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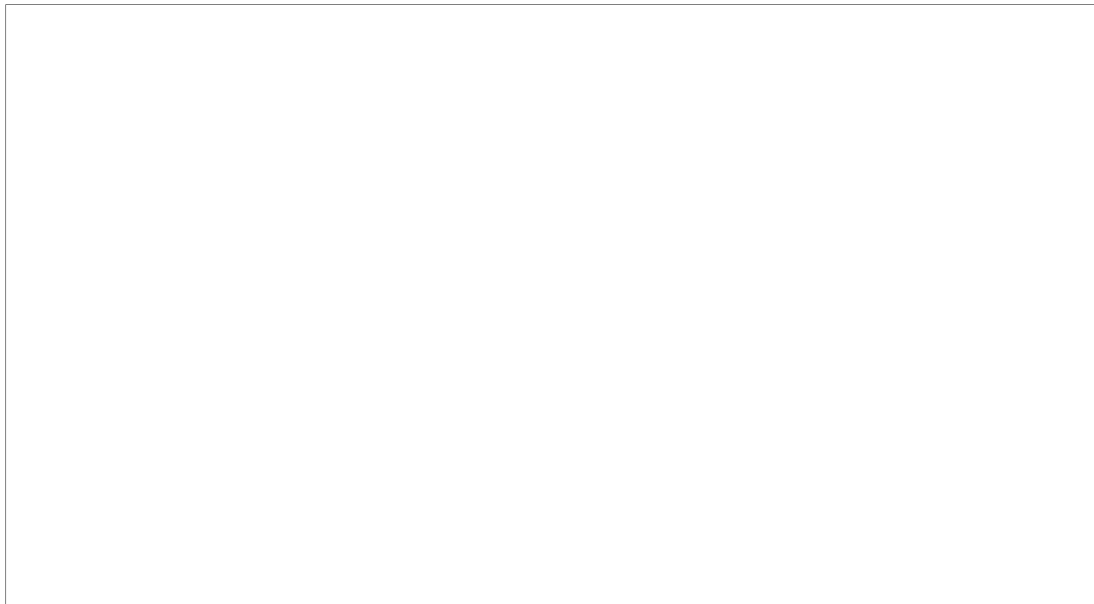
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- b. This MIG-15 regiment was subordinate to the Gyorgy Kilian Pilot and Navigator Officers' School at Szolnok Airfield (N47-10, E20-11).
- c. In November 1956 the strength of the 1st Regiment was as follows:
 - 70 Officers
 - 80 Officers (taking advanced flying training)
 - 30 NCOs
 - 140 EM
- d. This number was about the equivalent of the authorized strength; however the number increased or decreased according to the number of cadets to be trained.
- e. The unit location was Kunmadaras Airfield.
- f. Present location, Kunmadaras Airfield.

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h. The Commanding Officer of this regiment and also the Base Commander was Jeno Hagymasi, (Captain in the Hungarian Air Force.)

1. [redacted] equipment as of November 1950:

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- (1) 20 MIG-15
- (2) 7 UT-MIG-15 (jet trainers, two seaters)
- (3) 11 or 12 YAK-11
- (4) 9 or 10 YAK-18
- (5) 2 PO-2
- (6) 1 Ambulance (4 bed)
- (7) 3 POL trucks for kerosene
- (9) 15 Weapons Carriers
- (10) 1 Oil Truck
- (11) 2 Radio Trucks
- (12) 3 Searchlight Trucks
- (13) 1 Bus
- (14) 5 or 6 Csepel, 3-ton, trucks
- (15) 1 Skoda jeep
- (16) 1 or 2 Fire Engine trucks
- (17) 1 Weapons Carrier, converted for personnel transportation.
- (18) 3 Tractors
- (19) 1 Towing-truck

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[redacted] Gyorgy Kilian Pilot and Navigator Officers' Candidate School with its headquarters at Szolnok Airfield. The unit stationed [redacted] was organized into a corps with two regiments and an airbase squadron support unit. This school was directly subordinate to the Tan Intezet Csoport Fonokseg - Educational Institute Management Group - which was in turn directly subordinate to Hungarian Air Force Headquarters.

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Szolnok Airfield had about 150 officers, 80 NCOs, 120 EM. and 120 cadets.

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The Kilian school had the following training fields: Szolonok Airfield, Kunmadaras Airfield, Tapioszentmarton Airfield (N47-20, E19-44), Tiszopuspok Airfield, and Szolnok-Szanda Airfield.

The School Commander was (Lieutenant Colonel) Lajos Kablai, (Hungarian Air Force) supplies at Szolnok Airfield:

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- (1) 2 LI-2
- (2) 2 PO-2
- (3) 30 YAK-18
- (4) 20 YAK-11
- (5) 2 Ambulances
- (6) 3 Radio trucks
- (7) 3 Busses
- (8) 2 Fire Engines
- (9) 5 POL trucks
- (10) 2 Oil trucks
- (11) 4 Weapons Carriers
- (12) 2 Skoda jeeps
- (13) 1 Skoda Passenger car
- (14) 4 Tatra-Plan Passenger cars
- (15) 1 Pobeda Passenger car
- (16) 10 Trucks, 3 tons capacity
- (17) 1 Towing Truck
- (18) 1 Federal type towing-truck with a trailer (for towing aircraft)
- (19) 2 MAVAG, 5-ton trucks
- (20) 4 tractors
- (21) 1 Bulldozer

3. [redacted] existence of two Hungarian Air Force Fighter Corps, the Kecskemet (N46-54, E19-41) Hadosztaly (Corps), which was also known as the 66th Fighter Corps, and the 91st Hadosztaly with its headquarters at Tszar Airfield (N46-22, E17-54).

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a. The 66th Fighter Corps had three fighter regiments. The headquarters was located at ~~Kecskemet Airfield~~ with one regiment located at ~~Kecskemet Airfield~~, one at ~~Kiskunlachaza Airfield~~, and one at ~~Kalocsa Airfield~~ (N46-32, E18-59). The 66th corps was the better of the two corps. This corps was equipped with at least one squadron of MIG-17s which was at ~~Kecskemet Airfield~~. The rest of the corps was equipped with MIG-15 Bis. The total number of aircraft in this corps was estimated at about 120 jet aircraft. There were also three IL-28 aircraft at ~~Kiskunlachaza Airfield~~.

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b. The 91st Fighter Corps, including its headquarters, was located at ~~Taszar Airfield~~. This corps also had three regiments of which the 35th and 50th Fighter Regiments were located at ~~Taszar Airfield~~, whereas the 24th Fighter Regiment was located at ~~Sarmellek Airfield~~ (N46-43, E17-10). This fighter corps was equipped with about 120 jet aircraft of which the majority were MIG-15s, plus a small number of MIG-15 Bis.

4. Military Air Transport Regiment - one Hungarian Military Air Transport Regiment was located at ~~Budaors Airfield~~. [redacted] the following aircraft stationed there:

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- (1) 10 LI-2
- (2) 6 or 7 PO-2
- (3) 2 Helicopters
- (4) 2 Aero 45 (Czechoslovak make)
- (5) 2 YAK-12

5. Bomber Command of the Hungarian Air Force - The bomber command of the Hungarian Air Force was formerly made up of one corps with its headquarters at ~~Szekesfehervar Airfield~~ (N47-12, E18-25). This corps still exists as a unit but not with its former function because the aircraft utilized in this corps were outdated and spare parts were no longer available from the USSR. This corps was to be retrained and probably re-equipped with MIG-15 aircraft. [redacted] there was a Student Squadron of about 50 pilots from this corps at ~~Szolnok Airfield~~, supposedly receiving pre-flight training for MIG-15 aircraft.

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6. Soviet Fighter Corps - A Soviet fighter corps had its headquarters at ~~Papa Airfield~~ (N47-20, E17-28). This corps had three fighter regiments of which two were stationed at ~~Papa Airfield~~ and one was at ~~Szentkiralyzabadja Airfield~~ (N47-03, E17-58). This fighter corps was equipped with MIG-17s and three MIG-19s. [redacted] one MIG-19 had crashed.

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7. Soviet Bomber Corps - One Soviet bomber corps with its headquarters at ~~Debrecen Airfield~~. This corps had three bomber regiments of which two were stationed at ~~Debrecen Airfield~~ and one at ~~Tokol Airfield~~ (N47-19, E18-58). This corps was

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equipped with IL-28s plus transport aircraft and helicopters.

[redacted] there must have been at least about 150 IL-28s at Debrecen Airfield.

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8. Mukachevo ^{aw the SSR} Airfield - [redacted] there was a large Soviet Airfield near Mukachevo in the Carpatho-Ukraine.

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9. There was a Soviet Armored Regiment at Szolnok, equipped with T-34 tanks.

10. A Soviet Armored Regiment was located at Cegled (N47-10, E19-47). It was equipped with JS and T-34 tanks.

11. Several Soviet units were located at Debrecen. [redacted]

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12. The Hungarian Attoro Hadosztaly (Breakthrough Corps) was located at Cegled. It was made up of armored and artillery units.

13. There was a Hungarian Artillery Unit at Szolnok.

14. One Hungarian Artillery Regiment was stationed at Karcag (N47-19, E20-55).

15. One Hungarian Infantry Regiment was at Mezotur (N47-00, E20-38). It was supported with armor and artillery.

16. There was a Hungarian Armored Unit at Gyongyos (N47-54, E19-56).

17. A Hungarian Armored Unit was stationed at Eger (N47-54, E20-22).

18. A large Hungarian Army Unit was located at Miskolc (N48-06, E20-47).

19. It was the duty of Counter Intelligence Section (Elharito Osztaly), which was a part of every airbase organization, to recruit special agents, informers, etc. Normally this section looked for persons who did not have a clean record from the Communist point of view and therefore practically forced them to work for them. In other cases they tried to recruit people by telling them it is their duty to work for them. An amazing number of individuals were taken in by this approach.

Happenings at Kunmadaras Airfield During the Revolution

20. On the 22nd of October 1956, Budapest Radio stated that student demonstrations were taking place in Szeged and spreading to Budapest. On the morning of 23 October 1956, at about 0430 hours, Kunmadaras Airfield was alerted; live ammunition was distributed to all personnel, two magazine (14 rounds) of ammunition for pistols to all officers, one magazine (72 rounds) to all machine pistol holders (mostly NCOs) and 10 rounds to all other personnel, holding rifles or carbines.

After the ammunition distribution, all personnel were allowed to go back to their quarters and remain in the area.

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On 25 October a delegation of the revolutionary council from Karcag (a nearby town) came to Kunmadaras Airfield and persuaded the airfield CO, (Captain) Jenő Magymasi, and two other officers to become members of the local revolutionary council. The duties of this revolutionary council were to supervise local administration, to guard the water supply, food supply, electricity, etc., to collect food and send it to Budapest. Kunmadaras Airfield asked for transport aircraft to airlift food to the capital; they received two LI-2 aircraft from Budaors airfield which they operated from both Kunmadaras and Budaors Airfield.

Then they started gathering arms and ammunition from the following areas: Debrecen, Nyireghaza, Szolnok, Mezotur, Miskolc, Eger, and the neighboring smaller towns. They set up a courier system by vehicle or aircraft in order to keep in constant communication.

Aerial Reconnaissance of Soviet Troop Movements

22. Kunmadaras Airfield flew reconnaissance missions from 25 October to 30 October 1956. They had observed Soviet armored movements across the Soviet-Hungarian border. Soviet armored columns stretched along a roadway about 120km long. Observers believed these columns represented strength equivalent to two armies. These reconnaissance missions were stopped on 30 October because the Soviets insinuated that United Nations aircraft would be flying over Hungary to observe; therefore, all flying activities ceased in order not to hamper UN activities.

Hungarian Units Against the Revolution

23. The Mezotur Infantry Regiment was commanded by a Hungarian major who was trained in the USSR. He stated openly right from the start that he was not in favor of the revolution, and that he would side with the Soviets. He did not allow any contact between his regiment and the revolutionaries. The revolutionaries asked for arms from this regiment but the major refused to aid them, keeping his regiment in readiness, and holding out until the Soviets reappeared. He then committed his unit against the revolutionaries. This infantry regiment also had some artillery and armor.

Hungarian Units Siding with the Revolution

24. [redacted] the Eger Armored Unit fought actively with the revolutionaries. Half of this unit was used in the defense of Budapest. [redacted] Hungarian Army units stationed at Miskolc sided actively with the revolutionaries. Kunmadaras Airfield also sided with the revolutionaries. 25X1

Hungarian Troops Neutral in the Revolution

25. At Szolnok Airfield, unit political officers seized the initiative and became members of the revolutionary council. With this act, they neutralized the activities of the revolutionary council. [redacted] the Hungarian Army units stationed at Szolnok remained neutral. 25X1

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Estimated Casualties

26. [redacted] there were at least 60,000 dead and a large number of injured as of 22 November. 25X1

Soviet Defections

27. [redacted] there were Soviet defections in Budapest; in some cases Soviet soldiers allegedly sold their tanks for bread. 25X1

Soviet Occupation of Hungarian Airfields

28. On the morning of 4 November all Hungarian airfields were occupied by Soviet armor. The Soviets appeared at Kunmadaras Airfield in the early morning hours. With five tanks they immediately captured the runway and then proceeded to disarm all personnel at the airfield. Later it was learned that there were at least 40 more Soviet tanks in readiness on the fields opposite the runway. The Soviets posted one tank on either end of the runway, plus anti-aircraft artillery, in order to prevent any take-offs. They also demolished radio sets and dashboards on the aircraft, and other radio sets in the warehouse, as well as any other equipment in sight.

New Militia in Hungary

29. The new militia was formed from the stragglers of former AVH men, former soldiers, and civilians. [redacted] the new militia was not very reliable. The patrols were made up of one Soviet soldier, one Hungarian soldier, and one civilian. Allegedly, some of these same civilians fought the Soviets after duty hours. 25X1

Discharges of Hungarian Military Personnel

30. [redacted] an order had been issued by the Hungarian Defense Ministry which read: "all regular officers and regular NCOs can be discharged from military service if they so desire". After the above-mentioned order had been issued at Kunmadaras Airfield, anyone who wanted to be released from the service had to sign his name on a list posted at the bulletin board. [redacted] 25X1

Partisan Activities in Hungary

31. [redacted] existence of a partisan organization allegedly consisting of about 2,000 men for whom food, armament, and ammunition supplies had actually been stored in advance up in the hills. The supplies were supposedly sufficient to permit them to hold out for about one year. 25X1

Soviet Troop Movements in Hungary

32. [redacted] many Soviet troops were pouring into Hungary in the latter part of November. 25X1

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