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REPORT

TOPIC Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield between 10 and 18 March 1955:

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10 March. A total of 21 Yak-11s, including 10 canvas-covered aircraft near the tower-like barracks, were observed at the field. Previously, only 10 or 11 Yak-11s had been seen.

No stationary navigating instruments or other technical installations were observed at the field. It appeared that the installations required for air activity were mounted on motor vehicles.

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16, 17 and 18 March. Between 0900 and 1200, no air activity was observed. A total of 40 to 50 VPL personnel were engaged in pushing 4 Yak-11s in front of the hangars. Instructions were apparently given. All of the assumed 21 Yak-11s at the field could not be observed since the entire airfield could not be seen.

2. Husaren Kaserne.

On 10 March, the Husaren Kaserne was occupied by about 450 VPL men who wore blue collar patches, usually with wing insignia. It was assumed that there were:

100 student pilots including officers and NCOs
 20 to 30 flight instructors
 200 men including drivers and other technical personnel
 20 KVP women wearing uniform
 80 to 100 personnel permanently stationed at the field and alternately engaged in maintenance work and guard duty with the other personnel quartered in the barracks installation.

The Husaren Kaserne housed about 70 motor vehicles of which the following were used:

8 sedans
 2 to 3 jeeps
 1 fire truck
 4 radio trucks
 1 command trailer, similar to a van trailer, usually coupled to a radio truck
 1 observation car with glass cupola
 1 loudspeaker car
 2 busses

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1 to 2 kitchen cars
1 ambulance

The garages were occasionally seen being fully occupied.



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3. Between 11 and 19 March, little air activity was observed over Bautzen. On 12 and 13 March, no flights were apparently made.

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4. Husaren Kaserne.

On 17 March, about 1,000 men were quartered in Husaren Kaserne. ² At 1130, a column of 10 trucks including some with trailers, 2 busses, 1 large jeep and 1 motorcycle moved into the barracks installation. The motor vehicles were loaded with lockers, tables, bedsteads and other billeting equipment. The officers and EM on the two busses were light blue service color.

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5. Between 9 and 17 March, there was comparatively little air activity over Bautzen. The aircraft seen crossing individually or in elements of two were Yak-11s.

Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving Husaren Kaserne

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1. Comment. In early March 1955, aircraft crates were repeatedly shipped from Brest-Litovsk to Cottbus. It is possible that some of the crates were dispatched to Bautzen. Only Yak-11s were seen flying over Bautzen.

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2. Comment. The estimates on the total strength of VPL personnel in Bautzen differ greatly. Bautzen is occupied by the 2nd and 3rd Department of Bautzen Aeroclub and the 3rd Tech Base of the VdA. If these units have authorized strength, a total of about 750 men should be stationed in Bautzen.

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