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1. The three-year cadet training program at the Military Air Force Academy leads to a commission as lieutenant in the air force. The first two years are spent at the Academy at the Hradec Kralove airfield, about five km. north of Hradec Kralove (051/G71) near the village of Vekos. The third year of schooling is spent at Pardubice, where advanced flight training is given. The reason for the transfer of advanced training to Pardubice is that the airfield at Hradec Kralove is not large enough to handle S-199 (Me-109) planes used for fighter training.

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2. The training program at the Academy is as follows:

a. First year:

From 1 October to 28 October the new cadet receives infantry training using model 98 rifles, 7.92 mm "Schwarzlose" machine guns, German gas masks and other German war booty. A few old pieces of Soviet equipment were also used. After this indoctrination period the actual schooling begins.

Theoretical training includes Principles of Flying, Theory of Flight Navigation, Meteorology, Engines, General Tactics, Weapons, Theory of Firing, Communications, Chemical Warfare, Intelligence Service, Quartermaster Service, Service Order, Mathematics, and Geography. The study of Russian is obligatory; in addition, the cadet must study a second language, either English, French, German or Hungarian. Physical training is required. At the end of the first year, day and night flying is taught in elementary trainers, the C 106. The first year class consists of 80 cadets.

b. Second year:

Theoretical training includes Theory of Flight, Navigation, Meteorology, Engines, Air Tactics, Aerial Weapons and Gunnery, Night Vision, Recognition, Bombing, General Tactics, Organization, Communications, Order of Service, Quartermaster Service, Military History, Hygiene, Political Enlightenment, Intelligence Service, Mathematics and Geography. Blind flying is taught in a link trainer; advanced flight training is taught in C 2 Arrado planes; aerial gunnery is taught with live ammunition and with cameras coordinated with the machine guns. Physical training is required. The

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second year class consists of 40 cadets.

c. Third year:

Theoretical training includes Navigation, Meteorology, Air Tactics, Night Vision, Aerial Gunnery and Bombing, Photography, Engines, Aerial Weapons, General Tactics, Air Force Tactics, Organization, Communications, Military History, Quartermaster Service, Hygiene, Political Enlightenment, Mathematics, Geography and Topography. Day and night fighter training is given in S-199 (Me-109) planes; practical navigation and communication instruction is given in Siebel C 3 planes, and aerial gunnery practice is continued. Physical training is required. The third year class consists of 40 cadets. Those who successfully complete the training are graduated in June as Lieutenants in the air force.

3. The Academy is organized as an air division and is subordinated to the Air Force General Staff in the Ministry of National Defense. Headquarters of the Academy are at Hradec Kralove. There is a school air wing consisting of two school squadrons stationed at Hradec Kralove and one squadron at Pardubice, a training air wing consisting of two training squadrons stationed at Hradec Kralove and one at Pardubice, and a school base at Hradec Kralove consisting of a technical squadron, an operational squadron and an auxiliary squadron. A total of about 150 officers are assigned to the Academy. Of these about one quarter were promoted to the rank of officers from that of sergeants when that rate was abolished. In 1948-'49 a special preparatory course was given for NCOs who were then eligible to enter the third year of training at the Academy. There are at the Academy about 100 NCOs and 300 enlisted men.

4. Administrative personnel of the Military Air Force Academy at Hradec Kralove include:

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Commanding Officer  
Deputy Commander  
Chief of Staff

General Frantisek Rypl, a Communist.  
Air Force Colonel Frantisek Hurych.  
Lt. Colonel Jaroslav Muzika

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Enlightenment Officer  
Deputy Enlightenment Officer  
Aide  
Chief of the DOZ  
School Air Wing Commander  
Adjutant  
First School Squadron Commander  
Deputy Commander of the 1st Squadron  
Second School Squadron Commander  
Third School Squadron Commander  
Training Air Wing Commander  
First Training Squadron Commander  
Third Training Squadron Commander

Air Force Major Gustav Kugler, a Communist.  
Air Force Staff Captain Sitina, a Communist.  
Air Force Lieutenant Kremer, a Communist.  
Air Force Lt. Colonel Pristach, a Communist.  
Air Force Major Ladislav Cech.  
Air Force Sergeant Miroslav Zboril.  
Staff Captain Otto Sachl.  
  
Captain Josef Audrnicky.  
Staff Captain Jan Turek.  
Major Julius Drozd. He was transferred to Brno.  
Major Josef Hlavaty.  
Staff Captain Josef Lorenc.  
Staff Captain Skarvada.

5. Course professors of the Military Air Force Academy at Hradec Kralove include:

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<u>Course</u>	<u>Professor</u>	
Navigation	Air Force Staff Captain Miroslav Lastovka	25X1
	Air Force Lieutenant Vojnar	
Theory of Flight	Air Force Major Antonin Pacenauer	25X1
Meteorology	Air Force Staff Captain Miroslav Lastovka	25X1
Aviation Principles	Air Force Major Doubrava	
Aviation Tactics	Air Force Major Jaroslav Muzika	
General Tactics	Major General Balcar	
Military History	Major General Balcar	
Night Vision	Air Force First Lieutenant Siska	
Aerial Gunnery and Bombing	Air Force Lt. Colonel Hajeck	
Communications	Major Sterba	
Physical Training	Air Force Major Otto Brossa	
Quartermaster Service	Unknown	
Hygiene	Lt. Colonel Kosina	

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<u>Course</u>	<u>Professor</u>
Engines	Air Force Captain Bukaa
Theory of Firing (Ballistics)	Air Force Captain Audrnicky
Infantry Weapons	Air Force Captain Kraus
Air Force Weapons	Air Force Captain Kraus
Order of Service	Air Force Staff Captain Jan Turek
Organization	Air Force Major Ladislav Cech
Recognition	Air Force Lt. Colonel Hajek
English	Air Force Major Sterba
Russian	General Vojan (retired)
Mathematics	Major A. Macenauer
Geography	Air Force Lieutenant Vojnar
Intelligence Service	Air Force Captain Smejkal
Chemical Warfare	Air Force Captain Audrnicky
Flying Instruction	Major Josef Hlavaty
	Staff Captain Josef Lorenc
	Lieutenant Capek
	Lieutenant Svoboda
	" Kuska
	" Fichtl
	" Pivonka
	" Brant
	" Prochazka
	Senior Sergeant Lovetinsky
	Staff Sergeant Jankeca

## 6. Personnel of the Military Air Force Academy at Pardubice include:

Commanding Officer	Air Force Major Julius Drozd; he was transferred to Brno.	
Deputy Commanding Officer	Air Force Staff Captain Rolek; he left to attend the War College in Praha.	
Training Squadron Commander	Air Force Staff Captain Skarvada, a former member of the Czech Army in England.	
Flying Instructors	Air Force Lieutenant Bozik	
	Air Force Lieutenant Sas	
	" " " Duchon	
	" " " Blaha	
	" " " Grzmar	
	" " " Stefanek	
Commander of the Navigation Section	Major Filip [redacted]	25X1
Deputy Commander of the Navigation Section	Staff Captain Nyc [redacted]	25X1
Navigation Officers	First Lieutenant Sevcik	
	Lieutenant Kysela	
Link Trainer Officer	Lieutenant Lizka	

## 7. The following planes are being used at the Military Air Academy:

## a. Hradec Kralove

Bücker (Aero) C 104	30 planes
Bücker (Zlin) C 106	20
Arrado C 2	40
Siebel C 3	3
Piper Cub	3
Cap (Storch)	2
Spitfire	1

## b. Pardubice

S-109 (M3-109)	about 40 planes
Arrado C 2	about 10
Bücker (Zlin) C 106	3
Cap (Storch)	1
Piper Cub	2
Siebel C 3a and C 3b	15-20
(for navigation and communication training)	

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