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Object:	Soldiers preparing Christmas trees in Topčider
Description:	View from above of a fenced area in a hilly wood. Several soldiers are busy with 'badnjak' trees decorated with ribbons. One of them is mounted on a horse, obviously supervising. An officer in a respective cap is occupied with his horse in front of the entrance to the fenced area. A small wooden chapel can be seen in the background, and some soldiers riding by.
Comment:	Probably taken in Topčider. The ceremony of felling, cutting and bringing the 'badnjak' log into the home where it is laid on the fire is a central element of the traditional Serbian Christmas celebration.
Date:	Not before 1925, Not after 1940
Location:	Belgrade, Topčider (probably)
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