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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Zerbst airfield 16 and 24 July 1954:
- 16 July. Between 0800 and 1130, firing was practiced by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s over the field. One plane towing a sleeve target circled at an altitude of about 3,000 meters, while a second aircraft attacked the sleeve target lateral from the west. While flying a full circle, the sleeve target was attacked twice. Each time, a short burst of fire consisting of 3 or 4 rounds was given and subsequently an individual round was fired. These exercises were repeated during the afternoon.
- 17 to 21 July. There was no air activity.
- 22 July. Throughout the day and subsequently until midnight, firing at airborne targets was practiced. During the night, the towing aircraft had set position lights, while the attacking aircraft was not lit. The sleeve target could not be seen. From the sound of the bursts of fire and the course taken by the aircraft with position lights it was inferred that the same practices were made as throughout the day. Throughout the practices a searchlight at the field rotated regularly. No tracer ammunition was observed.
- 23 July. The only air activity which was observed, took place when a Po-2 was observed over the town.
- 24 July. No air activity was conducted at the field.
2. On 14, 16 and 21 July, MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s practiced flying in elements of two and formations of three over the field at an altitude of between 1,200 to 1,500 meters. The interval between the individual aircraft of the formations was about 200 meters. The observations were made from about 15 km from the field.

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3. Between 1300 and 1500 on 9 July, firing was conducted at the firing range. [redacted] MiG-15s [redacted] approached in formations of four coming from the direction of Kerbet and, after the practice, returned in the same direction. The interval between the individual aircraft of the formations was about 500 meters. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. It is believed that Kerbet airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and a fighter regiment. The firing range at Aket is used by aircraft of this regiment. [redacted]

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