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1. A schoolhouse and the former Preibisch weaving mill in Ober-Reichenau (O 51/G 08) were occupied to capacity by Soviet soldiers wearing epaulets with crossed-gun-barrel insignia in early June 1950. These soldiers were seen for the first time in February 1950. Artillery firing was repeatedly heard from the direction of Seitendorf (O 51/G 08) and Weigsdorf (O 51/G 08).
2. The former barracks in Klein-Schoenau (O 51/F 97), which was converted into a factory and was referred to as Zit Factory, was occupied by Soviet troops in February or March 1950. A column of 80 to 100 soldiers with closely cropped hair was observed in the streets of the town. In January 1950 the quarters were still unoccupied. *
3. In May 1950 there were rumors among the population of Zittau (O 51/F 97) that Soviet troops had unexpectedly arrived in Liberec (O 51/G 16) and Hradek nad Nisou (O 51/G 07), Czechoslovakia. **

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Comment. It is known that a strip 15 km wide, in the area east of the Oder and Neisse Rivers was evacuated by the population and was guarded by Polish border guard units. However it is not assumed that Soviet units are stationed or conduct field exercises in that area.

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** Comment. The occupation by Soviet troops of the Czech area south-east of Zittau is considered a rumor.

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