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1. The military airfield at Braşov is officially known as the Stalin Military Airfield Braşov-Orasul. It lies 500 meters north of the Braşov city limits, to the east of the Braşov-Sighisoara railway line. It is bounded on the east by the two-lane Brasov- Sanct Petru /sic/ highway; on the south by the Braşov-Cighio /sic/ railway line, and on the north by open fields traversed by the Timis brook (Hungarian, Tömös).

2. The field is 2,550 meters long and 800 meters wide. The ground is hard and consists of a mixture of sand and gravel. The field is not especially well kept. The southeastern section is considerably narrower than the rest of the field. The field is not drained. Several thousand truckloads of gravel have been hauled and rolled in to improve the ground. The field is being extended southward about 260 to 270 meters at the present time.

3. The field lies in a north and south direction. The prevailing winds blow from the north. Operations are hampered during March and April and again in October and November by long continuing rains. North of the airfield there is an elevation, noted on the map as Kote 704 and also known as the Schlossberg, which presents an obstacle to flying.

4. The runway is rolled grassland with gravel, 2,000 meters long and 60 meters wide, lying north and south. A concrete taxi-strip 40 meters wide leads from the hangars to the starting point. There is no permanent lighting system at

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the runway. Portable reflectors are used as the occasion requires. The field has a direct railway connection with the Braşov-Cighie line, which also connects with the gasoline depot on the east side of the field.

5. There are 11 buildings at the field, as follows: a one-story house for the main guard and officer on duty; a three-story barracks with officers' and enlisted men's messes, culture hall, staff offices and enlisted men's quarters; four concrete hangars, 45 by 100 meters, built originally by the German Air Force and rebuilt by the Soviets ; two new one-story garages, 20 by 40 meters; a new one-story magazine, 22 by 65 meters; a half-finished underground gas storage consisting of three tanks of 60 tons capacity each, with electric pumps. The underground pipeline does not enter the field. There is no ammunition depot at the field. A number of barrack buildings used for ammunition storage are located at the foot of the hill above mentioned, in the forest. The telephone central is in the large barracks on the field. The radio and goniometric stations are in one of the two larger buildings. There is no radar station as far as informant could ascertain.

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