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BULGARIABORDER ZONES

Military
Security Measures
Special Police

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According to an escapee from the Bulgarian Frontier Troops, morale of these troops remains exceedingly low despite continuing efforts to indoctrinate them. Food is inadequate: meat twice a week, 3/5 kilo of bread a day; and the pay is low: 55 Leva a month for soldiers of the 1930 class, 65 Leva for the class of 1929 and 95 for the class of 1928. In some villages of southern Bulgaria, groups of reliable Communists have been organized into "hunting" units in order to augment Border Guard strength and minimize escapes into Greece.

EVAL. COMMENT: correct.