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Enemy activity during the past week has been confined to harassing operations in most areas. In Bosnia and Eastern Serbia however there are signs that large scale drives are being prepared.

2. In Croatia fighting has been limited to the area between Zagreb and Varazdin. To the east an attack has been opened from Daiuvar on the sixth corps of Partisans in Papuk but no details are available.

3. In Slovenia and Western Croatia several attempts were made to penetrate liberated territory. Enemy columns pushed south from Ljubljana and from Bostanj and north from Karlovac. Drives appear to have been successfully held.

4. Continued efforts are being made by the enemy to push south-west from Mrkonjicgrad and to clear communications between there and Banjaluka. There has been sporadic fighting on the road from Knin to Bihac. At Bihac itself and at Bos Krupa and Bos Novi to the north-east strong enemy concentrations are reported possibly mustering for attack on Bos Petrovac. Prijedor to which a Partisan brigade had succeeded in penetrating has been reinforced.

5. Serious inroads have been made by 13th S.S. division into Partisan-held areas of eastern Bosnia. Enemy succeeded in reaching Vlasenica but a general withdrawal north to Tuzla has since taken place. To the west Kaldanj and possibly Vares and Olovo have been retaken by the Partisans. It appears possible that the enemy has diverted his attention from the main third corps area to Fruska Gora.

6. In Montenegro Partisans have regained most of the ground lost in recent operations. Bijelo Polje and Berane are included

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