

TOPIC Jueterbog-Altes Lager Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Aircraft observed at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield included 22 twin-jet aircraft on 22 July and 23 twin-jet planes on 28 July 1952. On the morning of 22 July, two three-axle trucks with trailers loaded with bombs were observed moving toward the outlying part of Malerhausen farm. The bombs were packed in crates which were about 1.7 to 1.8 meters long. (1)

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2. An AA gun emplacement with six 37-mm guns was observed on the eastern edge of the field. (2)

3. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field on 1 and 7 August:

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1 August. Two biplanes took off at 10 a.m. and landed at 10:50 a.m. Seven twin-jet planes were counted on the eastern edge of the field and 14 planes of the same type near the hangars on the northern edge.

Other aircraft parked at the field included 6 single-engine planes, 2 twin-engine aircraft with nose wheels, 2 biplanes, and 1 high-wing monoplane. (3)

7 August. At 5:15 p.m., a twin-engine plane towing a sleeve target took off. AA guns probably emplaced east of the field, fired at the sleeve target. The towing plane first flew at a high altitude while its air sleeve was fired at by heavy AA guns. The detonations of shells were heard while flashes and plumes of smoke were observed in the air. Later, the plane flew lower and was fired at by light AA guns. The aircraft landed at 6:15 p.m. After 8:30 p.m., there was night flying by twin-jet aircraft. The planes took off individually and remained in the air for about 20 minutes. Flying still continued at 10 p.m. The runway was lighted by white flares. A red lamp on a 4-meter pole marked the eastern flying lane on the edge of the field. A red signal, about 50 cm high, was located at the beginning of the runway. The western runway end was also marked by a red signal. A rotary searchlight was in operation east of the field, probably on the troop training grounds. Airfield boundary lights were not observed. An obstacle light was switched on on a watertower of Altes Lager. During the landings, the aircraft had only their position lights on, and no searchlights were in operation. Aircraft observed parked at the field included 7 twin-jet planes on the eastern edge, 14 twin-jet planes on the northern edge, 4 jet bombers east of the hangars in the center of the field, and 3 twin-engine planes and 1 high-wing monoplane.

4. Up to 7 August, the AA gun emplacement on the eastern edge of the field northeast of

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The runway was still occupied by six 37-mm guns. About 10 meters east of the guns, there was a two-axle trailer with a box-like superstructure and windows. A cable extended from this trailer toward the field. (2) Tents were again observed on the southern edge of the field, however, [] could not determine whether they belong to an AA gun emplacement.

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5. New temporary buildings were erected near the radio installations east of the field. (4) South of the runway there were three radio trucks with rod antennas, each about 50 meters apart. The radio trucks were of different sizes. []

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6. At 10:30 a.m. on 8 August, a truck convoy loaded with tables, chairs, tent poles and bivouac equipment moved toward Beelitz coming from Juetarbo. Each truck was occupied by 4 to 10 MI who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The []

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8. On [] August, work was being done on the repair hangar at the field. [] observed that a mast about 3 meters high and braced by several guy wires was erected. (5)

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(1) This is the first information on an assumed ammunition dump near the outlying part of Waltershausen farm.

(2) In July 1952, [] reported an AA gun emplacement at the side of the railroad line. For location of AA gun emplacement with six 37-mm guns, see Annex.

(3) []

(4) The radio installation observed is either the PKV-45 DF station or the inner landing beacon.

(5) Juetarbo-Altes Lager airfield is still occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment and the bomber regiment from Cottbus airfield.

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