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Sketch

Former ^{taxi} ~~refined~~ area

Rödigen

Maintained

Former barracks

359 meters
above sea-level

Hotel

Camburg

Zwätzen

140 meters above
sea-level

Jena.

Jüterbog - Old Camp

Presence of 60 fighters, type YAK-3 (^{packed} ~~maintained~~ in two groups of \approx 30 aircraft each, one group having the engine cowling painted dark blue, the other green) ~~etc~~ (NOTE: These are the distinctive signs noted in the summer of 1948. They seem to be only a means of identifying particular units participating in maneuvers (red sections, blue sections, etc.)

License numbers on vehicles: E 5 39 40

E 5 39 95 (belonging to the 16th ~~Att~~ Army).

Jüterbog - Damm

Not being used.

Kindel

No aircraft at present. Could be used as an advance airfield for courier aircraft. Barracks are constructed on the edges of the field.

Kolleda

Unoccupied. Would be usable as an advance airfield.

Jena-Rockau and Naumburg-Punschrau *

Former fields belonging to the glider school. Converted into tilled fields.

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Köthen

The regiment equipped with LA-9 fighters has left Köthen for an unknown destination.

At present there are at the field: 40 to 45 YAK 9's

8 to 10 PS-84 twin-engine aircraft
 biplanes
 10 ~~twin-engine~~ trainer aircraft
 1 liaison aircraft (single-engine)
 3 YAK 3's

Vehicles numbered B - 7 - 81 and 7 - 82.

Köthen

Access to the field is forbidden.

Great air activity by fighters and twin-engine aircraft

2 four-engine aircraft

50 - 60 fighters

9 twin-engine aircraft in flight

A dozen twin-engine aircraft on the ground } old types

Köthen

Location: About two kilometers south of the town on the road from Halle.

Occupation: Is said to be occupied by 800 to 900 men, about 300 of whom are student pilots from a fighter school.

The aircraft are single-engine fighters, twin-engine combat aircraft, and two-seater trainers.

The air activity over the field is intense.

A number of the officers, ~~xxx~~ undoubtedly instructors, wear ~~xxx~~ gold-embroidered insignia on a blue background on the collar and cuffs of their uniforms.

(sketch) yellow

blue

The same insignia have been observed at Zerbst.

Vehicles at the field have numbers: B - 7 - 81 - 15, etc.

There were several air force tank trucks with numbers B - 7 - 84 - xx and B - 7 - 85 - xx.

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SECRET**Leipzig - Mookau**

No change.

Presence of four Dakotas in the parking area. No air activity.

Leipzig - Schkeuditz (14 May 1949)

No change. No air activity.

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Alt Lönnewitz

Presence of 50 to 55 fighters of the LA-9 type which were observed at Kötthen at the end of April. It is presumed that this is the unit which was transferred from Kötthen, but the distinctive ^{markings} ~~markings~~ have not been observed. (propeller hub and upper tip of rudder painted red).

20 twin-engine transport aircraft (PS 84)

8 to 10 biplanes.

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Mookau (5 May 1949 - 17 May 1949)

No aircraft.

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Peenemünde

The airfield is being reconditioned. 400 workers have been requested from the Wolgast Labor Office to work on it.

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Flauen

Location: 4 kilometers from Flauen, on the Plauen- Olsnitz rail line.

Occupation and traffic: unoccupied at the moment, but likely to be put back into service.

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Polenz - Machern

Roads are blocked. At the field there are 30 to 40 fighter aircraft. (YAK 9's, LA 5's). Several biplanes.

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Potsdam - Bornstedter Feld

Small liaison airfield on the former Bornstedter Feld exercise ground.

Small runway 300 meters long (tarred gravel).

Presence of three biplanes (courier and liaison aircraft).

Rangsdorf - Dabendorf

A single biplane on the field.

From time to time fighter aircraft land for repairs (? -- partly illegible) in the former Bücker factory. Engine tests.

Parchim

300 German workers have been working since the beginning of May on reconditioning the Parchim field, which up to now has not been utilized by the Soviet Air Forces.

Schkeuditz (5 - 17 May 1949)

No aircraft.

Schoenwalde

26 aircraft observed on the ground and six in the air.

Aircraft on the ground: twin-engine monoplanes. Radial engines, single rudder.

The ~~monoplanes~~ field is said to be occupied by:

30 to 40 aircraft of the first type

20 to 25 aircraft of the second type

15 to 20 U 2's.

There are some antiaircraft weapons set up at the edges of the field, particularly at a point 300 meters west of the Nauen - Oranienburg road, opposite the panzer camp.

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Sketch -- Schönwalde

- Legend:
1. Buildings where Russian families are quartered.
 2. Guard post. Guard consists of two air force sentries.
 3. Four intact buildings where men belonging to the air force unit are ~~stationed~~ quartered.
 4. Field commandant's building
 5. Eight twin-engine, low-wing, radial-engine aircraft
 6. Repair shop/

Along the southern edge of the field there are a number of destroyed German aircraft.

Numbers noted on vehicles near the field:

B.2.59.14 PL, B 7 80 21 VL, B 7 86 15 PL, E.1.01.88 PL/

Staaken

One fighter regiment, YAK 3's and YAK 9's (10 May 1949).

A school for pilots; activity especially at night.

62 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men are said to have deserted.

Search parties of Russian patrols are looking for them (15 May 1949).

Arrival of 60 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men to replace the deserters (17 May 1949). Very intense activity at night over the Spandau - Döberitz area.

35 fighter aircraft on the field (23 May 1949).

Staaken (near Berlin)

1. Location: known.
2. Field: well maintained. 430 workers furnished by the Labor Offices in Nauen and Falkensee work here.

2. Taxi strip

Length: not determined

Width: 70 to 100 meters

In good condition, depressed areas ^[holes?] in some places. After heavy rains there are lakds two to three meters across [?]. Drainage installation.

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SECRET**b. Take-off runways (number not determined):**

Oriented east-west. Approximate length: 2000 meters. Approximate width: 50 meters.

c. Hangars: Six hangars approximately 350 meters long, 100 meters wide, and 12 meters high. Capacity estimated at about 60 aircraft.

d. Buildings:

One large four-story building where families of airfield personnel live.

Several small houses for officers and their families.

✱ The airfield's personnel is estimated at about 3000, including the workshops.

The shops contain all necessary machinery for repair and maintenance of the aircraft. They are modern and operate satisfactorily. There is a shortage of drilling machines.

e. Administration:

✱ All administrative and supply services are located in hangar 4.

f. Installations:

a. Red and white lighted beacons

b. Installation with red lights for night landings.

c. Lighted installation for take-offs

d. Radio

e. Goniometric and meteorological station.

The latter two installations are in a large, four-story building ~~shaped~~ like a semi-circle in shape.

3. Aircraft: about 40 fighters.

The following numbers were noted on trucks: I - 00 - 57, I - 04 - 88.

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Sketch of Strausberg airfield, about 2 kilometers northwest of Strausberg

a. Block of apartments

b. Workshop

d. Destroyed hangar

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- d. Sentries
- e. Hangar
- f. Radio station
- g. Concrete shelter.

The field is located along the road from Wriensen to Berlin, about 3 kilometers from Strausberg. There is no cement runway and no aircraft at the field. There are about 800 soldiers in the buildings marked "a" on the sketch. Numbers on vehicles seen outside the field: E-5-3I-- , E-5-38--.

Airfields in Thüringen

There are no aircraft stationed in the western part of Thüringen.

Weimar - Hohra

Unoccupied. Would be serviceable as an advance airfield.

Werder (Havel)

Buildings are occupied by air force troops (non-flying personnel). No aircraft. The surroundings of the field have been declared a restricted area.

Welzow (273.310, G/3, 12 May 1949)

Geographical location: 25 kilometers southwest of Cottbus, 2 kilometers southeast of Welzow, on the Welzow - Petersheim^{ain} rail line.

Dimensions: About 1500 x 2000 meters. No take-off runway.

Nature of ground: firm, grass, landing area in good condition.

Installations:

- a. Two hangars measuring 500 x 100 meters, partly damaged but still usable.
- b. Workshop: one repair shop of the same dimensions, partly damaged.
- c. Quarters: barracks.
- d. Control tower: on the field.
- e. Radio: one radio station 300 meters east of the field.

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Dispersal areas: dispersal is possible in the woods to the ~~west~~ of the field.

Defense: none.

Units stationed at the field: 70 to 80 fighter aircraft of the YAK type, some of which have the number G.O. 27 on the tail. Nose is painted yellow.

Obstacles: none.

Supplies:

Gasoline: three gasoline stations with underground tanks; capacity is 50,000 ~~xx~~ liters each.

Beacons: Complete installation, in condition to function.

Access and communications:

There used to be a

Rail network: /special branch of the Welsow - Petershain line running to the field; it is out at present.

Legend to sketch of Welsow airfield

1. Management
2. Workshop
- 3,4. Hangars
- 5,6,7. Gasoline stations
- 8,9,10. Barracks (troop quarters)
11. Radio station.

Wittenberg (23 May 1949)

No aircraft.

Wittenberg (17 May 1949)

Pratau airfield. Presence of two biplanes with in-line engines on this field.

Wittenberg

The field is located south of the Elbe in the fields bordering the river.

No hard-surfaced runway.

Very little air activity; five to six U 2 biplanes normally on the field.

The camp (former engineer camp) is located across from the field and is occupied by an air force unit.

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SECRET**Wittenberg**

Six biplanes; 450 - 500 flyers.

License numbers on vehicles: B 7 81 - 82 series.

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Wittstock

The field is located about four kilometers from Wittstock on the road between Wittstock and Roebel.

The buildings and hangars appear to be new.

The field is occupied by about 1000 to 1200 men.

Between 20 and 22 April 1949, 500 new recruits (19 and 20 years old) arrived from the USSR.

The flying personnel consists ~~xx~~ almost exclusively of officers.

10 to 12 aircraft, single-engine monoplanes, in-line engines.

Little air activity; night flights.

The gasoline storage tanks are located in the former ammunition bunker.

Numbers on vehicles: B 7 85 82 PL Aviation

B 7 85 89 PL Aviation.

Wittstock - Mecklenburg**Geographical location:**

a. Wittstock is a rail center 30 kilometers south southwest of Muritz Lake.

and a half

b. The field is four/kilometers north northeast of the town, on the southern edge of Wittstock heath (see sketch).

c. Elevation: 70 meters.

Dimensions:

a. Total: 2200 meters east-west and 1500 meters north-south

b. Usable: 2200 meters east-west and 1000 meters north-south.
700 x 15 meters

No hard-surface runway. There is a concrete strip/in front of the hangars.~~500~~

Nature of the ground: Grass on arable ground. Sub-soil is gravel; dry.

Installations - See sketch -- detailed legend.

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Dispersal areas: No taxi area. Anti-fragmentation shelter (see sketch, at west of field).

Numerous possibilities for camouflage and dispersal in the surrounding forests.

Defense: none observed.

Units stationed at the field:

17 fighter aircraft have been observed at the field.

There are two P.O.2-type aircraft ^{parked} ~~stationed~~ on the field and one is apparently LA 7, dual control type. The formation/~~formation~~ a night fighter unit.

Obstacles:

a. The small hill known as "Rockstadterberg", which rises across from the southern edge of the field. With its buildings it is about 35 meters high.

b. A factory chimney in the town of Wittstock; it is about 35 meters high.

c. Forests surrounding the field.

Supplies: There is a gasoline station in front of the hangars (see sketch).

Beacons: The original beacon installation is in good condition and functions normally.

Access and communications:

a. By road: the field is served by the main Wittstock - Boebel road along Muritz Lake; this road borders the field on the west and the main entrance opens onto it.

b. There is no rail line.

Special remarks:

An important night practice took place during the night of 4 - 5 ~~may~~ May between 2300 and 0200 hours. Only night fighter aircraft participated in this practice. 18 flights were observed. The beacon lights were lighted only for the take-offs and landings. No auxiliary searchlights.

Legend for sketch (1:10,000) of Wittstock airfield

1. Entrance and guard
2. Hydraulic station

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3. Workshops
4. Quarters
5. Administration
6. ~~Management~~
Control
7. Barracks
8. Athletic field
9. Damaged houses
- ~~10.~~ 10. Former meteorological station
11. Hangars
12. Former parachute storage
13. Command
14. Gasoline station
15. Former shelter.

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Zerbst

Field in excellent condition. Four large hangars intact.

Camp in the forest.

Concrete runway 1500 x 80 meters.

Thirty YAK 9's. Little air activity.

One old-type twin-engine aircraft continually landing and taking off.

Large personnel in comparison with the number of aircraft.

There were paratroops at the field.

Zerbst

1. Location: about 5 kilometers east of Zerbst; bounded on the east by the road between Zerbst and Döbritz, on the west by the road between Zerbst and Deetz, on the north by a forest, and on the south by a road linking the roads to Döbritz and Deetz (see sketch).

2. Installations

The field has an asphalt runway 1200 meters long and approximately 50 meters wide, oriented more or less east-west.

There is one large hangar/north of the field, at the edge of the forest.
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There are two buildings along the road to Deets which serve as quarters and house the administrative services of the field.

It is possible that there are barracks in the forest to the north of the field.

There is no external obstacle which might impede landing or take-off maneuvers.

The field is in good condition and is being used. There is no rail connection with the Reichsbahn.

3. Occupation

The field is occupied by a fighter unit equipped with YAK 3's or YAK 9's and commanded by Colonel Olgin.

At present there are not more than 200 men stationed at the field.

There are ~~xxxx~~ three YAK's and two biplanes ^{on} the field.

The closed hangar probably contains other aircraft.

Zerbst

Location: About 6 kilometers from Zerbst on the road from Wiesenburg (see sketch). Former Luftwaffe field, occupied by the Russians.

Installations: The field has one runway, oriented approximately east-west; the Russians have had it concreted.

There are four hangars, two large and two small, located at the edge of the forest north of the field.

Two large buildings along the road serve as administration building and quarters.

Occupation:

said to be

The field is/occupied by a staff headquarters which is also responsible for the fields of Dessau and K~~u~~then and which supposedly also has contact with another important headquarters located at Jüterbog.

The field is occupied by 1500 air forces men, 500 or 600 of whom are paratroopers. The latter average about 20 years of age and are said to have arrived recently from Siberia.

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The aircraft comprise: 25 YAK fighters
 20 IL 2 combat aircraft
 10 U 2 liaison aircraft
 40 twin-engine combat aircraft
 20 twin-engine bombers
 25 three-engine transport aircraft, probably JU 52's.

The motor vehicles at the field are numbered: - B - 7 - 80 - xx
 B - 7 - 86 - xx
 B - 7 - 88 - xx.

Sketch of Zerbst airfield

1. Quarters
2. Hangars
3. Runway

Sketch of Zerbst airfield

Hangars

Road from Wiesenburg

Runway

Sketch of Zerbst airfield

Lindau

Deetz

Hangar

Water filtering
installation

Take-off runway

Dobritz

Bebritzerstrasse

Restaurant "Zum Stietelsknecht"

Zerbst

No change to report (65 - 70 YAK's, 15 biplanes).

Intense activity.

Motor vehicle license numbers: B 7 80 - 81 - 82 - 83.

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