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1. The village of Bosig is in the neighborhood of Bömisch-Leipa. In the spring of 1953, thirty-two sq km of land was seized from peasants in this area, and all persons were required to evacuate it by 1 Jun 53. Since that date it has been made into an artillery and infantry target range and exercise area.

2. Work is still going on to give it the most modern equipment. A labor battalion and a technical battalion are at work as well as hundreds of civilian laborers. During the summer /1953/ there were set up an exercise area for armor and SP guns, a target range for AT guns and rockets, three infantry target ranges for light and heavy weapons, an infantry exercise area with a one-story command building and two three-story quarters, a barracks near Bosig town and a number of munitions magazines.

3. At Manetin, near Plzeň, there is another new large target range and exercise area for infantry and artillery. It has been set up since the spring of 1953 on the east side of the Manetin-Plzeň road. Numerous barracks were built and during the summer /1953/ hundreds of tents were set up.

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