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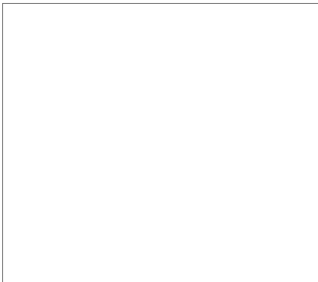
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COUNTRY Hungary

SUBJECT Airfield and Proving Ground  
at Csorna Puszta



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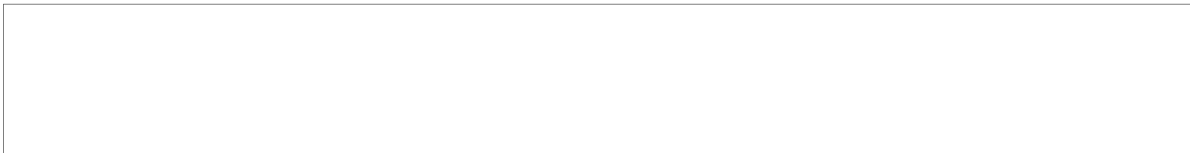
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1. A Soviet emergency airfield and exercise area are north of the second-class road Kalocsa-Kiskörös, and west of the railroad line to Kecel. West of the field runs the Vörös Canal.
2. The area has several repair shops and offices; a staff building, with an observation tower and offices; a weapons laboratory; an artillery garage; numerous quarters buildings; an underground munitions depot; concreted gun positions.
3. Various experiments are carried on at the encampment under Soviet leadership. The command of the encampment as well as the researches, are in the hands of the Hungarian War Technical Institute. The officers, NCOs and soldiers who come here belong to the artillery and have red shoulder boards.
4. The units include a research battery, a guard command for the camp and the camp command itself. Soviet officer commissions often appear and study with the Hungarian officers.
5. Carried out here are research firings with new heavy infantry weapons, trial firings of new artillery before its issuance, and tests of new weapons not yet adopted.
6. There are three underground ammunition depots. The munitions come by railroad to the Csertő railroad station, and are brought to the camp by truck. The firings are conducted to the north, where there is a large marshy area, closely barred off.



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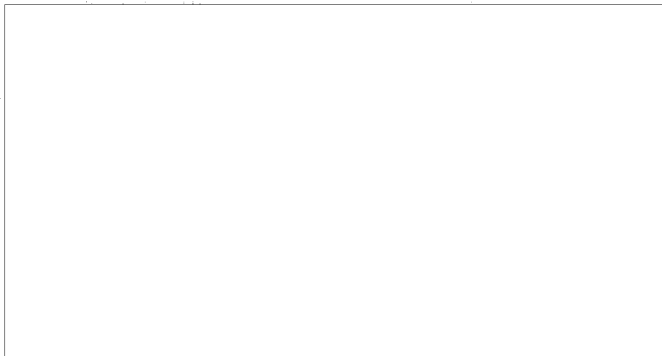
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- 7. The airfield is south of the camp and firing range. There are no hangars or other permanent buildings, but there are 26 earthen bays. Soviet fighter units often use the place, the men being installed in tents. The ground of the field is hard, and almost always usable.

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