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1. Camp Schweinrich (N 54/U 22):*

a. Occupied by a 10-man guard detail on 11 January 1950. No motor vehicle traffic. German workmen repaired cantonment buildings.

b. Lt Col Ristrov, previous camp commandant, was transferred and given another appointment in early January 1950. He was succeeded by Maj Borodulin whose previous unit could not be identified.

2. Cantonment of Trebbin (N 53/Z 71):**

a. Occupied by about 250 troops on 17 January 1950. Soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

b. Four trucks with mounted rail-type rocket launchers ("Stalin-Orgeln") were in the garages.

c. A new, 80 x 20-meter shed was built in the cantonment, about 800 meters east of the railroad station.

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3. Cantonment of Neu-Gersdorf (N 53/V 18):***

On 28 January 1950, lumberman said that more troops recently moved into the cantonment. The troops quartered there were estimated at 500. Trucks towing guns allegedly arrived at the cantonment. Trucks _____ and _____

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Comment:

* No troops were in Camp Schweinrich during the winter of

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Lt Col Ristrov was identified as camp commandant in the Summer of 1949.

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[REDACTED] 25X1B that the artillery unit in the Trebbin cantonment belongs to the [REDACTED] (Cadre). From previous reports the regiment is assumed to be stationed in the former Reich Labor Service cantonment, Trebbin.

*** The troops observed in Camp Neu-Gersdorf (Klobbicke-Trampe troop training grounds) in January 1950 are believed to have been artillery units from the Eberswalde-Bernau area which held their winter firing practices.

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