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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Brandenburg-Industriehafen Airfield

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6 December 1954

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 1 and 7 October 1954, the Infanterie Kaserne in Brandenburg appeared to be less occupied than previously. There was vehicular traffic in the direction of Brandenburg-Briest. The following motor vehicles were seen at the barracks installation:

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2. During the period from 12 October to 1 November, there was no air activity from 17 through 19, 21 through 24 and on 29 and 30 October at Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield. During the remaining days there was mainly individual flying and also night flying. On some days, 7 to 9 Il-10s flew in a circle from where they dived individually at an angle of about 45 degrees for low-level attacks on targets on Brandenburg-Briest airfield. The aircraft usually pulled out of their dive at an altitude of about 150 meters but occasionally from less than 100 meters.

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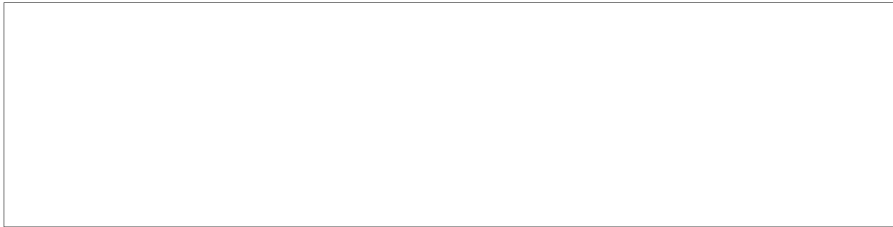
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- 3. On 1 November, the AA gun emplacement at the western edge of the field was occupied by 5 light AA guns and 6 heavier AA guns. Only the muzzles of the guns were seen. Ten tents were seen between the AA gun emplacement and the landing field. The AA unit had an estimated strength of 30 men who were occasionally seen doing athletics. Six AA guns of heavier caliber were seen in the AA gun emplacement at the northern edge of the field between the airfield boundary and the end of the footpath at Heuendorfer Sand. 3
- 4. On 31 October, building No 1 of the Infanterie Kaserne was fully lighted. Previously, the building had been only partly lighted. Trucks  each of them occupied by 8 air force soldiers were seen at the Infanterie Kaserne on 28 October. 4
- 5.  During the period between 13 and 28 October, Il-10s practiced flying on 13, 20, 27, and 28 October. There was no flying on the remaining days. On 26 October, about 30 Il-10s were parked at the field. 2
- 6. Since about 20 October, earthwork has been under way at the training ground of the Infanterie Kaserne. Pits, about 25 x 10 meters, were excavated. The construction site was surrounded by a wooden fence. About 50 logs, 20 to 25 cm in diameter and 6 to 8 meters long, were seen next to the pits. It appeared that air raid bunkers were to be built there, or possibly a filling station was to be constructed. An air unit was stationed in the main building of the barracks installation. An air force sentry was posted at the entrance of building No 3. Building No 1 was not fully occupied by the air unit. At about 2130 on 27 October, the western part of the building was fully lighted, while only two thirds of the eastern part were lighted. The second floor of building No 5 was also lighted. 4

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- 2.  Comment. Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment which is equipped with about 45 Il-10s, 27 numbers of which have thus far been recorded. 
- 3.  Comment. The two AA gun emplacement were previously only occupied by 37-mm AA guns. AA guns of heavier caliber are normally associated with airfields occupied by ground attack aircraft. The information remains to be confirmed.
- 4.  Comment. The nature of the construction work at the training grounds of Infanterie Kaserne is not yet clear.

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