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TOPIC	Werneuchen Airfield		25X1
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Werneuchen airfield on 24 September and 24 October 1954:

24 September. Between 0930 and 1500, there was no air activity. Jet engines were raced up in front of the hangars and in the southwestern corner of the field. About 47 Il-28s or U-Il-28s seen at the field were parked as follows: 7, [redacted] in the southwestern corner of the field, about 22 in front of the building south of the runway and about 18 east of the buildings. [redacted]

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24 October. About 0800, 6 Il-28s took off within five minutes. The aircraft flew in elements of two at a distance of 1 1/2 wing spans between the two planes. The distance between the individual formations was 500 meters and, occasionally, decreased to 100 meters. The exercises were repeated several times. The aircraft landed individually in such a way that one aircraft touched ground while the other was still taxiing. After the air activity, the aircraft were parked in front of the hangars and in the southwestern corner of the field. [redacted]

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Air activity continued with aircraft which took off individually and subsequently flew in formations of three. Shortly before 1300, 7 Il-28s were lined up at the runway in pairs of two slightly staggered with a distance of about 20 meters between the pairs and a larger distance to the seventh aircraft. The aircraft took off individually within 2 1/2 minutes and subsequently assembled to a formation with 3 aircraft each flying right and left of the leading Il-28 at distances of not more than one wing span. [redacted]

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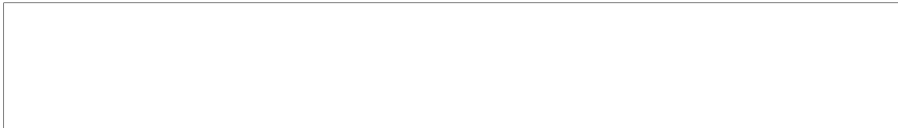
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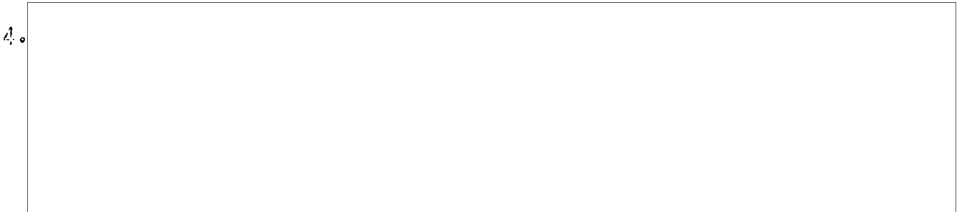
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- 2. On 24 September, the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern part of the field was occupied by 8x 76-mm AA guns. Four 37-mm AA guns were seen in an emplacement 100 meters southeast of the Rudolfshoehe Settlement. Possibilities of observation were limited.


On 23 October, 6 x 76-mm AA guns were seen in the emplacement in the northwestern part of the field. Light motor vehicles were parked in the shed at the AA gun emplacement. Three 37-mm AA guns were seen in the emplacement near the Rudolfshoehe Settlement. It was believed that not all guns could be seen there. 2

- 3. On 24 September and 23 October, 2 radio trucks were parked at the take-off point at the eastern end of the runway at a distance of about 150 meters from east to west. The antenna mast which was about 20 meters high was braced once and had a funnel-shaped device on top. Two other radio trucks with rod antennas were standing to the west. A PKV-45 (D/F) station, a radio truck with broom-shaped antenna and another radio truck  were seen in the eastern extension of the runway south of Hirschfelde. A radio installation of one mast was seen next to the latter radio truck. One Kniferest-type and one Fishnet-type radar set were seen in the western part of the field north of the woods. An AA 4 MK 3-type radar set was seen about 200 meters south of the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern part of the field. 3

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- 4.  5. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 20 September and 5 October:

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22, 25, 27, 23 September and 1 and 2 October. Twin-jet engine aircraft made individual and formation flights. Up to 4 aircraft were seen aloft during individual flying. Formations consisted of up to 12 aircraft.

4 October. Aircraft parked at the field included about 24 in front of the hangars and 4 at the runway. Each aircraft had a crew of five men, four of whom entered the aircraft in front, the fifth in the rear.

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6. On 4 October, there was no air activity. There was a closed ceiling at a low altitude, rain and fair visibility. Il-28s parked at the field included an undetermined number at the northern edge and 8 southwest of the runway. 

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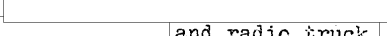


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7. On 4 October, an AA 4 MK 3-type radar set was seen in the northwestern corner of the field. 3 The AA gun emplacement in the northwestern part of the field was occupied by about 5 AA guns of medium caliber. 2

8. On 4 October, the AA barracks located in the angle formed by the Tegendorf-Werneuchen and Wesendahl-Werneuchen roads southwest of the field appeared to be fully occupied. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was posted at the gate at the Werneuchen-Wesendahl road. The apartment houses adjacent to the northwest were occupied by Soviet dependents. The barracks in the southern part of the field could not be seen. The Werneuchen-Wesendahl road was blocked. Many officers and EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen going toward and coming from the direction of the town. 1

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10. In early October, parachuting from a Li-2 which approached from the direction of Werneuchen was practiced over the former Strausberg airfield. Similar practices had been observed previously. Several soldiers wearing leather jackets and dark-blue shirts jumped. Their parachutes opened at various altitudes. The parachutes used were square and rounded off at the corners. Besides the soldiers an equal number of parachutes, about 50 cm in diameter, fitted with red cloths, 40 x 250 cm, were dropped from the aircraft. After landing these parachutes were picked up by the soldiers. All parachutists carried a parachute container on their backs and another, a smaller one, on their breasts. After a local flight, the Li-2 returned in the direction of Werneuchen while the soldiers returned in the same direction in motor vehicles including ambulances  personnel carriers  and radio truck  1

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
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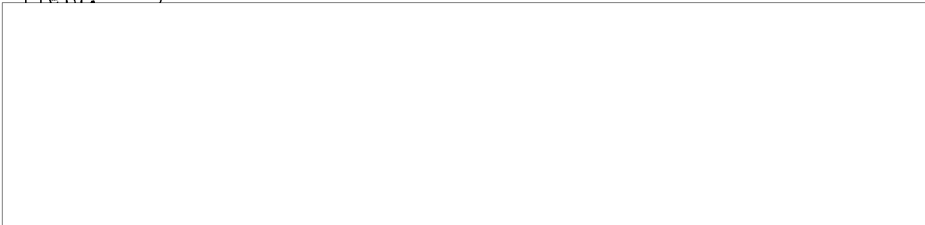
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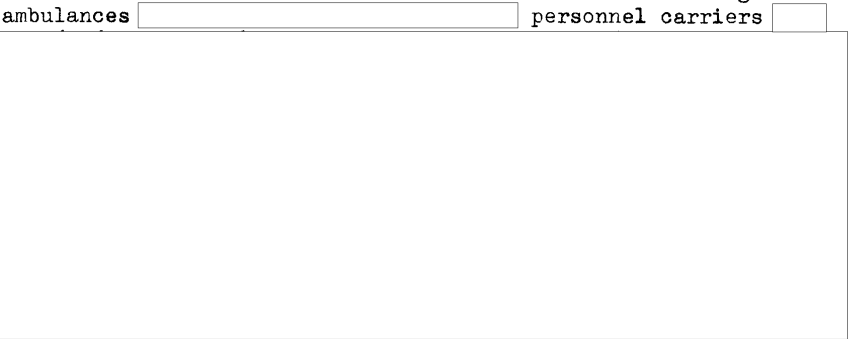
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