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COUNTRY Hungary

REPORT

TOPIC 1. Mezoetur Airfield and Air Force Barracks Installation

2. Hungarian Air Force Unit in Turkeve

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EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The airfield was located southwest of Mezoetur (4700 N/20 38 E), south of the Mezoetur-Tiszafoeldvár (46 59 N/ 20 15 E) highway, between the railroad line and road leading from Mezoetur to Szarvas (46 52 N/20 34 E).[1] The field had a length of 3,500 to 4,000 meters from north-northeast to south-southwest and a width of 1,500 meters. Construction work was started in the spring of 1952, apparently without notice, as the growing seeds were rolled without warning. The required construction material was transported on barges on the Berettyo River to the southwestern section of Mezoetur. From there, the material was transported on land to the construction site. Throughout the year of 1952, about 500 workers, mostly forced laborers, were employed. A portion of the Mezoetur- Szarvas railroad line was shifted farther to the west to make room for the landing field. Although construction work was not yet completed in the spring of 1953, operations were started at the field at that time.[2]

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2. The entrance to the field was at its northern side. The approach road branched off from the Mezoetur-Tiszafoeldvár highway. The field was surrounded by level fields, individual farms, and trees to the east. The Mezoetur-Szarvar highway ran along the eastern border. Two concrete runways, one extending in N-S and the other one in NE- SW direction, were constructed at the field. They crossed approximately in their middle sections. Six to 8 large buildings were seen in the northeastern section of the field from the railroad line. There were no hangars. 3

3. During the last observation in June 1953, 8 canvas-covered single-engine monoplanes were parked in the southwestern corner of the field. Slightly north of these aircraft was a twin-engine plane, apparently an old transport. Alghough. beginning in the spring of 1953, single-jet aircraft were repeatedly seen over Mezoetur and flying in the direction of the airfield for landing, no jet aircraft were observed in the

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western section of the field in June 1953. Parachute jumps from old twin-engine transports over the field were seen several times. 25X1 a portion of the 25X1 "Kilian Gyoergy School for flying officers of the Air Force" from Szolnok (47 10 N/ 20 11) was stationed at the field. 4

4. An old barracks installation was located 1 km. west of Mezoetur, along the northern side of the road leading from Mezoetur to Tiszafoeldvár. The installation was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence 2 meters high. A Hungarian Air Force unit of about 400 men was quartered in the barracks installation. The guardhouse at the entrance gate was occupied by Hungarian Air Force soldiers wearing light blue service color and a propeller with wings as insignia. Three 3.5-ton Csepel trucks and 3 jeeps were seen in the installation. A disassembled single-engine monoplane was observed along the northern edge of the yard, west of the garage. Hungarian Air Force soldiers were engaged in assembly work. 5

5. The municipal football team of Turkeve (47 06 N/20 44 E) included five Hungarian Air Force soldiers who wore light blue uniforms and insignia representing propeller with wings. These soldiers stated that they were stationed in Turkeve. 6

1. Comment. Previous reports differ from the present report in regard to the location of the airfield. The statements in this present report however, are believed to be correct. 25X1

2. Comment. Previous information indicated that expansion work was intended to be done at the field. 25X1

3. Comment. The correctness of this first information on the presence of 2 concrete runways is doubted. 25X1

4. Comment. It is still believed that the field is occupied by a flying school. It is doubted that the information on the landings by single-jet aircraft is correct. For location sketch of airfield, see Annex. 25X1

5. Comment. The barracks installation was reported previously. It is occupied by the personnel and students of the flying school. For layout sketch of barracks installation, see Annex, sketch 2. 25X1

6. Comment. The information that Hungarian Air Force troops are stationed in Turkeve was received previously. 25X1

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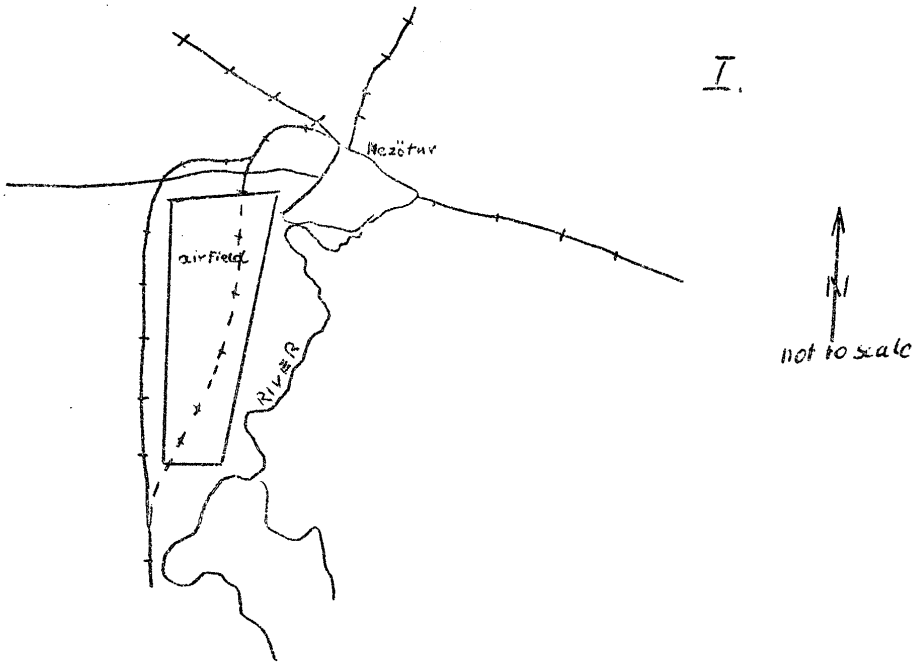
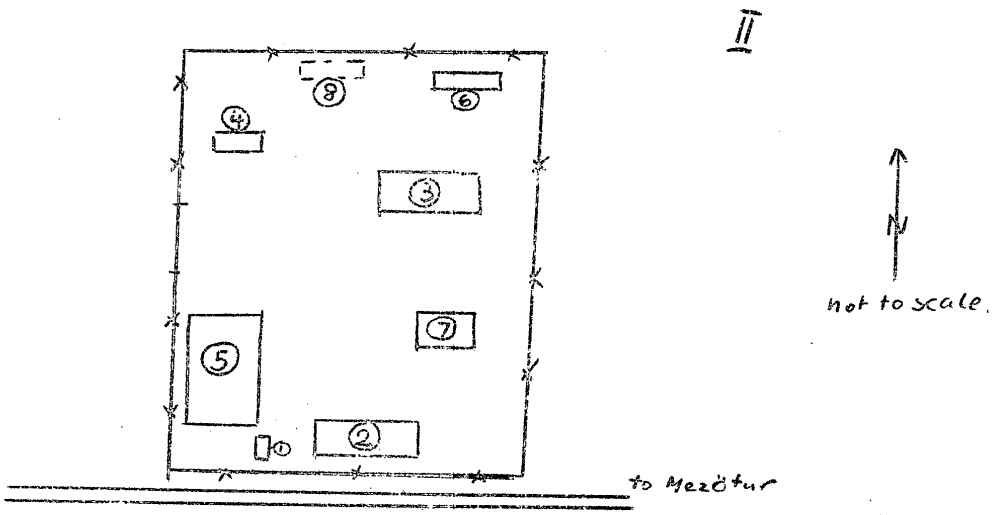
Mezoetur Airfield



Barracks Installation 1 km. to W of Mezoetur



Legend:

1 Single-story guardhouse, 4 meters square

2 Underground gas chamber, 5 x 15 meters, for training purposes

3 Two-story building, 40 x 20 meters, housing training detail, offices, messhall, culture room, kitchen

4 Single-story building, 20 x 12 meters, gymnasium

5 Two-story building, 30 x 20 meters, barracks

6 Single-story building, 20 x 8 meters, garages

7 Single-story building, 8 x 6 meters, housing switchboard

8 Construction site

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