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- Between 1200 and 1800 former nazis and a few of their wives, who emigrated to South America after 1946, are living in small settlements which are situated along the valleys of the Rio Madidi and the Rio Beni in northwestern Bolivia. The exact location of this colony extends along the Rio Madidi from the mouth of the Rio Claro to the mouth of the Rio Madidi, and along the Rio Beni from the mouth of the Rio Emere to a point on the Rio Beni approximately 50 kilometers below the mouth of the Rio Madidi. This colony extends to a depth of approximately 15 kilometers on either side of both of the rivers.
- Each of the settlements in this colony possesses at least two machine guns and considerable small arms of German make, including ammunition. I actually saw three to five machine guns with ammunition at some of the settlements during the spring of 1947. I estimate that a minimum of 500 machine guns with ammunition are in the possession of these nazis in this colony.
- During my two-day stop-over at this colony, I was told by the inhabitants that all of their equipment and effects had been brought with them from Europe. I was unable to determine how they expected to make a living as they had just arrived and some of them were still living in tents. They were not hostile nor were they very friendly. They all spoke German fluently but their Spanish was very poor.

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