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1. The airfield at Garzdial (55-43N, 21-24E), Lithuania, which is used by the Soviet Air Force Fourth Fighter Regiment, is shaped approximately like a rectangle. Its dimensions are approximately 500 m by 2000 m; it is surrounded by a barbed wire fence.
2. The two concrete runways are parallel and approximately 2000 m long and 50 and 60 m wide. They are laid out in a NW-SE direction and the prevailing wind is SW-NE. The approach is equally good from either end of the runways. The taxiway is 70 m wide and completely concrete.
3. The fence enclosure, the runways, the taxiway, and the headquarters building are outlined with lights.
4. Landing hazards in the vicinity of the airfield are a radio station and two church towers in Garzdial.
5. The ground in the area is a hard sandy loam spotted with grass. The area surrounding the airfield is as follows:
 - a. North - level woods and fields
 - b. East - level marshy meadow with a sharp decline near the river bank
 - c. South - the village of Garzdial
 - d. West - woods and fields with the terrain sloping sharply.

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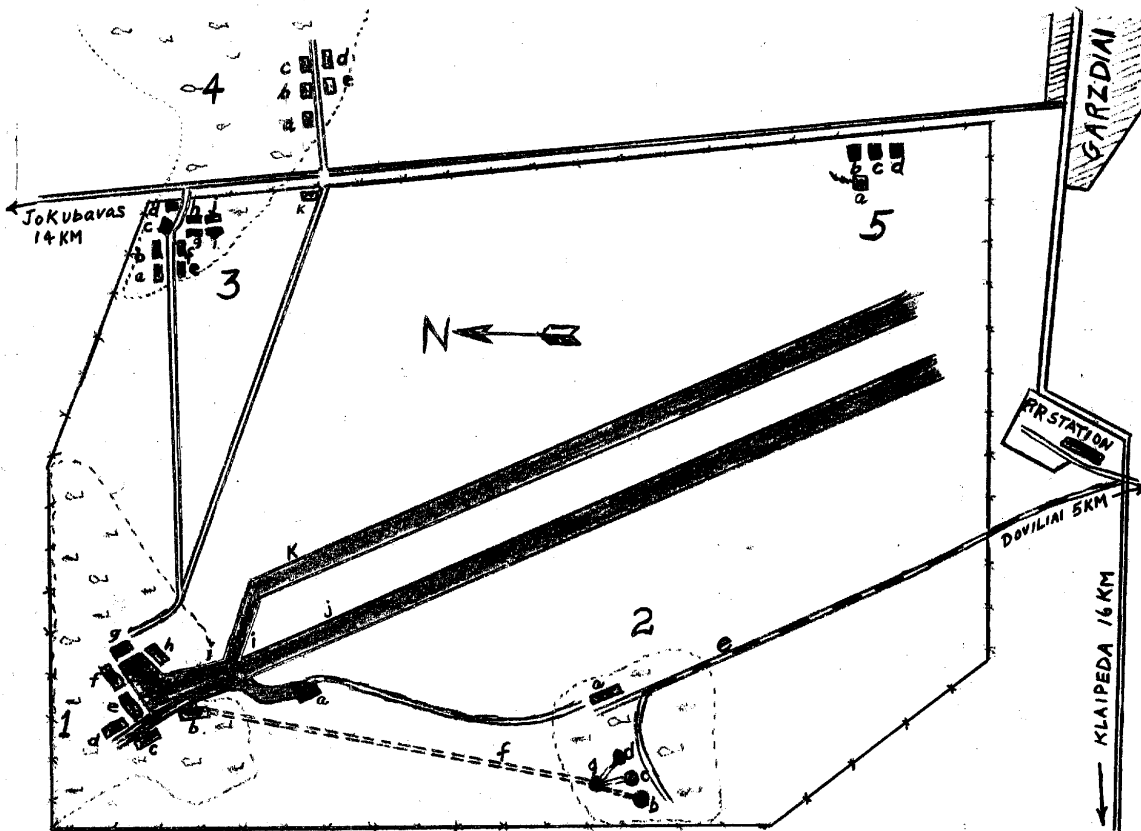
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Location and Layout Sketch of the Soviet Fourth Fighter Regiment's Airfield

Legend

1. Headquarters Area
 - a. Three-story headquarters building with a radar-equipped glass-enclosed control tower; reinforced concrete construction; dimensions, 25 by 12 m.
 - b. - g. Reinforced concrete hangars with sheet steel roofs.
 - h. Reinforced concrete assembly and repair shop.
 - i. Taxiway, 25 cm thickness of concrete with a gravel base.
 - j. Runway, approximately 2000 by 50 m.
 - k. Runway, approximately 2000 by 60 m.
2. Fuel Depot Area
 - a. Receiving station with loading ramps and storage for lubricants and synthetic fuels; brick building, 50 by 12 m.
 - b. - d. Three underground steel fuel tanks buried four to five meters and having a heavy reinforced concrete top plate (Stahlbetonverschlussplatte) (sic) and one meter of earth covering; capacity, 40,000 liters each.
 - e. Railroad track, normal Soviet gauge.
 - f. Underground fuel lines leading to the hangars.
 - g. Pumping station with a Diesel charging unit.
3. Northeast Corner of Airfield
 - a., b., c., e., f. Wooden barracks, approximately 24 by 10 m, used as ammunition storage sheds.
 - d., k. Wooden barracks, approximately 10 by 15 m, used as guardrooms.

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- g. - j. Wooden barracks used as the living quarters by the ground personnel. It is quite possible that in this area one to three wooden barracks have recently been constructed for storing ammunition and another one may have been built for use by ground personnel.
- 4. Living Quarters Area for Flight Personnel
 - a. - e. Newly built (post-war) three-story stone buildings, approximately 50 by 15 m; built on the site of a farm which had been torn down.
- 5. Radio and Weather Stations Site
 - a. Radio station in former single-story farm house, six towers approximately 15 to 20 m high.
 - b. Weather station in former single-story farm house.
 - c. - d. Wooden barracks used by personnel for living quarters.

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