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1. German P's were employed for leveling and repair work at the ELBING (Q 55/Y 90) airfield from July to December 1948 (location see Annex). Dimensions of the field: 5,000x5,000 feet. A meadow served as a landing field; there was no runway; the field bordered a swamp on the west. Two hangars, 165x135 and 165x100 feet, connected by a third hangar, were located at the northeastern field border.
2. The barracks, which had suffered only minor damage, were repaired in September 1948. Fifteen fighters, four IL-2s, and four U-2 type biplanes were housed in the hangars. The field was occupied by a Polish Air Force unit of about 150 men, with a Soviet colonel as instructor, in September 1948. Most of the EM did not do any flying. Only a few trained pilots did a little daylight flying. The airfield lighting installations had been removed. A radio station with a 65-foot antenna mast was located in a deserted farm at the northwestern field border.

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3. Comment:

Since this is the first information on the condition of the ELBING airfield obtained after the war its correctness cannot be rated. The occupation of the field by a Polish Air Force unit is considered credible since it was mentioned in a previous report that the field was scheduled for occupation by a Polish pilot school. The types of aircraft reportedly stationed there and the statement that most of the EM had not yet done any flying supports the assumption that a training unit is located at this field.

1 Annex: Airfield of ELBING, East Prussia.

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