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REPORT

TOPIC Doeberitz Airfield

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REMARKS

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7. At 0900 on 16 October, the AA gun emplacement near the hangars were occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns. Underground bunkers were seen next to the emplacements. ³

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9. A single-story brick building with tarpaper roof was seen next to the long building in the western part at the northern edge of the field. The building was locked. On 16 October, empty ammunition boxes and empty cartridges of 20 to 40 mm caliber were seen in front of the building. It could not be determined whether ammunition was stored in the building or not. 5
10. About 1630 on 13 October, more than 18 Il-10s with yellow propeller hubs were parked at the northern edge of the field. Between 14 and 16 October, Il-10s practiced formation flying. On the afternoon of 16 October, the aircraft had departed. 6
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
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



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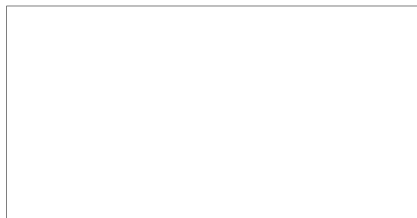
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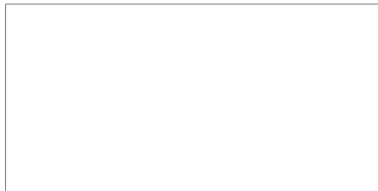
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