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1. Vrazhdebna airfield is located on the west side of the Sofia - Samokov road, from which a branch road seven kilometers in length runs to the airfield. It is in an open plain 3,000 x 1,300 meters in size. The field is drained and grassy. Prevailing wind is from the southeast. Vrazhdebna airfield includes the following buildings, all massively built of brick:
 - a. A 2-story staff building, used in part as quarters;
 - b. A 2-story barracks, 40 x 200 meters in size;
 - c. An assembly and repair shop located at the south side of the barracks; and
 - d. A hangar, 40 x 100 meters in size, also located south of the barracks.
2. An underground gasoline dump is located four kilometers south of the field and is well concealed in a small woods. Radio and weather stations are situated in the staff building, but there is no radar. A concrete runway, 1,000 x 30 meters in size, runs northwest to southeast. The field also includes a concrete apron 500 x 32 meters in size. Lights are located at the southeast and northeast limits of the field and night flying is possible.
3. A Bulgarian fighter squadron is based at Vrazhdebna airfield. The squadron is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel KOLTOV and is composed of three companies with a total of 225-235 men. The planes consist of 20 YAK-9s. This squadron is in the advanced training stage and does a considerable amount of flying. Motor facilities at Vrazhdebna airfield include the following:
 - a. Five cars;
 - b. Four 3-ton tank-trucks; and
 - c. 17-19 trucks.

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4. The central school for Air Force ground personnel is also located at Vrazhdebnia airfield. This school, commanded by Captain BORUDIN, [redacted] includes the following courses:
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 - a. A course in airplane engine maintenance, commanded by First Lieutenant DIMITROV, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 - b. A course in fighters;
 - c. A course in attack planes (only one YAK-9 is available to work with);
 - d. A course in weapons, both infantry and air, with six planes of various types; and
 - e. A course in electrical installations on planes; this course is very well equipped.
5. All courses at the school begin with six weeks of infantry training. Training in the specialties is very strict. The students did not take part in the last maneuvers but remained at the airfield studying technical subjects. Five cars and 14 trucks are assigned to this school.

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