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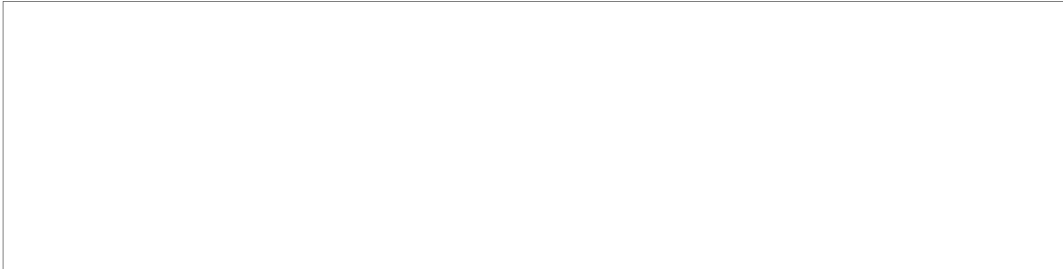
1. This report provides a summary of major Argentine military and civilian air facilities through February 1983. Only military airfields, joint military-civilian airfields with permanently assigned military air units, and joint military-civilian forward deployment and reserve airfields with an identifiable military association are discussed in this report. (The forward deployment and reserve installations are limited to airfields with runways over 2,000 meters where military aircraft have been observed and where permanent military support facilities such as aircraft revetments are maintained.) Major civilian airfields with no identifiable military association are listed but not described. This report cites the function and facilities of each described airfield, provides a table of the imagery-derived air order-of-battle and a table of air deployments observed during the 1982 Falkland Islands war, two maps with tables, and 31 selected photographs of the major Argentine air facilities. (S/WN)

INTRODUCTION

2. Argentina has more than 2,000 airfields, at least 46 of which are capable of supporting major military air operations. Fourteen of these 46 are air force installations with permanently assigned military air units of the Argentine Air Force, four are naval air installations with permanently assigned naval air units of the Argentine Naval Aviation Command, one is an army installation with a permanently assigned air unit of the Argentine Army Aviation Command, and 12 are forward deployment and reserve installations with an identifiable military association (Figure 1 and Table 1). The remaining 15 airfields are civilian installations with no identifiable military association but are capable of supporting combat air operations (Figure 2 and Table 2). Of the 19 installations with permanently assigned military air units, eight are available for military use only and 11 are used for joint military and civilian operations. (See Table 3 for the nine airfields where major forward air developments were observed during the Falkland Islands war.) (S/WN)

Argentine Air Force Installations and Units

Major Combat Units



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Major Military Transport Units

4. The major military transport units of the Air Force are assigned to the I Air Brigade at El Palomar Airfield. Three transport squadrons are based at this airfield and comprise C-130 (Hercules), F-27 (Friendship), F-28 (Fellowship), Boeing 707, and IA-50 (Guarani II) aircraft. A DHC-6 (Twin Otter) light transport squadron is based at General Enrique Mosconi Airfield. Small support squadrons of C-47 aircraft are based at General Urquiza Airfield, El Plumerillo Airfield, and Villa Reynolds Airfield. General Urquiza Airfield houses a small photographic reconnaissance squadron of IA-50 Guarani II and Learjet aircraft. A surveillance squadron consisting of IA-50 Guarani II, C-47, Hughes Model 500, and Sikorsky S-61 aircraft is based at Moron Airfield.¹ (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

Major Flight Training Operations

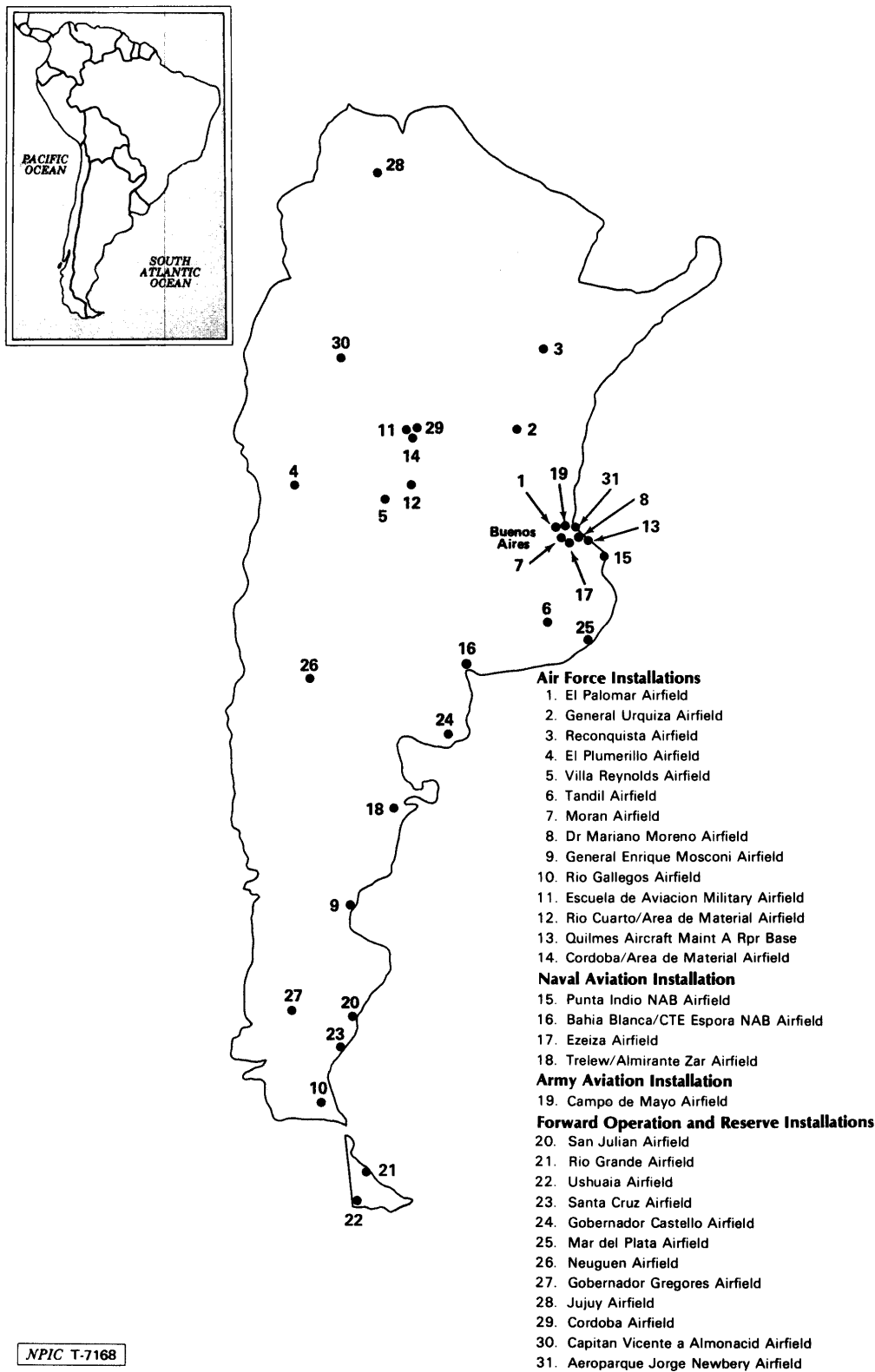
5. The major flight training operations of the Argentine Air Force are conducted at Escuela de Aviacion Military Airfield. Two training squadrons consisting of T-34 (Mentor) and MS 760 (Paris) aircraft and a support squadron consisting of Guarani II, C-47, and Hughes Model 500 aircraft are based at this airfield. An additional advanced training squadron of Paris jets is based at El Plumerillo Airfield.¹ (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

Logistics and Maintenance

6. The Argentine Air Force logistics and maintenance operations are performed at Rio Cuarto/Area de Material Airfield, Quilmes Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Base, and Cordoba/Area de Material Airfield.¹ (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

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FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF AIR FORCE, NAVAL AVIATION, ARMY AVIATION, AND FORWARD OPERATION AND RESERVE INSTALLATIONS

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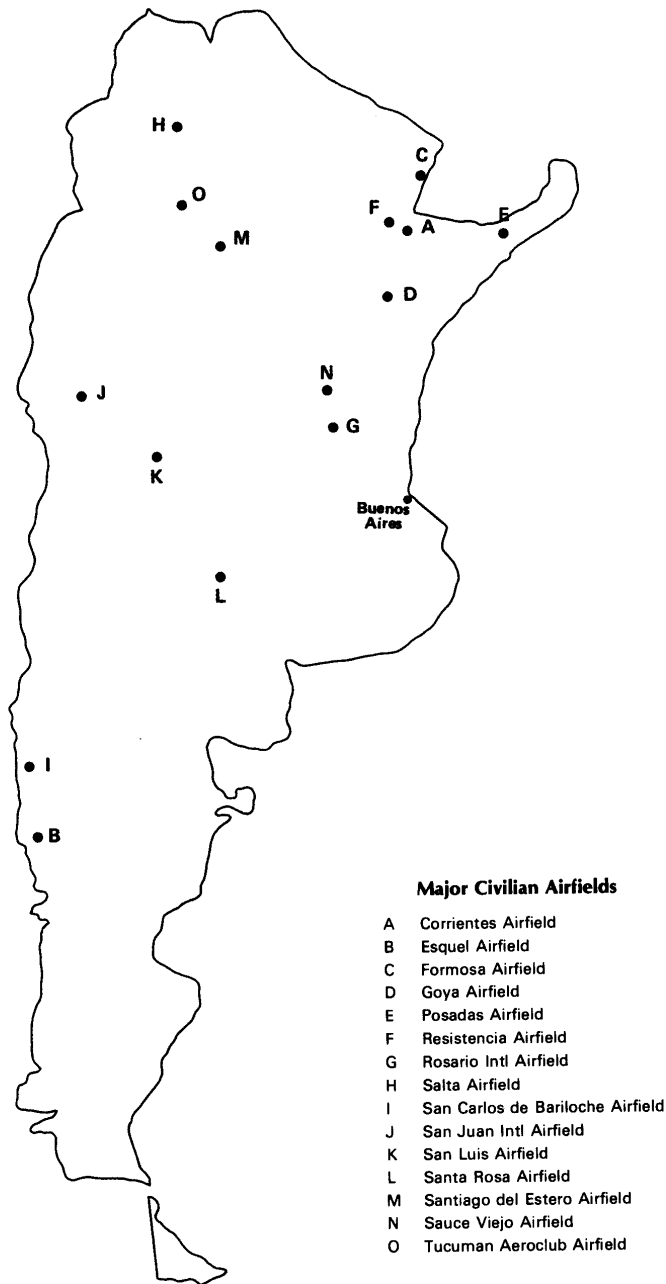
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Table 1

**Major Military Airfields in Argentina
(keyed to Figure 1)**

Item	Installation Name	BE Number	Geographic Coordinates	
Air Force Installations				
1	El Palomar Airfield		34-36-34S 058-36-47W	25X1
2	General Urquiza Airfield		31-47-44S 060-28-48W	
3	Reconquista Airfield		29-12-37S 059-41-28W	
4	El Plumerillo Airfield		32-49-55S 068-47-05W	
5	Villa Reynolds Airfield		33-43-48S 065-23-08W	
6	Tandil Airfield		37-14-08S 059-13-44W	
7	Moron Airfield		34-40-37S 058-38-36W	
8	Dr Mariano Moreno Airfield		34-33-37S 058-47-23W	
9	General Enrique Mosconi Afld		45-47-14S 067-27-46W	
10	Rio Gallegos Airfield		51-36-27S 069-19-28W	
11	Escuelada de Aviacion Mil Afld		31-26-39S 064-16-54W	
12	Rio Cuarto/Area de Material Afld		33-05-11S 064-15-40W	
13	Quilmes Aircraft Maint a Rpr Base		34-42-39S 058-14-41W	
14	Cordoba/Area de Material Airfield		31-26-31S 064-15-29W	
Naval Aviation Installations				
15	Punra Indio NAB Airfield		35-21-11S 057-17-19W	25X1
16	Bahia Blanca/CTE Espora NAB Afld		38-43-37S 062-09-14W	
17	Ezeiza Airfield		34-49-12S 058-32-00W	
18	Trelew/Almirante Zar Airfield		43-12-22S 065-15-48W	
Army Aviation Installation				
19	Campo de Mayo Airfield		34-32-03S 058-40-20W	25X1
Forward Deployment and Reserve Installations				
20	San Julian Airfield		49-18-00S 067-48-00W	25X1
21	Rio Grande Airfield		53-46-45S 067-45-00W	
22	Ushuaia Airfield		54-48-50S 068-22-25W	
23	Santa Cruz Airfield		50-01-12S 068-35-00W	
24	Gobernador Castello Airfield		40-52-12S 063-00-00W	
25	Mar del Plata Airfield		37-56-05S 057-34-20W	
26	Neuquen Airfield		38-56-56S 068-09-25W	
27	Gobernador Gregoes Airfield		48-47-00S 070-09-00W	
28	Jujuy Airfield		24-23-36S 065-05-20W	
29	Cordoba Airfield		31-18-47S 064-11-58W	
30	Capitan Vicente a Almonacid Afld		29-23-00S 066-49-00W	
31	Aerparque Jorge Newbery Afld		34-33-34S 058-24-57W	

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FIGURE 2. LOCATIONS OF MAJOR CIVILIAN AIRFIELDS

Table 2.**Major Civilian Installations in Argentina
(keyed to Figure 2)**

A	Corrientes Airfield	27-26-59S 058-45-44W
B	Esquel Airfield	42-54-35S 071-08-33W
C	Formosa Airfield	26-12-36S 058-14-06W
D	Goya Airfield	29-06-12S 059-13-00W
E	Posadas Airfield	27-23-02S 055-58-03W
F	Resistencia Airfield	27-27-05S 059-03-03W
G	Rosaria Intl Airfield	32-54-12S 060-47-08W
H	Salta Airfield	24-51-32S 065-28-32W
I	San Carlos de Bariloche Afd	41-08-59S 071-09-30W
J	San Juan Airfield Intl	31-34-38S 068-24-40W
K	San Luis Airfield	33-16-28S 066-21-31W
L	Santa Rosa Airfield	36-35-17S 064-16-32W
M	Santiago del Estero Afd	27-46-00S 064-19-00W
N	Sauce Viejo Airfield	31-42-39S 060-48-42W
O	Tucuman Airfield	26-50-56S 065-11-18W

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Argentine Naval Aviation Installations and Units**Air Combat and Transport Units**

7. The air combat units of the Argentine Naval Aviation Command are assigned to three naval air forces.¹ Major air operations are carried out by the 2nd Naval Air Force based at Bahia Blanca/Comandante Espora Naval Air Base (NAB) Airfield. This unit includes an attack squadron consisting of Super Etendard and Skyhawk aircraft; an S-2 (Tracker) antisubmarine warfare (ASW) squadron; a patrol squadron consisting of P-2 (Neptune), EMB-111 (Bandeirante), and Super King Air aircraft; and a helicopter squadron consisting of SH-3 (Sea King) and Alouette III helicopters. Naval air transport operations are assigned to the 3d Naval Air Force. This unit includes a transport squadron consisting of Fellowship and Electra L-188 aircraft based at Ezeiza Airfield, and a Pilatus PC-6 general-purpose squadron based at Trelew/Almirante Zar Airfield (Table 1). The size of a naval aviation squadron also varies according to function. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

Naval Aviation Training Mission

8. The naval aviation training mission is assigned to the 1st Naval Air Force based at Punta Indio NAB Airfield. This unit consists of two training squadrons of Aermacchi MB 326/339, Mentor, Super King Air, and T-28 (Trojan) aircraft (Table 4).¹ (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

Argentine Army Aviation Installation

9. One combat aviation battalion based at Campo de Mayo Airfield is assigned to the Argentine Army Aviation Command. Major aircraft in the battalion include G 222 and Twin Otter transport aircraft; T-41 (Mescalero) trainer aircraft; and Iroquois, A-109 (Hirundo), SA-330 (Puma), SA-315 (Lama), CH-47 (Chinook), and OH-13 (Sioux) helicopters (Table 4).¹ (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

Forward Deployment and Reserve Installations

10. Of the 17 military airfields with permanently assigned military air units, only three—Trelew/Almirante Zar Airfield, General Enrique Mosconi Airfield, and Rio Gallegos Airfield—are in southern Argentina. In the event of increased tensions in the southern region—possibly with Chile or with the United Kingdom—Argentina maintains a number of forward deployment bases. San Julian Airfield, Rio Grande Airfield, Santa Cruz Airfield, Ushuaia Airfield, Gobernador Castello Airfield, and Mar del Plata Airfield were used as forward deployment bases for Argentine military aircraft during the Falkland Islands war (Table 3). Other major airfields in southern Argentina which can serve as forward deployment/reserve bases for Argentine military air unit operations include Neuquen Airfield and Gobernador Gregores Airfield. (S/WN)

Table 3.
Summary of Major Argentine Forward Air Developments
During Falkland Islands War (by Installaton)

Item	Airfield	Type of Aircraft	High Count Observed	Remarks
1	Rio Gallegos	A-4 (Skyhawk)	18	Forward deployment base during Falkland Islands war; X Air Brigade not then established
		Aermacchi MB 326/339	2	
		C-130 (Hercules)	2	
		F-27 (Friendship)	1	
2	San Julian	UH-1 (Iroquois)	1	
		Mirage III/V	10	
		A-4 (Skyhawk)	5	
		Hercules	1	
3	Rio Grande	Iroquois	1	
		Mirage III/V	4	
		Aermacchi MB 326/339	7	
4	General Enrique Mosconi	IA-58 (Pucara)	2	Although this airfield maintains permanent air brigade, used as forward deployment base for other air units during Falkland Islands war
		Mirage III/V	4	
		Skyhawk	4	
		Canberra	1	
		Pucara	9	
		Hercules	3	
		Friendship	5	
F-28 (Fellowship)	1			
5	Ushuaia	Boeing 707	1	
		Aermacchi MB 326/339	6	
		Pucara	1	
		S-2 (Tracker)	1	
6	Santa Cruz	Electra L-188	1	
		Pucara	8	
7	Trelew/Almirante Zar Airfield	Canberra	5	Although this airfield maintains permanent naval air wing, used as forward deployment base for other air units during Falkland Islands war
8	Mar del Plata	Canberra	1	
9	Gobernador Castello	SH-3 (Sea King)	1	

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11. Argentine military forces also maintain a smaller number of forward deployment/reserve installations in the northern part of the country. In the northwest sector, Jujuy Airfield and Capitan Vicente a Almonacid Airfield have permanent military support facilities for forward operations in the event of increased tensions with Chile or Bolivia. In north-central Argentina, Cordoba Airfield has permanent military support facilities and serves as a reserve installation or as a base for possible military transport activities. Aeroparque Jorge Newbery Airfield, because of its proximity to the Buenos Aires Port Facilities —the primary port of entry for foreign aircraft deliveries for the Argentine Air Force—serves as a reserve air base for the assembly and transport of newly acquired aircraft.³ (S/WN)

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12. Argentina also has at least 15 major civilian airfields with no identifiable military-associated facilities (Figure 2). Each of these airfields has a paved runway of at least 2,000 meters. In emergency situations, these airfields are capable of supporting combat or military transport operations. (S/WN)

Electronics Support

13. Electronics support at the major airfields in Argentina is relatively unsophisticated. All major airfields have instrument landing systems. Ezeiza Airfield, the Naval Aviation Command airfield in Buenos Aires, is equipped with a probable air traffic control radar. Merlo Airfield Air Warning (AW) Radar Facility 14 nm southwest of the center of Buenos Aires, provides Argentina with additional air surveillance capabilities. In southern Argentina, during the Falkland Islands war, a probable AN/TPS-43 search radar was observed at Rio Gallegos Airfield and a possible search radar was observed at Santa Cruz Airfield, a reserve airfield. (S/WN)

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Table 4.
Argentine Air Order-of-Battle Summary (by Installation*)

Item	Airfield	Probable Organizational Structure and Aircraft Assigned ^{1,2}	High Count Observed Before	High Count Observed After	Item	Airfield	Probable Organizational Structure and Aircraft Assigned ^{1,2}	High Count Observed Before	High Count Observed After
1	El Palomar	Transport squadron C-130 (Hercules)	7	6	10	Rio Gallegos	Fighter/interceptor squadron Mirage III/V ²		5
		Transport squadron F-27 (Friendship)	5	8	11	Escuela de Aviacion Military	Training squadrons (2) T-34 (Mentor) Paris	25 9	24 8
		Boeing 707	1	3			Support squadron C-47	1	1
		F-28 (Fellowship)	4	5			Guarani II	1	1
		Transport squadron IA-50 (Guarani II)	5	5			Hughes Model 500	1	1
2	General Urquiza	Bomber squadron Canberra	8	5	15	Punta Indio NAB	Training squadrons (2) Aermacchi MB 326/339 Mentor	5 9	7 5
		Support squadron C-47	2	2			Super King Air T-28 (Trojan)	2 6	4 4
		Reconnaissance squadron Guarani II	3	2	16	Bahia Blanca/CTE Espora NAB	Attack squadron Super Etendard Skyhawk	6	2 2
		Learjet	1	1			ASW Squadron S-2 (Tracker)	5	4
3	Reconquista	Attack squadron IA-58 (Pucara)	15	15			Patrol squadron P-2 (Neptune)	1	2
4	El Plumerillo	Attack squadron A-4 (Skyhawk)	11	3			EMB-111 Bandeirante	1	1
		F-86 (Sabre)	8	8			Super King Air	1	2
		Advanced training squadron MS 760 (Paris)	13	10			Helicopter squadron SH-3 (Sea King)	1	1
		Support squadron SA-315 (Lama)	5	4			Alouette III	3	1
		C-47	1	1	17	Ezeiza	Transport squadron Fellowship	3	3
5	Villa Reynolds	Attack squadron Skyhawk	7	6			Electra L-188	2	2
		Support squadron C-47	1	1	18	Trelew/Almirante Zar	General purpose squadron Pilatus PC-6	2	1
6	Tandil	Fighter/interceptor squadron Mirage III/V	19	12	19	Campo de Mayo	Army aviation battalion G 222	2	2
7	Moron	Helicopter attack squadron UH-1 (Iroquois)	4	3			Twin Otter	2	1
		Surveillance squadron Guarani II	2	3			Iroquois	22	9
		C-47	4	5			T-41 (Mescalero)	11	11
		Sikorsky S-61	1	1			A-109 (Hirundo)	4	3
		Hughes Model 500	2	4			SA-330 (Puma)	4	1
8	Dr Mariano Moreno	Fighter/interceptor squadron Mirage III/V	7	9			Lama	1	2
9	General Enrique Mosconi	Attack squadron Pucara	3				CH-47 (Chinook)	2	
		Transport squadron DHC-6 (Twin Otter)	3				OH-13 (Sioux)	3	

* This table only includes installations supporting permanently assigned air units.

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Airfield Improvements

14. Several airfields in Argentina have been upgraded since early 1962. At Reconquista Airfield, the runway has been extended from 1,965 to 2,730 meters, and additional parking facilities have been constructed. A new parallel runway was being constructed at General Enrique Mosconi Airfield, an aircraft dispersal area has been added to Moron Airfield, additional bunkered storage buildings have been constructed at Rio Gallegos Airfield, and several link taxiways and dispersal taxiways have been added to Rio Grande Airfield. (S/WN)

BASIC DESCRIPTION

Argentine Air Force Installations

El Palomar Airfield

15. El Palomar Airfield (Figure 3) is in the western sector of the city of Buenos Aires. It serves military air operations only and houses the I Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force.¹ This brigade includes a Hercules transport squadron, a Guarani II transport squadron, and a transport squadron consisting of Friendship, Fellowship, and Boeing 707 aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

16. Facilities include one 2,100- by 50-meter runway, two end-connecting link taxiways, six link taxiways, three large parking aprons, five large hangars, one probable inspection/maintenance and repair facility, three ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with 16 horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

General Urquiza Airfield

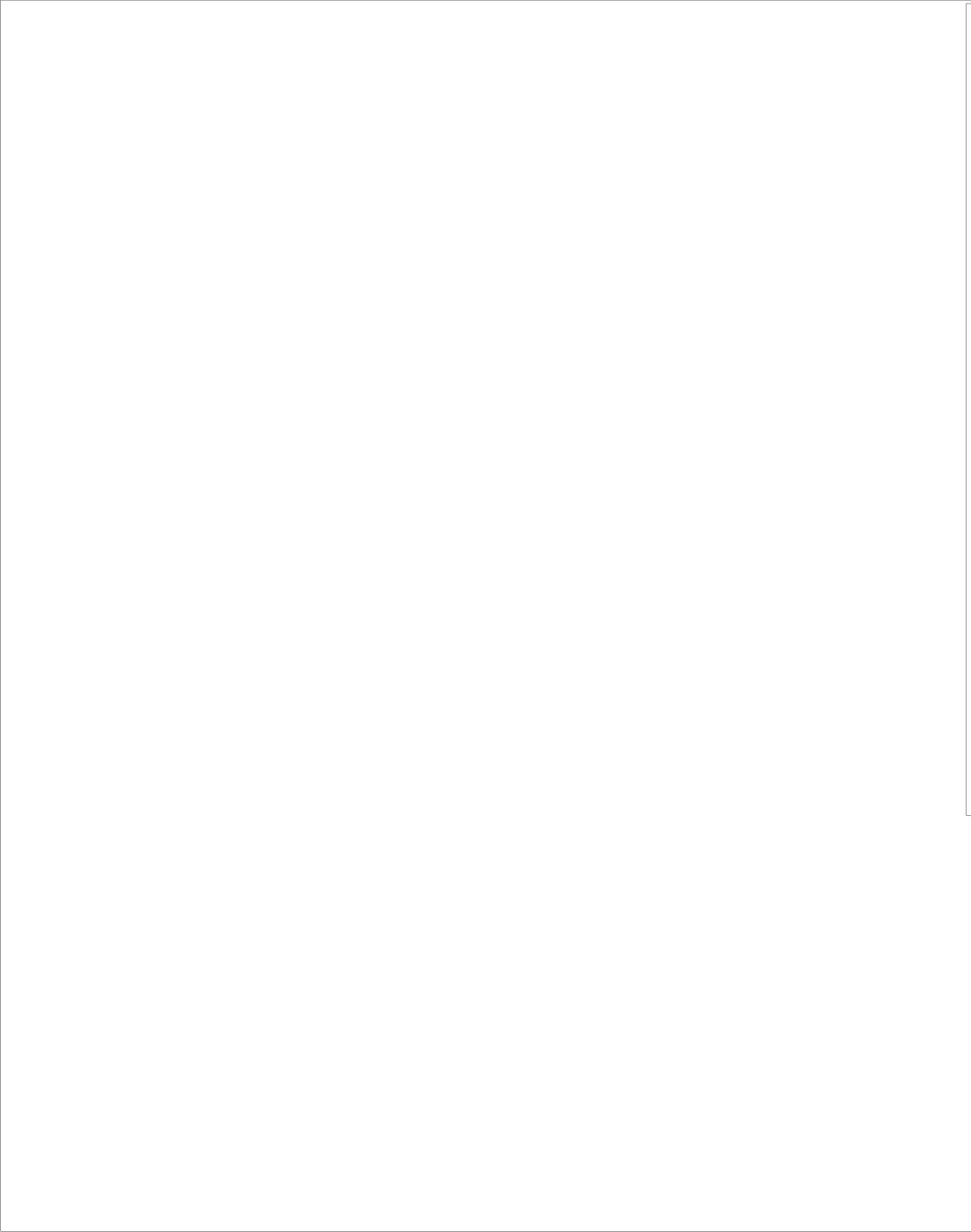
17. General Urquiza Airfield (Figure 4) is 5 nm southeast of the city of Parana, in northeast Argentina. It serves joint military and civilian air operations and houses the II Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force.¹ This brigade includes a Canberra bomber squadron, a support squadron consisting of C-47 aircraft, and a photographic reconnaissance squadron consisting of Guarani II and Learjet aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

18. Facilities include one 2,100- by 45-meter runway with 250-meter overruns at each end, one parallel taxiway, two end-connecting links, two crossover link taxiways with high-speed turnoffs, three link taxiways, one assembly apron, three hangar aprons, one parking apron, one revetted parking/storage area, one large hangar, four medium hangars, four ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with nine horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Reconquista Airfield

19. Reconquista Airfield (Figure 5) is 2 nm southwest of the city of Reconquista, in northeast Argentina. It serves military operations only and houses the III Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force. This brigade includes at least one Tucumán ground attack squadron. (S/W/N/NOCONTRACT)

20. Facilities include one 2,730- by 50-meter runway, one adjoining 1,250- by 34-meter runway, four link taxiways, one hangar apron, two parking aprons, one large hangar, one maintenance hangar, three ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with nine horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/W/N)



El Plumerillo Airfield

21. El Plumerillo Airfield (Figure 6) is 2 nm north of Mendoza, in northwest Argentina. It serves joint military and civilian air operations and houses the IV Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force. This brigade includes a Skyhawk attack squadron, a probable reserve F-86 (Sabre) fighter squadron, a Paris advanced training squadron, and a support squadron consisting of Lama and C-47 aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

22. Facilities include one 3,000- by 55-meter runway with a 95-meter overrun at each end, one adjoining 1,000- by 50-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, one end-connecting link taxiway with an assembly apron, three crossover link taxiways, four link taxiways, one loop taxiway, two hangar aprons, two parking aprons, one revetted parking/storage area, three large hangars, three medium hangars, two small hangars, one ammunition storage bunker, and two POL storage areas with 18 horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Villa Reynolds Airfield

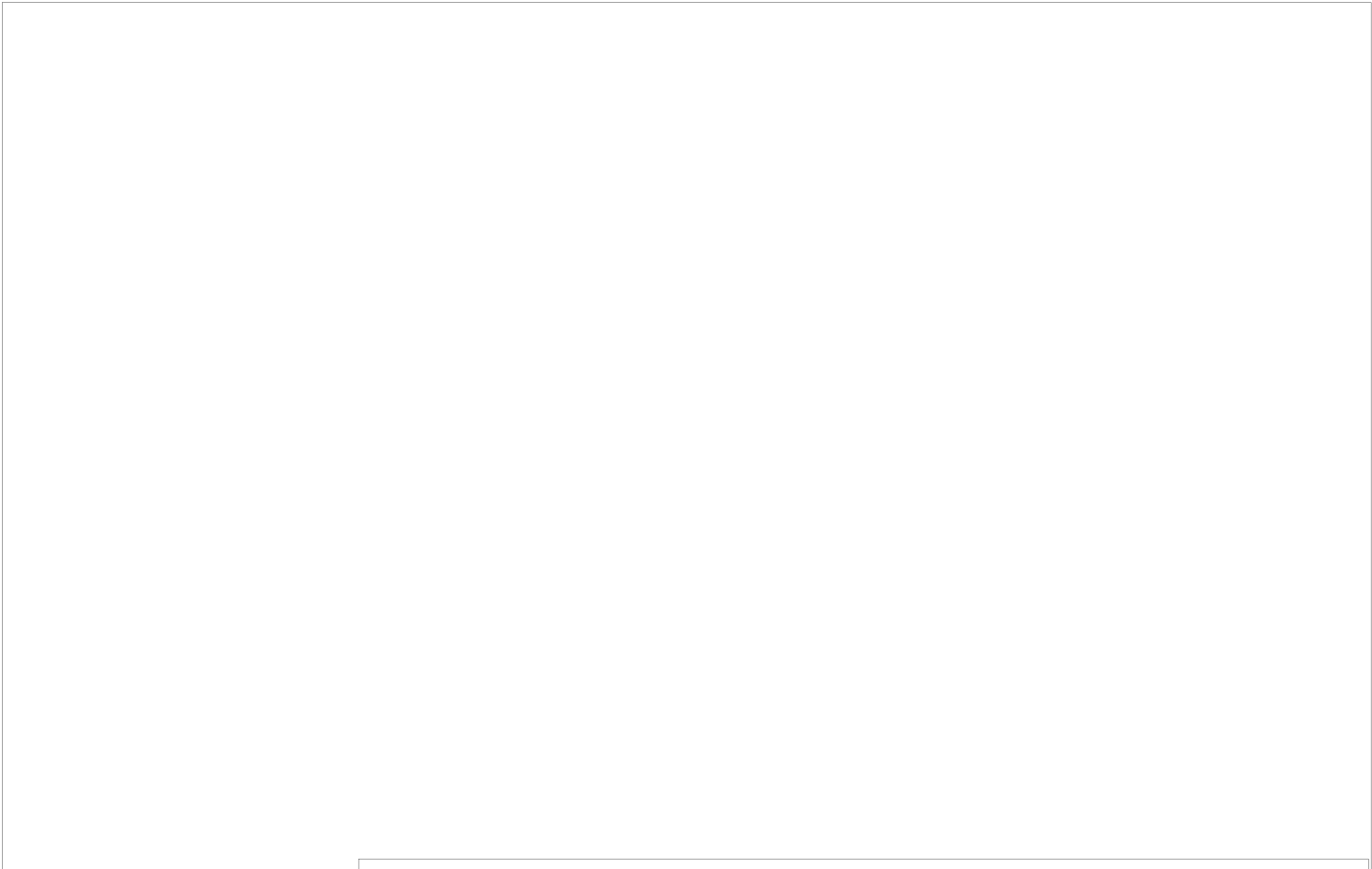
23. Villa Reynolds Airfield (Figure 7) is 4.5 nm southeast of the city of Mercedes, in central Argentina. It serves military air operations only and houses the V Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force. This brigade includes a Skyhawk attack squadron and a support squadron consisting of C-47 aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

24. Facilities include one 2,300- by 50-meter runway with a touchdown area and an overrun at each end, one adjoining 1,700- by 50-meter runway, six link taxiways (three with high-speed turnoffs), two hangar aprons, one large parking apron, one alert apron, four aircraft revetments, two large hangars, four medium hangars, eight hardened aircraft shelters, two ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with 13 horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Tandil Airfield

25. Tandil Airfield (Figure 8) is 6 nm north-west of the city of Tandil, in eastern Argentina. It serves military air operations only and houses the VI Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force. This brigade includes a Mirage III/V fighter/interceptor squadron. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

26. Facilities include one 2,550- by 50-meter runway with an overrun at each end, one taxiway, three link taxiways, one alert apron, four hangar aprons, two parking aprons, one revetted aircraft parking/refueling area, one large hangar, two medium hangars, one maintenance hangar, five ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with ten horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)



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Moron Airfield

27. Moron Airfield (Figure 9) is on the south edge of the city of Buenos Aires. It serves joint military and civilian operations and houses the VII Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force.¹ This brigade includes an attack squadron consisting of Iroquois helicopters and a long-range surveillance squadron consisting of Guaraní II, C-47, Hughes Model 500, and Sea King aircraft. (S/WN/NO-CONTRACT)

28. Facilities include one 3,590- by 50-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, two end-connecting link and three crossover link taxiways, five link taxiways, two dispersal taxiways, three hangar aprons, two parking aprons, 12 small aircraft hardstands, two large hangars, one small camouflage-painted hangar, three maintenance hangars, four ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with ten horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Dr Mariano Moreno Airfield

29. Dr Mariano Moreno Airfield (Figure 10) is on the northwest edge of the city of Buenos Aires. It serves military air operations only and houses the VIII Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force.¹ This brigade includes a Mirage III/V fighter/interceptor squadron. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

30. Facilities include one 3,000- by 39-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, two end-connecting link and three crossover link taxiways, one link taxiway, two alert aprons, two hangar aprons, one revetted parking/storage area, three large hangars, one small hangar, one ammunition storage bunker, and one POL storage area with nine horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)



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General Enrique Mosconi Airfield

31. General Enrique Mosconi Airfield (Figure 11) is 4 nm north of the city of Comodoro Rivadavia, in southeastern Argentina. It serves joint military and civilian operations and houses the IX Air Brigade of the Argentine Air Force. This brigade includes a Pucara attack squadron and a Twin Otter light transport squadron. (S/WN/NO-CONTRACT)

32. Facilities include one 2,350- by 50-meter runway; one parallel runway under construction; two link taxiways; three taxiways (one under construction), one taxiway/parking apron; one loop taxiway; three dispersal taxiways; three hangar aprons; one revetted parking/storage area; one alert apron; one medium hangar; two small hangars; six camouflage-painted, hardened aircraft shelters; four ammunition storage bunkers; and three POL storage areas with 12 horizontal and two vertical POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Rio Gallegos Airfield

33. Rio Gallegos Airfield (Figure 12) is on the western edge of the city of Rio Gallegos, in southern Argentina.

This brigade includes at least one Mirage III/V fighter/interceptor squadron.

34. Facilities include one 3,550- by 40-meter runway, one link taxiway with high-speed turnoffs, five dispersal taxiways, one loop taxiway, three parking aprons, two small hangar aprons, five revetted aircraft hardstands, one revetted parking area under construction, five small hangars, eight hardened aircraft shelters, three ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with nine horizontal and three vertical POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Escuela de Aviacion Military Airfield

35. Escuela de Aviacion Military Airfield (Figure 13) is on the southwest edge of the city of Cordoba, in central Argentina. It serves military air operations only and houses the air training group of the Argentine Air Force academy.³ This group includes two training squadrons consisting of Mentor and Paris aircraft and one support squadron consisting of Guarani II, C-47, and Hughes Model 500 aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

36. Facilities include one 1,900- by 50-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, two end-connecting link and two crossover link taxiways, ten link taxiways, one dispersal taxiway, one parking apron, one circular hardstand, four hangar aprons, four large hangars, three medium hangars, one small hangar, and one POL storage area with eight horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Rio Cuarto/Area de Material Airfield

37. Rio Cuarto/Area de Material Airfield (Figure 14) is 5 nm northeast of the city of Rio Cuarto, in central Argentina. It serves joint military and civilian air operations and houses the Rio Cuarto Air Material Area Maintenance Group of the Argentine Air Force. This group provides logistic support and depot-level maintenance support for Argentine Air Force aircraft, such as the Mirage III/V, Skyhawk, Sabre, Paris, and Canberra.⁴ (S/WN)

38. Facilities include one 2,870- by 50-meter runway, one intersecting 2,042- by 49-meter runway, eight link taxiways, two dispersal taxiways, one terminal parking apron, three hangar aprons, one revetted parking/storage area, one large hangar, two medium hangars, one small hangar, one maintenance hangar, eight aircraft bunkers, two ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with three vertical POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Quilmes Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Base

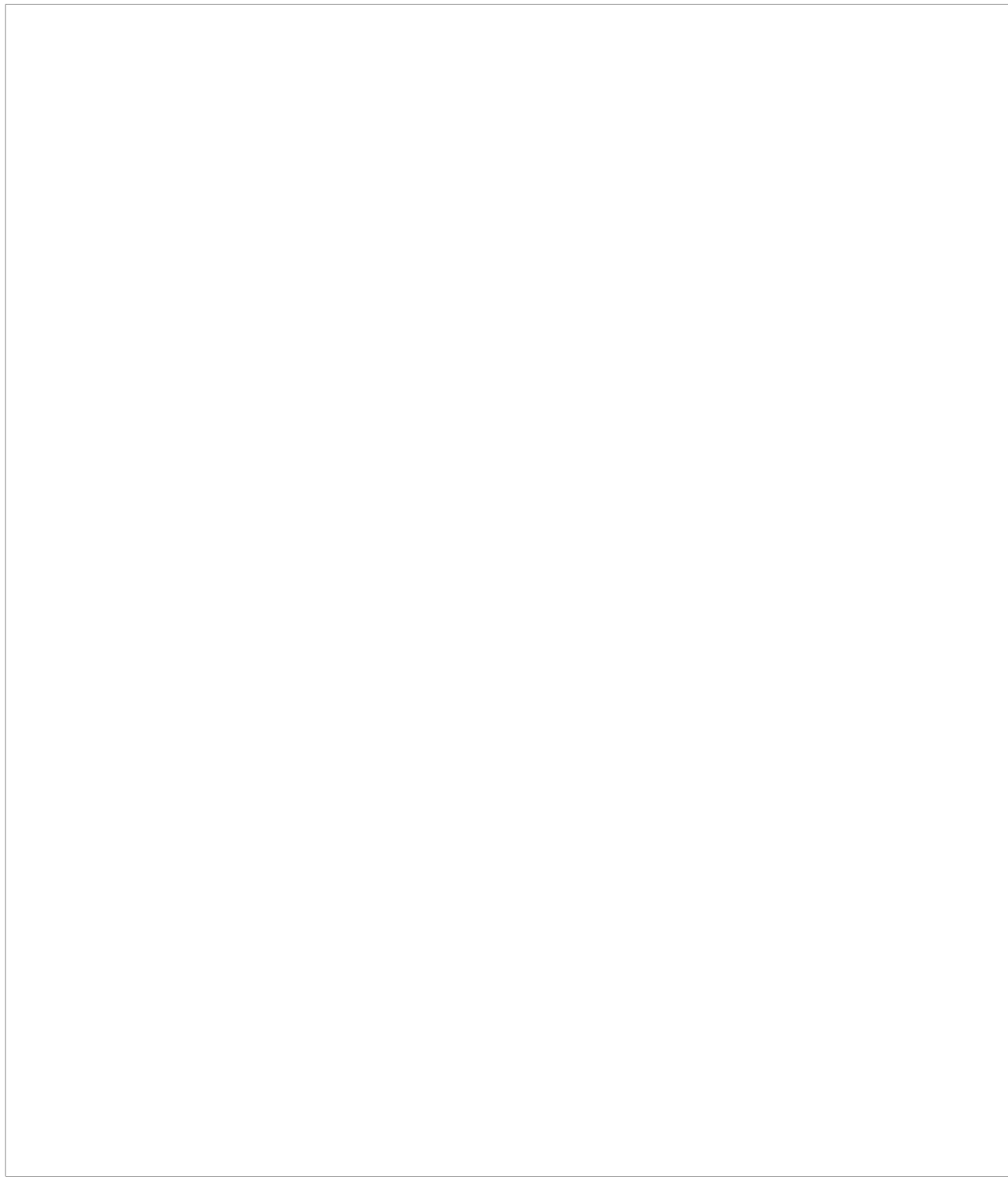
39. Quilmes Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Base (Figure 15) is 5 nm southeast of Buenos Aires, on the east coast of Argentina. It serves joint military and civilian air operations and includes the Quilmes regional maintenance area, which provides regional logistic and maintenance support for Argentine Air Force aircraft. (S/WN/NO-CONTRACT)

40. Facilities include one 1,200- by 30-meter runway, four link taxiways, four hangar aprons, one terminal parking apron, four hangars, one maintenance hangar, and three POL storage areas with a total of ten horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Cordoba/Area de Material Airfield

41. Cordoba/Area de Material Airfield (Figure 16) is adjacent to the Cordoba Aircraft Plant Area de Material [redacted], on the southwest edge of the city of Cordoba, in central Argentina. It serves military air operations only and houses the Cordoba Air Material Area Fabrications Group and the Cordoba Air Material Area Maintenance Group of the Argentine Air Force. These two groups provide production and testing support for the Tucumán and the Guaraní II and maintenance support for other Argentine Air Force aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

42. Facilities include one 1,710- by 90-meter runway, two hangar aprons, one terminal parking apron, two large hangars, one medium hangar, and two small hangars. (S/WN)



Argentine Naval Aviation

Punta Indio Naval Air Base Airfield

43. Punta Indio Naval Air Base (NAB) Airfield (Figure 17) is 3 nm northeast of the city of Veronica, on the east coast of Argentina. It serves military air operations only and houses the 1st Naval Air Force of the Argentine Navy. This unit includes two training squadrons consisting of Aer-macchi MB 326/339, Mentor, Trojan, and Super King Air aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

44. Facilities include one 2,125- by 40-meter runway, one 1,400- by 40-meter runway, one 1,200- by 30-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, two end-connecting link taxiways (each with an alert apron), one crossover taxiway, five link taxiways, four medium hangar aprons, one small hangar apron, four medium hangars, one small hangar, six ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with nine horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Bahia Blanca/Commandante Espora NAB Airfield

45. Bahia Blanca/Commandante Espora NAB Airfield (Figure 18) is 3 nm east of the city of Bahia Blanca, on the east coast of Argentina. It serves joint military and civilian air operations and houses the 2d Naval Air Force of the Argentine Navy. This unit includes an attack squadron consisting of Super Etendard and Skyhawk aircraft; an ASW squadron consisting of Tracker aircraft; a patrol squadron consisting of Neptune, EMB-III Bandeirante, and Super King Air aircraft; and a helicopter squadron consisting of Sea King and Alouette III helicopters. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

46. Facilities include one 2,550- by 60-meter runway, one 2,000- by 40-meter runway, one 1,470- by 40-meter runway, two end-connecting link taxiways (each with an alert apron), two parallel taxiways, three crossover link taxiways, 12 link taxiways, one terminal parking apron, two parking aprons, eight hangar aprons, one circular aircraft hardstand with a firing-in butt, six medium hangars, two small hangars, five ammunition storage bunkers, and two POL storage areas with a total of 22 horizontal POL storage tanks. This airfield also serves an assembly/maintenance facility for Argentine naval aircraft. (S/WN)

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Ezeiza Airfield

47. Ezeiza Airfield is in the southwest section of Buenos Aires (Figure 19). A major international airfield, it serves joint military and civilian international air operations; however, the military maintains only limited facilities there. This airfield houses the 3d Naval Air Force/5th Naval Air Wing of the Argentine Navy.¹ This unit includes a transport squadron consisting of Fellowship and Electra L-188 aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

48. This airfield has three interconnecting runways—3,295 by 80 meters, 2,804 by 70 meters, and 2,195 by 70 meters. Support facilities in the military area consist of one parking apron, two hangar aprons, and two large hangars. (S/WN)

Trelew/Almirante Zar Airfield

49. Trelew/Almirante Zar Airfield is 1.5 nm north of the city of Trelew, on the east coast of Argentina (Figure 20). It serves joint military and civilian air operations and houses the 3d Naval Air Force/6th Naval Air Wing of the Argentine Navy.² This unit includes a small, general-purpose squadron of Pilatus Porter aircraft. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

50. Facilities include one 2,400- by 30-meter runway, two end-connecting loop taxiways, three link taxiways, one terminal parking apron, one hangar apron, nine aircraft pavements, one medium hangar, two ammunition storage bunkers, and two POL storage areas with a total of 19 horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)



Argentine Army Aviation

Campo de Mayo Airfield

51. Campo de Mayo Airfield (Figure 21) is adjacent to the Campo de Mayo Army Compound, on the north-northwest edge of the city of Buenos Aires. It serves military operations only and houses the 601st Combat Aviation Battalion of the Argentine Army. Major aircraft assigned to this battalion include the G-222, Twin Otter, Mesquero, Iroquois, Hirundo, Puma, Lama, Chinook, and Sioux. (S/WN/NOCONTRACT)

52. Facilities include one 1,625- by 29-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, two end-connecting link taxiways, four link taxiways, one parking apron, three hangar aprons, one aircraft hardstand, four medium hangars, one small hangar, and one POL storage area with four horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Forward Deployment and Reserve Installations, Southern Sector

San Julian Airfield

53. San Julian Airfield is 5 nm west of the city of San Julian, on the southeast coast of Argentina (Figure 22). No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it serves as a forward deployment base for Argentine military aircraft in southern Argentina. It is 410 nm northwest of Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, and 200 nm east of the Argentine-Chilean border. Mirage III/V, Skyhawk, and Hercules aircraft, and Iroquois helicopters were seen at this airfield in 1982 during the Falkland Islands war. (S/WN)

54. Facilities include one 2,000- by 30-meter runway with a 400- by 20-meter overrun on the west end; two link taxiways with high-speed turnoffs; one V-shaped dispersal taxiway; two loop taxiways; two alert aprons; one terminal parking apron; eight hardened aircraft shelters; two small, reveted probable ammunition storage buildings; and one POL storage area with four horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Rio Grande Airfield

55. Rio Grande Airfield (Figure 23) is 2 nm northwest of the city of Rio Grande, on the east coast of Tierra del Fuego in southern Argentina. No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it serves as a forward deployment base for Argentine military aircraft. It is 380 nm southwest of Port Stanley and 65 nm north of the Beagle Channel. Mirage III/V, Aermacchi MB 326/339, and Pucara aircraft were seen at this airfield during the Falkland Islands war. (S/WN)

56. Facilities include one 2,000- by 40-meter runway, six link taxiways (two with high-speed turnoffs), three dispersal taxiways, two alert aprons, two hangar aprons, one terminal parking apron, one circular aircraft hardstand, three aircraft revetments, one large hangar, two small hangars, 14 ammunition storage bunkers, and one POL storage area with 13 horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Santa Cruz Airfield

57. Santa Cruz Airfield (Figure 24) is 2 nm west of the city of Santa Cruz, on the southeast coast of Argentina. No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian airfield, it serves as a forward deployment base for Argentine military aircraft. It is 420 nm west-northwest of Port Stanley and 200 nm east of the Argentine-Chilean border. Pucara aircraft were seen at this airfield during the Falkland Islands war. (S/WN)

58. Facilities include one 2,150- by 30-meter runway, one 1,900- by 30-meter and one 700- by 30-meter auxiliary runway, three link taxiways, one natural-surface terminal parking area, seven aircraft revetments, and one POL storage area with four horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Ushuaia Airfield

59. Ushuaia Airfield (Figure 25) is 1 nm south of the city of Ushuaia and 1,500 meters south of Ushuaia Naval Base and Supply Depot in southern Argentina. It is a joint military/civilian facility and serves as a base for Argentine naval transport operations and as a forward deployment base for Argentine fighter/attack aircraft. On the north bank of the Beagle Channel, the airfield is 425 nm southwest of Port Stanley. Aermacchi MB 326/339, Pucara, Tracker, and Electra L-188 aircraft were seen at this airfield during the Falkland Islands war. (S/WN)

60. Facilities include one 1,400- by 50-meter runway; one 800- by 50-meter auxiliary runway; one parallel taxiway, one end-connecting link taxiway; six link taxiways; two dispersal link taxiways; one terminal parking apron; four hangar aprons; three revetted aircraft hardstands; one medium hangar; two small hangars; and one small, revetted ammunition storage building. Air or coastal defensive positions are scattered around the airfield. (S/WN)

Gobernador Castello Airfield

61. Gobernador Castello Airfield (Figure 26) is 3 nm south of the city of Viedma on the east coast of central Argentina. No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it is capable of serving as a forward deployment base for Argentine military aircraft. A Sea King helicopter was seen at this airfield during the Falkland Islands war. (S/WN)

62. Facilities include one 2,000- by 44-meter runway, one intersecting 1,600- by 44-meter runway, two loop taxiways, three link taxiways, one terminal parking apron, one hangar apron, one small hangar, and two POL storage areas (one probable) with a total of 11 horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Neuquen Airfield

63. Neuquen Airfield (Figure 27) is at the northwest edge of the city of Neuquen, in western Argentina. No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it is capable of serving as a forward deployment base for Argentine military aircraft. It is 150 nm east of the Argentine-Chilean border. (S/WN)

64. Facilities include one 2,570- by 45-meter runway, a parallel taxiway, six link taxiways (one with a high-speed turnoff), two loop taxiways, two alert aprons, one terminal parking apron, three hangar aprons, four small hangars, eight hardened aircraft shelters, and one POL storage area with ten horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Gobernador Gregores Airfield

65. Gobernador Gregores Airfield is 5 nm southeast of the city of Gobernador Gregores, in southern Argentina (Figure 28). No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it is capable of serving as a forward deployment base for Argentine military aircraft. It is 95 nm east of the Argentine-Chilean border. (S/WN)

66. Facilities include one 2,210- by 33-meter runway, two link taxiways (one with a high-speed turnoff), two alert aprons, one hangar apron, one small hangar, seven aircraft revetments, and one POL storage area with seven horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Forward Deployment And Reserve Installation, Northern Sector

Mar del Plata Airfield

67. Mar del Plata Airfield (Figure 29) is at the northern edge of the city of Mar del Plata, on the east coast of central Argentina. It is a joint military/civilian facility. Although no military aircraft are permanently assigned here, this airfield serves as a forward deployment base for the Argentine Air Force. A Canberra bomber was seen at this airfield during the Falkland Islands war. (S/WN)

68. Facilities include one 2,200- by 60-meter runway, a parallel taxiway, an end-connecting link taxiway, a link taxiway, a terminal parking apron, a hangar apron, a large hangar, an ammunition storage bunker, and a POL storage area with eight horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

Jujuy Airfield

69. Jujuy Airfield (Figure 30) is 16 nm south-

east of the city of San Salvador de Jujuy, in northwestern Argentina. No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it is capable of serving as a forward deployment base for Argentine military aircraft. It is 126 nm east of the Argentine-Chilean border and 128 nm south of the Argentine-Bolivian border. (S/WN)

70. Facilities include one 2,900- by 45-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, one end-connecting link taxiway with an alert apron, three link taxiways with high-speed turnoffs, one terminal parking apron, four aircraft revetments, one medium hangar, one revetted aircraft parking/storage area under construction, and one POL storage area with five horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)



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Capitan Vicente a Almonacid Airfield

71. Capitan Vicente a Almonacid Airfield (Figure 31) is 2 nm northeast of the city of La Rioja, in northwestern Argentina. No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it is capable of serving as a forward operating base for Argentine military aircraft. It is 165 nm east of the Argentine-Chilean border. (S/WN)

72. Facilities include one 2,815- by 29-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, two crossover link taxiways with high-speed turnoffs, one link taxiway, one loop taxiway, one parking apron, one hangar apron, two alert aprons, one revetted aircraft parking/storage area, two small hangars, and a POL storage area with one horizontal POL storage tank. (S/WN)

Cordoba Airfield

73. Cordoba Airfield (Figure 32) is at the northern edge of the city of Cordoba, in central Argentina. No military air units are permanently based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it serves as a military reserve facility or as a base for possible military-associated transport activity. Hercules aircraft were seen at this airfield after the Falkland Islands war. (S/WN)

74. Facilities include one 3,200- by 45-meter runway, one adjoining 2,300- by 60-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, one end-connecting link taxiway, four link taxiways (three with high-speed turnoffs), one alert apron, one loop taxiway, one terminal parking apron, one hangar apron, one revetted parking/storage area, one large hangar, one medium hangar, and one POL storage area with 11 horizontal POL storage tanks. (S/WN)

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Aeroparque Jorge Newbery Airfield

75. Aeroparque Jorge Newbery Airfield (Figure 33) is at the northeast edge of the city of Buenos Aires, on the southwest bank of Rio de La Plata and 2,550 meter northwest of Buenos Aires Port Facilities North [redacted]. No major military air units are based at this airfield. Primarily a civilian air facility, it has served as an assembly and transport base for newly acquired military aircraft entering the country through Buenos Aires Port Facilities.³ (S/WN)

76. Facilities include one 2,100- by 40-meter runway, one parallel taxiway, two end-connecting link and three crossover link taxiways, nine link taxiways, two terminal parking aprons, one large hangar apron, one parking apron, one aircraft hardstand, two medium hangars, three small hangars, one large maintenance hangar, and a POL storage area with one horizontal POL storage tank. (S/WN)

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