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**Memorandum: New OKW and OKH HQs in the
Berchtesgaden - Reichenhall Area**

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The British Intelligence memorandum details the movement of German Military headquarters.

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New OKW and OKH HQs. in the BERCHTESGADEN - REICHENHALL area.

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Recent Source CX/MSS evidence and the statements of PW. CS/1702 (CSDIK SIR 1593 and Supplement) corroborate each other to an unusual degree.

1) OKW/Wehrmachtsfuhrungsstab is now, according to prisoner, probably in the BERCHTESGADEN - REICHENHALL area at FRANKENSTRUB, GSGS 4407 (BAV 2500 Sheet 849 area Z934051, in a camp of which PW. gives a plan in Annexe 3 to SIR 1593.

According to Source CX/MSS there is a new signals exchange in the SALZBURG area, "SUSANNE". It appears to have taken over the commitments of the GHQ. communications exchange which was until about 31/3 in the WEIMAR - ERFURT area (CX/MSS.S 160, 167). "SUSANNE" is now reliably equated with telegraphic address WFRL. (In "WFRL", W stands for Wehrmacht, L indicates Fuhrungsstab, the letters FR indicate the particular OKW/WFST station). The correspondence FR: FRANKENSTRUB is noteworthy.

2) OKH: was until the end of March on MSS evidence operating in three separate echelons:-

Echelon A at ZOSSEN (ZEPPELIN)
" B in the SALZBURG area (associated covernames: ROON, CAESAR, and Trunk Exchange ALPEN)
" C at OHRDRUF in THURINGIA (covername OLGA).

According to prisoner:

(a) When the German forces were to be withdrawn into the Redoubt, the two HQs. at the disposal of the High Command would be the area BERCHTESGADEN - BAD REICHENHALL (covername ROON) and PULLACH, south of MUNICH (covername SIEGFRIED). The former would be the main, the latter the rear, HQ.

(b) The general area BAD REICHENHALL - BERCHTESGADEN was referred to in OKH as "ROON", though this is strictly speaking the covername for REICHENHALL only. The intended distribution of HQs. in this area was as follows:-

FRANKENSTRUB for Wehrmachtsfuhrungsstab (see above)
BOESELER LAGER on the road REICHENHALL - BERCHTESGADEN (GSGS 4416, Sheet Y7, general area 8919) for OKH.

NOTE: Grid reference as given in SIR 1593.

From MSS evidence of 26/3 - 7/4 we had already associated covername "ROON" with OKH Echelon B in the SALZBURG area. This Echelon was "to be reached via Exchange CAESAR, Trunk Exchange ALPEN". (T515/39). Now there is an item of 6/4 giving the address of an OKH authority as Echelon B, BOESELAGER, via Trunk Exchange ALPEN (T 517/30).

There can be little doubt that BOESELAGER (CX/MSS) and BOESELERLAGER (prisoner) are identical.

Conclusions

- (1) OKW/Wehrmachtsfuhrungsstab at FRANKENSTRUB
(Exchange SUSANNE)
- (2) OKH/Echelon B, BOESELER LAGER
(Exchange CAESAR, via Trunk Exchange ALPEN)
(Both in the BERCHTESGADEN - BAD REICHENHALL area)

Source has not yet mentioned the OKH Rear HQ. at PULLACH ("SIEGFRIED").

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