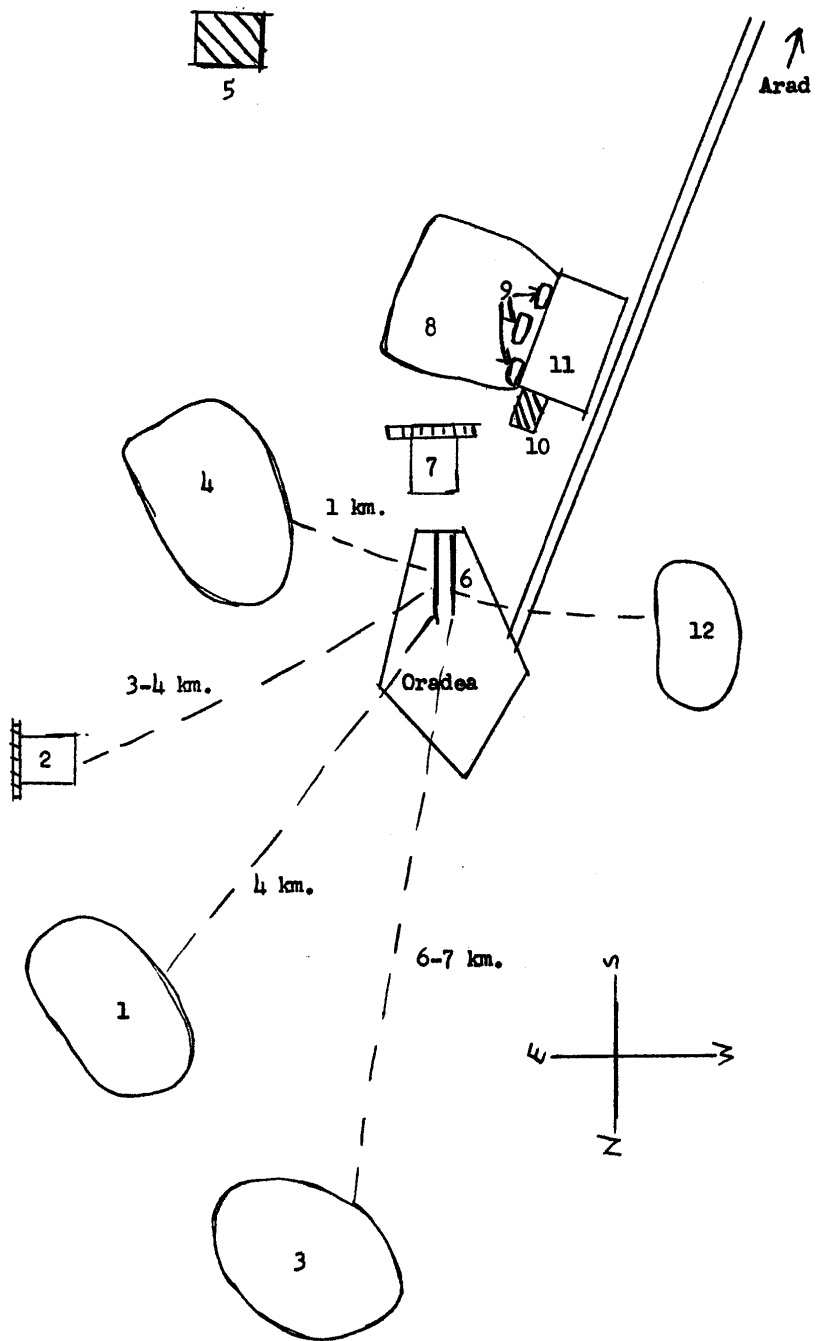
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