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TOPIC Aircraft Target Ranges at Schweinrich and Lotscherlinde

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The eastern shore of the Dranser (N 54/W 22) lake was observed on 2 February 1951, but no improvised airfield was seen. There was, however, an aircraft target range in the hilly area which was not suitable for an airfield. Three aircraft dummies, one tank dummy, and eight practice targets, emplaced at irregular intervals, were seen on the range. The targets which lay flat on the ground were 1x11.5 meters, painted white, with a black circle, about 60cm in diameter, in the center. Practice firing from aircraft at these targets was observed. \*
2. Four jet fighters with swept wings practiced firing at ground targets on the Lotscherlinde (N 53/E 32) former improvised airfield on 7 February 1951, between 10 a.m. and noon. The weather was clear and a moderate wind blew from the west. The aircraft approached the field in succession at an altitude of about 800 meters. While diving each plane fired one shot with a cannon and then climbed again. This was repeated several times. All roads leading to Lotscherlinde were blocked by sentries in front of the airfield. \*\*

25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment. For location sketch of target range, see Annex. The presence of a target range was previously reported, but its pinpoint location and the targets are described for the first time. No other [REDACTED] the existence of an airfield near Schweinrich.

25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Previous reports indicated that the air to ground firing practice was mainly conducted by the fighter regiment stationed in Brandenburg-Briest. Wrecked aircraft are used as targets. The Lotscherlinde airfield is not occupied by an air unit.

1 Annex: sketch on ditto

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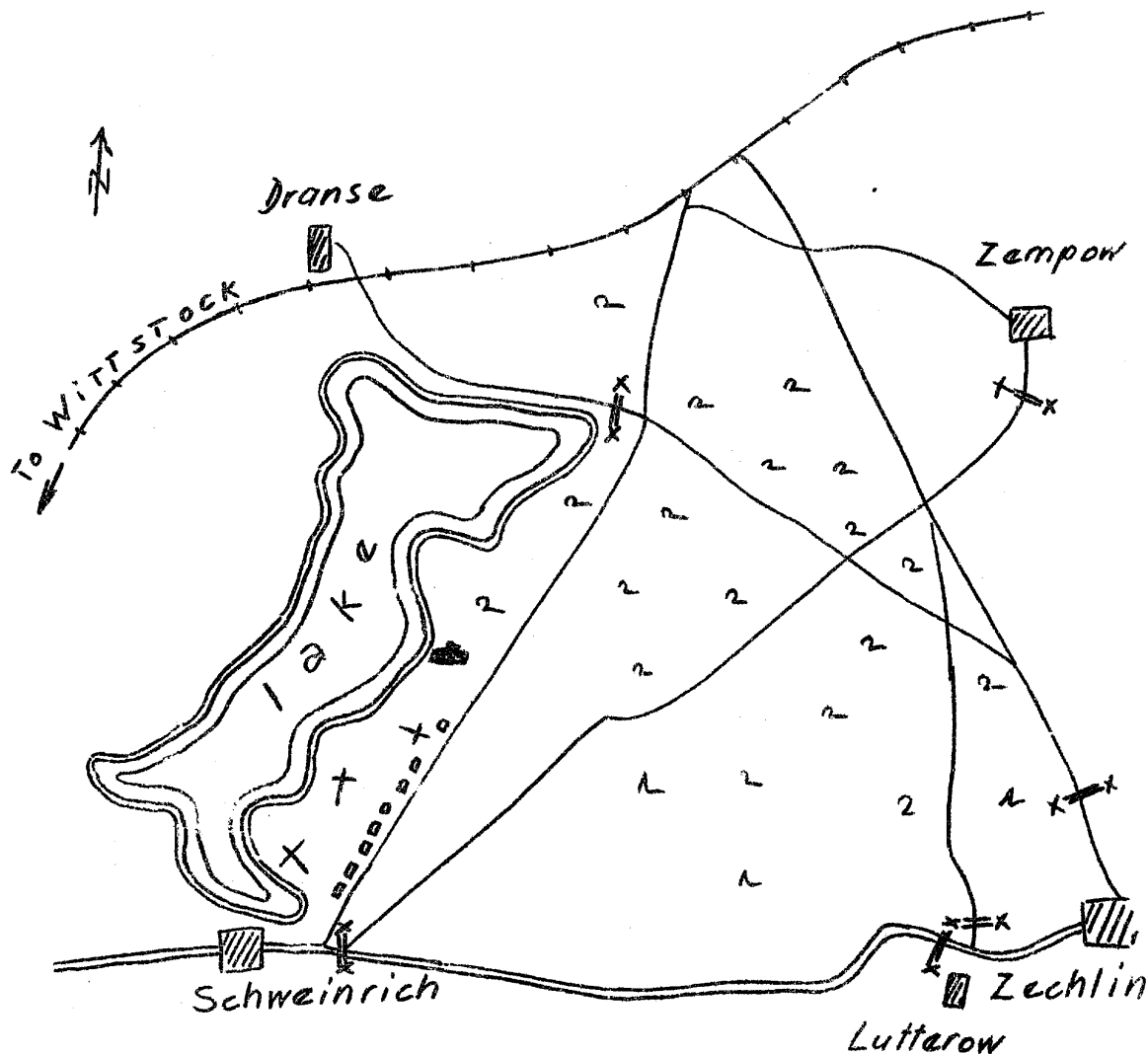
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Annex

Aircraft Target Range Near Schweinrich.



-  = Tank dummy
-  = Aircraft dummy
-  = Practice target
-  = Road block

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