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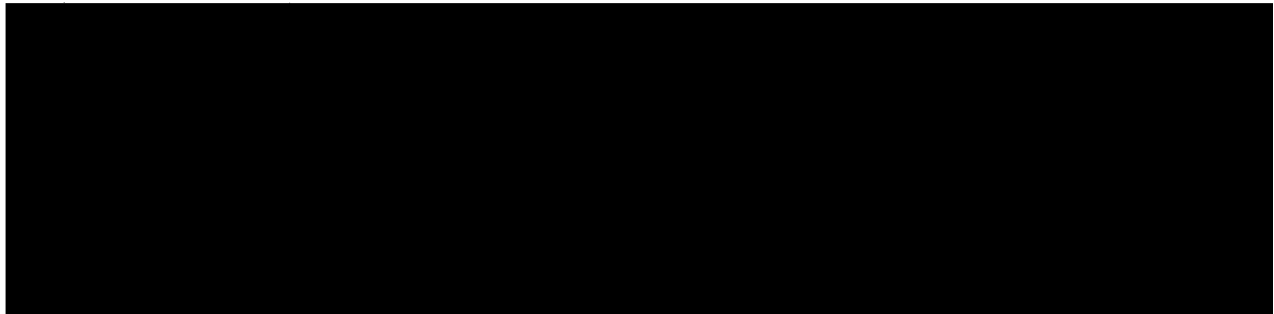
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1. The airfield was east or northeast of Chkalov (55°08'E/51°05'N), Chkalov Oblast, south of the railroad line to Orsk (58°35'E/51°02'N). A factory where "axle oil and car lubricants" were produced was located in the open terrain between the airfield and the town. The factory had a railroad side track.
2. The field was from 2 to 2½ km x 800 to 1,000 meters. No runways were seen. Four three-story, equally large hangars, each about 100 meters long, were in the field section nearest the town.
3. About 20 biplanes and 12 twin-engine monoplanes with full-view cockpit were seen taking off.
4. Flying activity:
 - a. Practices flights with biplanes.
 - b. Formation flights with twin-engine low-wing monoplanes and parachute jumping at the same time, nine to twelve parachutists from each plane.
 - c. Night flying over the town with six to eight searchlights on.
5. [Redacted] a pilot school was at the field.

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