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Comment. It is believed that the bomber regiment at Briesen airfield is equipped with about 30 Il-28s. Source presumably did not observe all the aircraft stationed at the field. It is also possible that some Il-28s were absent. After the fall maneuvers, air activity at the field was reduced while overhauling work was being conducted.

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