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[REDACTED] observations made at Zerbst airfield [REDACTED]

Enclosure: 1 report (2 pages and sketch of Knife Rest radar set).

TO: Air [REDACTED]
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STATE	ARMY	NAVY	AIR	FBI	AEC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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ZERBST Airfield Sitrep (14 and 27 Aug 1953)



1. Aircraft count

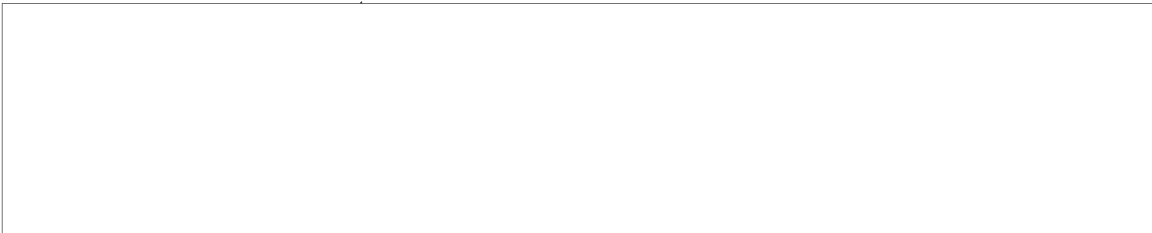
14 Aug 53: 10 MIG 15s
27 Aug 53: 12 MIG 15s

2. Aircraft dispersal


14 Aug 53: 3 MIG 15s were standing at the take-off point and the other 7 in front of the hangars.

27 Aug 53: 7 MIG 15s were standing in front of the hangars and the remainder were either airborne or standing at the take-off point.

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4. Flying activity:

There was considerable flying activity on both days of observation. The aircraft took off singly or in pairs. While flying was in progress, a car,  and 2 W/T trucks were parked at the take-off point. MIG 15s were refuelled between flights.

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About 1800 hrs on 27 Aug 53, an unidentified 4-engined transport aircraft took off and at 1830 hrs a similar aircraft landed.

5. Radar:

The "Knife-rest" on the road to STRAGUTH, which was present on 14 Aug 53, had been removed by 27 Aug 53. In its place was a new type of radar consisting of a flat-mesh screen approx 1.5 m square on a pole about 8 m high. It was only possible to see the apparatus from the front as Russian troops in the vicinity precluded more careful investigation. The array was not seen to move. (See sketch at Appendix "A").

6. W/T and flying aids:

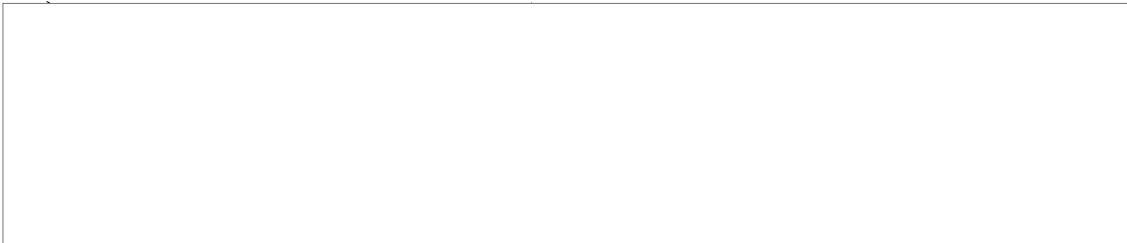
(a) There were 7 searchlights in the same location.

(b) The static W/T station was unchanged.

7. AA defences:

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The AA site was in the same location. No activity could be seen there.



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9. Officers seen in the town:

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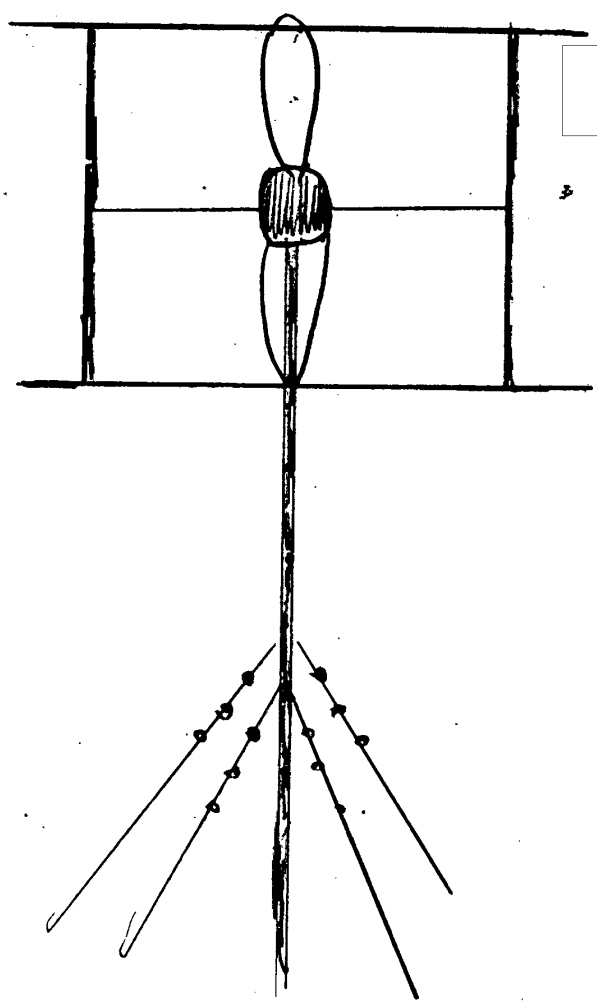
A considerable number of officers were seen in the town.
They were aged 30-40 and wore black/red or red/black insignia.

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Skizze des Radargerätes
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