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All males in Hungary have now a military Service Book which they must carry on their persons. The books were prepared on the 1948 census. Officers have green books, enlisted men or people who have not yet been called have blue books. Each book has 32 pages in which all the necessary information about the bearer is entered. The distribution of the books has already almost been completed. If a man loses his book he is punished with a fine of from 200-500 Forint. If he destroys his book he receives from 1-2 years in jail. (Any sensible person destroying his book would say he lost it). If a man changes his address he must take the book to the police station where he reports out and to the police station where he reports in and both places the proper entries are made by the police.

Evaluation: B 3

Ver. Comment: Already reported, but unconfirmed.