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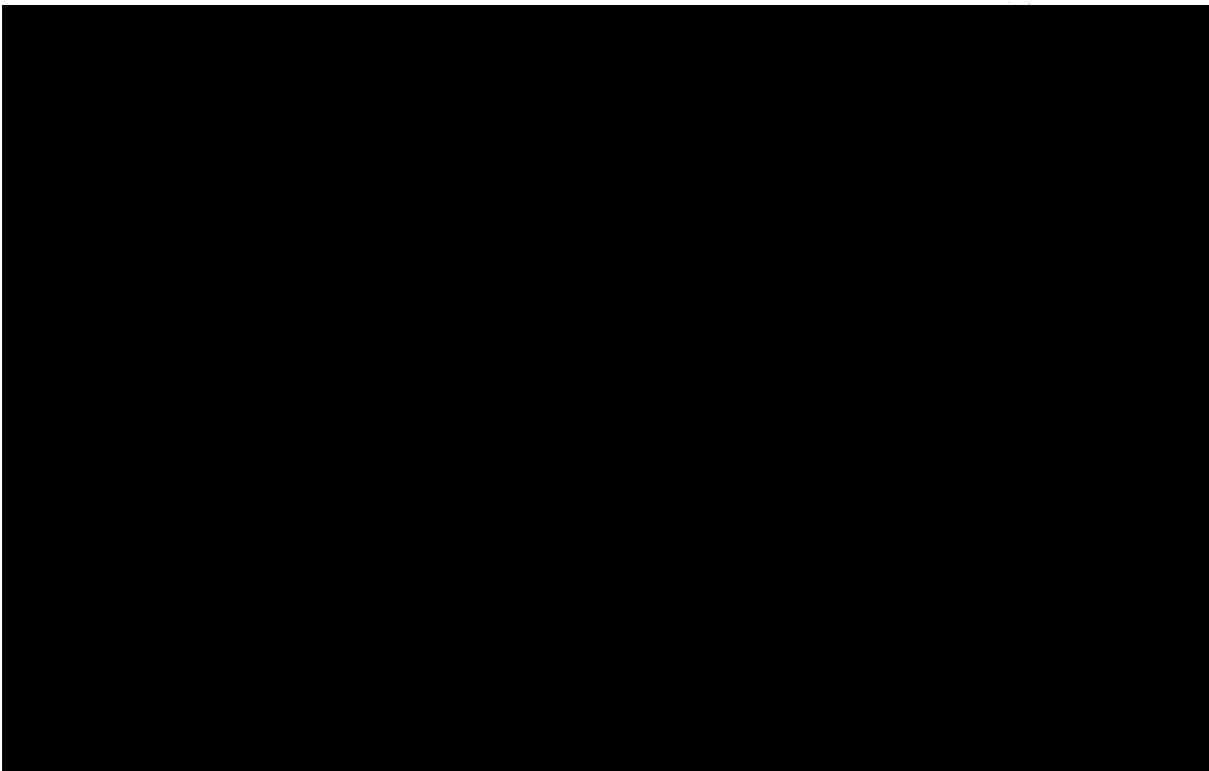
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1. The airfield and the barracks buildings were west of Stry (23°51'E/49°15'N), Ukrainian SSR, northwest of the railroad line to Mukachevo (22°43'E/48°26'N). A western road from Stry ran first north of the barracks buildings then, at a distance of about 1½ to 2 km, directly north of the field. The field was about 2x3 km.
2. The field was occupied by about 12 Po-2s assigned to an air reconnaissance squadron, and about 35 to 40 Airacobras planes. The air photographic detachment in which modern air cameras, film strip drying and film strip evaluation instruments were seen, was housed in the barracks buildings. Yak-9 planes frequently landed at the field.
3. The eleven barracks buildings in a 1 x 1 km area about 1½ to 2 km east of the airfield, were occupied by pilots.

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4. The airfield, about 2 x 2 km, was about 3 km west of the town, south of the road to Drogobych (23°30'E/49°20'N). There were no hangars or troop billets. There was a N-W-SE runway. A radio station was housed in a cantonment building on the road.
5. The field was occupied by single-seat fighters with nose wheel, twin-engine bombers and U-2 birlanes.
6. The airfield west of Stry, south of the road to Drogobych had a runway. It was heavily occupied.
7. The airfield west of Stry, constructed by the Germans, was improved and expanded by the Soviets in 1946. Two concrete runways were completed in 1947. The ground personnel were quartered in cantonment buildings on the edge of the field and the flying personnel in houses evacuated by civilians on the western perimeter of the town.
8. The field was heavily occupied by twin-engine aircraft.

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Comments:

- a. The four statements on the location of the field agree. The occupation of the field until 1946 is considered credible but is of little value for the present status of occupation.
- b. According to one source the field may have been mainly occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with lend-lease fighters of the P-39 design.
- c. As Chernovitsy-Drogobych is in the important Galician petroleum district it is assumed that a P-39 unit is stationed at the field.
- d. Besides the fighter unit a bomber unit has been apparently stationed at the field since 1948.

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