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TOPIC Stendal Airfield

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. During the period from 27 October to 18 November, no air activity by Il-10s was conducted except for 12 and 15 November when a few individual flights were made involving up to 7 Il-10s. On 28 October and 11 November, a total of 24 Il-10s were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. Of these aircraft 18 were parked in 2 rows and 6 canvas-covered planes were parked at some distance. 25X1
2. The following observations were made in the Neues Lager southeast of the airfield on 30 October: 25X1
- The quartering buildings were still occupied by an AA unit. A total of 12 x 37-mm AA guns were observed including 6 in the billeting area and 6 in the emplacement. All of the soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and some with motor transport or signal insignia. The occupation strength was estimated at 800 men. A radio truck, 1 Kniferest-type radar set, 1 Fishnet-type radar set, 1 radio installation of 2 masts and 1 earth bunker with a broom-shaped antenna on top were seen near the AA gun emplacement. The bunker was surrounded by a board fence.

The billeting area was being enlarged to the north. Soldiers were engaged in removing the northern fence and extending the western fence about 50 meters toward Borstel. After the enlarging of the terrain, the AA gun emplacement will be located in the billeting area if it is not shifted to another place. About 100 soldiers were seen between the billets. A total of 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia under the command of an officer were engaged in work on the fence outside of the object. The AA gun emplacement outside of the northern border of the object was occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns. Aiming practices were done by soldiers under the supervision of 5 officers. Six soldiers were seen next to each gun. Ten soldiers were observed near the radio truck and the two radar sets at the western edge of the emplacement. The sets did not rotate. About 20 motor vehicles were parked in front of the motor vehicle sheds in the billeting area. At 1200, when service was terminated in the AA gun emplacement, 70 soldiers were seen leaving the emplacement and marching into the billeting area. Fatigue duty was resumed at 1400. About 50 x 200-liter gasoline barrels were observed in the northeastern corner of the installation. 25X1

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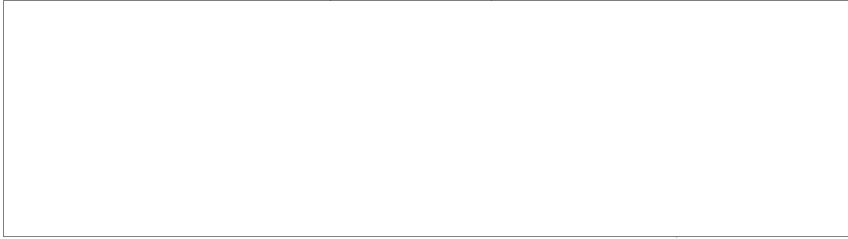
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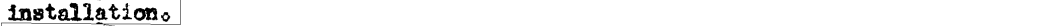


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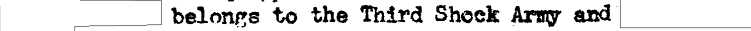
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3. On 15 October, about 25 Il-10s with blue propeller hubs and upper edges on the rudder assemblies were parked on the northern edge of the field near the former hangars. A red box 1 x 2 meters and presumably holding sand for use against fires was observed between the individual aircraft. It was noticed that no air activity had been conducted for several months and that the aircraft were always parked at the same site. Traffic was observed in the billeting area. At about 1230 on 15 October, about 150 soldiers were seen between the hangars and at the edge of the installation.



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1. Comment. It is believed that Stendal area is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 30 Il-10s, motor vehicles reported, belongs to the Third Shock Army and to the air force.



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2. Comment. The occupation of the AA billets has apparently not changed. Twelve AA guns were temporarily observed in the housing area.



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