

**A. Germany, Soviet Zone of Occupation**

**Information on Various Airfields**

**Brandis (see sketch)**

1. Location: two kilometers east of Brandis
2. Accessibility: road from Brandis, in good condition. The road is closed to all civilian traffic between Brandis and Leulitz.

There is no actual spur line to the field. The nearest rail line touches the brickyard one kilometer from the field.

3. Beacons: there are no light beacons on the runway for night landings. There is lighting only on the eastern and southern sides of the field, consisting of five red beacons on posts two meters in height.

4. Radio installation: one antenna tower in the northeastern part of the field near the village of Leulitz.

5. The field:

Dimensions: 2500 by 2000 meters

One runway hard-surfaced (asphalt), 1700 by 100 meters. Direction of runway: West southwest - East northeast.

Taxiing road (access to the runway) of light-colored concrete. The rest of the field is covered with grass.

No obstacle in the vicinity of the field. The field is surrounded by hedges.

6. Buildings: two aircraft hangars (1 and 4 on sketch); two permanent three-story buildings (2 and 3 on sketch). Building 2 is an administrative building, while building 3 is occupied by the Communist Party and command units and has the control tower, with wind-sleeve, on top.

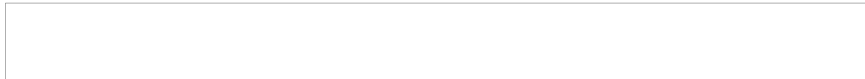
In the eastern part of the field there are two sheds, the entrances to which are 10 meters wide so that they can easily accommodate fighter aircraft and trucks loaded with ammunition.

On the opposite side, at the end of the road leading to the runway, there is a cube of earth 15 by 15 by 3 meters, covered with grass and without any means of entrance. It is doubtless contains gasoline storage tanks.

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7. Activity: 10 YAK 9's on the field.



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**Altenburg (Munsa or Nobits)**

1. Occupation: unchanged.

Since 15 March there has been increasing activity: practice flights in formation, ~~at intervals~~, by fives, generally accompanied by a biplane.

2. Arrival of aircraft: On 30 March 52 twin-engine transport aircraft landed successively. They came from Berlin and continued on to Schremberg (Lusace). They were transporting documents evacuated from Berlin. Part of the same collection of documents is still in three residences near Berlin.

Sketch: Brandis Airfield, scale 1/25,000

**Leipzig-Mockau**

Around the edges of the airfield the Russians have installed 25 anti-aircraft cannon ~~with~~ of large calibre. Most of them are covered with camouflage nets.

No special activity could be detected except for this fact.

**Stendal-Borstel**

Reduced activity at the field during the day. ~~See~~ Intense activity from nightfall on: flights of twin-engine aircraft in formations of three above the city. These practice flights end about 2300 hours.



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**Schkeuditz**

There are no aircraft at the field, <sup>at</sup> present. The Russian force has been reduced to about 50 ~~personnel~~ guard personnel.

**Falkensee**

This secondary field, located on Finkengruberstrasse in Falkensee, is occupied at present by an aviation school.

1. Personnel: about 1,000 men, instructors and students.

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2. Material: 18 to 20 aircraft, biplanes, twin-engine, radial five-cylinder engine.

One hundred anti-aircraft pieces (average caliber)

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The antiaircraft artillery and the trucks are new; they arrived at Falkensee about three weeks ago.

3. Construction: construction of earthworks and of wooden barracks (200 German workers on the latter project, directed by the "Special Construction Bureau for the Soviet Occupying Power", Falkensee Office at Poststrasse 1).

Borstel (near Stendal)

The number of fighter aircraft stationed here has just been increased from 40 to 80.

There are no jet aircraft on the field.

During the last four weeks eight to ten motor freight trains have arrived at Stendal station (East Station) and have unloaded ammunition and light aerial bombs which have been transported by truck to the Borstel airfield.

Other ammunition has also been brought in by motor convoys and has been stored at the field.

"Arado" Airfield at Brandenburg/Havel

A. On the ground: 85 fighters, YAK 3; 16 biplanes; 8 twin-engine combat aircraft.

A little farther away there are 50 to 70 other aircraft which were not identified.

One biplane for towing target sleeve.

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supposed to be  
Depots: There is a dump for bombs and ammunition in a park located on the other side of the <sup>Neuendorf</sup> road, ~~from Neuendorf~~, across from the airfield. The ammunition is supposed to have been unloaded there about three or four weeks ago.

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B. Date 12 March 1949. 72 fighter aircraft on the ground.

## Wittstock/Borse

Only the "Horst-Kompanien" (airfield companies) and the personnel of the fighter squadrons are on the field. There are no bombers, but only fighters and biplanes. The troops at the field are always the same. Borstel (near Stendal)

About 1500 meters west of the village of Borstel there is an ammunition dump belonging to the airfield. The ammunition is stored in buildings. German personnel is not employed here.

## Brandenburg/Briest

No units or any air activity. Only "cleaning-up" work.

## Stankau

Ten fighters took off from this airfield today. The field has a concrete runway, searchlights, beacons on the ground, and signal lights on obstacles. Intense air activity at night at this field.

## Frankfurt/Oder

For the last four weeks there have been flying personnel here (officers and troops, wearing propeller blades as insignia).

There is a staff here which has not yet been identified.

## Werneuchen

1. Elevation: 50 meters
2. Category: fighter
3. Dimensions: length 2500 meters, width 1800 meters.
4. Slope: none.
5. Runways: No. 1 -- 2000 meters long, 60 meters wide, concrete, good condition; No. 2 -- 1800 meters long, 60 meters wide, concrete, not suitable for use.
6. Beacons for night use: in operation.
7. Obstacles located near the field: forest, trees six to seven meters tall.
8. Hangars: Three, 150 meters long, 80 meters wide, good condition.
9. Areas where aircraft are stationed: see sketch.

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10. Workshops: See sketch.
11. Fuel dumps: one, capacity not known.
12. Goniometric service: See sketch.
13. Radio station: none.
14. Meteorological service: none.
15. Water supply: exists.
16. Food supply: exists.
17. Medical service: none at the field.
18. Direction of prevailing winds: west.
19. Visibility: good.
20. Railroad station serving the airfield: Werneuchen, located on the Berlin-Tiefensee line.
21. Road serving the airfield: Berlin - Tiefensee, Class A.
22. Local transportation: assured to Berlin.
23. Unit stationed at field: one tank unit.
24. Ammunition dump: see sketch; capacity not known.
25. Radar installation: none.
26. Guard services: very strict.
27. Fortification work: none.
28. Materiel: 46 fighter aircraft, 20 of which have been identified, the remainder being camouflaged (see sketch).

Description: Monoplane, single-engine, single-rudder; retractable landing gear; low-wing; tapering fuselage; retractable tail wheel; clipped, bitrapezoidal wings. (Probably YAK 9).

**Sketch: Werneuchen Airfield**

**Grossenhain**

There was intense activity over Grossenhain from 1 to 27 March 1949. The aircraft involved were probably LA 5's.

Description: Monoplane, single-engine, low-wing; clipped, bi-trapezoidal wings; single rudder; elongated fuselage; retractable landing gear.

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**Perleberg**

80 fighters and 10 trainers at the field.

Groups of students consisting of ten to thirty men arrive and leave intermittently.

Training exercises as follows;

target practice with sleeve target

take-off and landing practice, individually and in <sup>squadrons</sup> ~~groups~~

The field has installations for night flying.

In the central building there is supposed to be a division staff.

Forces consist of only one regiment with three battalions.

Personnel: in the town itself there is an "outside ~~service~~" of the division. In the central building there is <sup>a station</sup> ~~also a fixed~~ radio station and there are also five radio cars on the field.

South of the field, in the woods, there are several aircraft camouflaged in concrete boxings and covered with tarpaulins.

**Klotzsche**

25 to 30 twin-engine aircraft on the field.

Since the last week of March great activity has been observed on the field.

**Herr Hellerau (Weisdorf)**

The popular designation is "new airfield".

Every day one or two trainloads of ammunition arrived at the field.

The road which leads to the field is partly below ground, and the storage depot is an underground hangar. It is used by armored units as a garage for tanks. The field serves as a <sup>practice</sup> ~~training~~ field for tanks.

There are also supposed to be two small fighter fields in Dresden:

1. Kaditz (to the west), in the triangle between the autobahn, the Radebeul station on the line from Berlin, and the Elbe.
2. Reick (to the south): Not far from the station of the same name on the Dresden - Pirna line.

**Strausberg**

Field is empty.

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**Werneuchen**

Great aerial activity.

**Brandis-Polezn**

Great deal of air activity. Flights in groups of six and twelve aircraft with air combat practice.

A recent tally of the aircraft on the ground at the field gave the following figures: three biplanes, used as ~~in~~ liaison mail planes, and 70 to 80 fighter aircraft.

The liaison aircraft takes off every day at 1100 hours toward the east, and returns around 1500 or 1600 hours.

The majority of the officers and their families are quartered in Brandis.

**Klotsche (see sketch)**

Several aircraft (PO2) (trainers)\*-

six biplanes

about 140 fighters of Russian type (YAK 3 and 9)

about ~~six~~ eight transport aircraft, which rarely leave the ground.

Klotsche airfield must be subordinate to Grossenhain, because numerous flights are made in that direction and many officers and men go there by rail or in trucks.

The field is completely asphalted and has in all <sup>workshop</sup> five/hangars, two aircraft hangars, a very large building for the airfield directorate, seven ammunition storage depots, and two gasoline dumps, each with a capacity of 100,000 k liters.

Elevation of the field: 226 to 228 meters above sea-level.

**Nobitz**

36 transport aircraft at the field. Flights are very infrequent. A biplane has been observed to take off toward the north every day; it is gone ~~for~~ for three to four hours.

**Sketch: Klotsche Airfield**

Key: A - Commander's building; B - workshops (5); C - Fire station;  
D - Hangars; E - barracks; F - Gasoline tanks; G - ammunition dump.  
Butte de tir - firing range.

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**B. Austria (Soviet Zone of Occupation)**

**I. Information on Various Airfields**

**Strasshof**

**Location:** East of Gänserndorfstrasse, between the towns of Strasshof and Deutsch-Wagram.

**Occupation:** Heavily occupied.

**Aircraft:** There are 200 to 250 aircraft of types PE 2 and PE 3 at the airfield, also several fighter aircraft. At the edge of the town of Strasshof, in a small wood, there are several barracks in which the Russians keep trucks with license numbers 107-12... and three PE 2 type aircraft.

**Deutsch-Wagram**

The staff of the units at Strasshof and Deutsch-Wagram is located in Deutsch-Wagram.

**Occupation:** 4000 to 5000 men, quartered in private ~~barracks~~ billets. The Russians demand that the Austrian government construct billets for the men. The project is valued at 10 million Shillings. Since it cannot be realized, they are demanding that other billets be requisitioned.

**Zwölfaxing**

**Location:** The airfield is located near the Schwechat - Zwölfaxing road, toward Himberg. Starting at Zwölfaxing it extends to Pellendorf, a distance of two kilometers. Its length toward the east is three to four kilometers.

**Occupation:** 1000 men, approximately, quartered in barracks at the airfield.

**Aircraft:** 100 to 130 aircraft in the open air. The majority are of the type PE 2, but there are 20 fighter aircraft of type YAK 3. The runway is still damaged to a large extent. The airfield is at present not in a position to undertake any significant operations. The Russians are currently undertaking to recondition it.

**Eisenstadt**

**Occupation:** 2500 to 3000 men quartered in the Rheinlandstrasse

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Kednorsiedlung, a building belonging to the Landhaus.

Airfield: 200 to 250 ~~six~~ fighter aircraft of the type YAK (?) [sig] and several trainer biplanes.

Activity: During the past two weeks there has been no activity of importance. Individual aircraft have held target practice with a sleeve target. No group flights have been noted.

On 9 March, for the first time in quite a while, three bombers were observed coming from the direction of Parndorf. The bombers were towing sleeves at which fighters from Trauerendorf were firing. They dropped a few bombs in the lake. After attaining some altitude they flew over Eisenstadt and then, at a lower altitude, turned toward Hungary.

Ammunition dumps: Trauerendorfer Tiergarten, side of the airfield, and Eisensttter Hotter.

Gasoline dumps: Trauerendorf woods, and on the western edge of the airfield. On 13 March some shipments of gasoline arrived at the station. There were 17 tank cars, coming from Vienna. The gasoline was taken by tank trucks to garages in the town and to the airfield.

Parndorf

Unoccupied at present except for a guard <sup>detachment</sup> post of 10 men. It is expected that the field will be reoccupied and made a training center.

Deutsch-Wagram

The number of air corps troops is estimated at 5000 to 6000 men. They are quartered in buildings belonging to the school and in civilian residences. No arrivals or departures of troops for several weeks. At the end of January or beginning of February eight tank cars and 22 trucks arrived.

This unit is quartered at the edge of Deutsch-Wagram on the Strasshof road. The inscription "T10" was observed on the camp. (Note: this is the abbreviation used by the Soviet army for transport troops.)

At kilometer point 5, toward Strasshof, to the right of the forest there is a group of three buildings in a barbed-wire enclosure. Three twin-engine aircraft have been observed in the enclosure. This may be

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a training center.

#### Strasshof

About 1500 ~~high~~ air corps personnel, a large number of whom are non-flying personnel.

Airfield: There are supposed to be about 300 to 400 twin-engine aircraft. Only 200 have been counted.

The take-off runway is concrete-surfaced/~~has~~ <sup>and has</sup> a length of about two kilometers and a width of 60 meters. It is supposed to be extended to 3.5 kilometers. Another runway at right angles, also concrete-surfaced, the same width and 1.5 kilometers in length, is for the most part completed.

Training flights have taken place regularly, with 20 to 30 aircraft dropping bombs over the area of Weikendorf, three kilometers southeast of Gansendorf.

Sketch: 252.878.

#### Strasshof

There are about 800 air corps personnel in the town. The majority are quartered in dormitories.

There are about 90 aircraft on the field, 80 of which are twin-engine, <sup>takes off</sup> the remainder fighters. One aircraft ~~lands~~ every three minutes, while another lands at the same interval. The bombers confine themselves to a few turns around the field. Occasionally there ~~is~~ is bombing practice.

Near the repair workshop there are two aircraft and four radio cars.

#### Deutsch-Wagram

Approximately 1500 air personnel. <sup>of small groups of 20 to 30 men</sup> Departures/~~took~~ place by rail toward Hungary.

#### Kottingbrunn (Bad Voslau)

There are generally 10 to 12 fighter aircraft, 10 to 15 light bombers, and 15 to 20 transport aircraft at the Kottingbrunn airfield.

Rather considerable transport activity has been noted between this

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field and the airfields of Prague and Brno. Ten to 15 tons of goods are unloaded every day. The goods are carried by truck to St. Viet on the Triesting, Berndorf, Wartenberg, and Ensenfeld. They consist of arms, explosives, and machinery parts.

The personnel used for unloading is furnished by a unit of 380 to 400 men, belonging to the air corps. The ~~own~~ names of the following officers have been obtained:

Major Origanlew

Major Andrelevitch

Captain Luminow (phonetic spelling).

The material destined for Berndorf is stored separately (Nos. 1 and 2 on the attached sketch). It consists of light/machine guns, mortars, and heavy pistols, and ammunition of Czech origin.

Sketch: Kottlingbrunn Airfield

Sketch: Supplement to Sketch of Kottlingbrunn -- USIA-operated metallurgical plant, Berndorf on the Triesting.

Zwölfaring-Schwechat

There are 38 twin-engine aircraft with three-blade propellers on the field. It is possible that there are also three or four aircraft with four-blade propellers.

2 April: very little air activity.

The field is about 800 meters wide, oriented east-west; length about 2,500 meters. The nature of the soil is such that the field can be used in dry weather even by heavy aircraft, without a cemented runway.

Eisenstadt

At present there are 12 squadrons of 12 fighters each on the field and one separate aircraft. There are also several biplanes and seven twin-engine aircraft in dispersed formation. Altogether there are about 180 aircraft. Flights in formation are made and target practice is conducted using towed sleeves.

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When the weather does not permit flying, indoor exercises are held. New students have arrived; the others left toward the end of March, in twin-engine aircraft, in the direction of Sopron.

New troops arrived by truck from the direction of Wiener-Neustadt. Forty tank cars of gasoline also arrived, and every day gasoline is ~~transported to the airfield~~ <sup>transported to the airfield</sup> stored near the airfield. Other troops have also left Eisenstadt, leaving a present strength of about 3000 men.

A course for aircraft mechanics is at present under way. Aircraft engines and automobile engines of American types are dismantled and re-assembled. New student mechanics are expected.

~~Exercises~~ Maneuvers are planned for the near future over the Wiener-Neustadt - Eisenstadt area, including night exercises. Searchlights are already being set up at the field.

## Aspern

There are 80 aircraft at the airfield, the majority of them twin-engine bombers in squadrons of seven aircraft, five fighters on the ground. With the return of good weather, aerial activity has resumed. Flights in formation of three aircraft, rapid landings.

There are 12 tank cars on a siding near the airfield.

A primary course for student pilots has just been completed. Arrival of students for the following course is expected.

## Aspern

250 aircraft on the field, most of them bombers in squadrons of seven. Only a small number of fighters. On the side of the airfield toward Vienna there is a fuel dump where at present there are three tank trucks. Every day bombing practice is held in the area of Loimersdorf, eight kilometers northeast of Hainburg.

About two months ago 150 aircraft are supposed to have taken off from the airfield toward Hungary. The flying personnel is housed in the air ~~corp~~ <sup>s</sup> barracks at Aspern, ground crews for the most part at Hirschtetten.

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## Camps Subordinate to the Aspern Base

## 1. Gross Entsendorf

550 to 600 men, air corps technical personnel, in the Konrad barracks.

On Kasernestrasse, in the home for the aged, a Soviet staff including a number of higher officers and members of the Soviet police. Thirty trucks in the court

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## 2. Essling

Very small occupation force aside from the Kommandantur.

## Aspern

Location of the field: Known (see Austrian "Landesaufnahme", 1/25,000, section 4757/1).

Guard: Assured by sentinels and patrols of the Soviet Air Corps.

Equipment: The hangars and all/buildings are in ruins as the result of bombing.

North of the destroyed hangars there is a row of wooden barracks, the exact number of which could not be determined.

Take-off runway: No concrete runway could be seen because observations were made under unfavorable conditions.

Radio station or radio-goniometric station: No permanent station could be observed.

Occupation of the field: Counted on the ground on the date of observation, with a numerical accuracy of 90 percent:

12 single-engine biplanes of small size, very probably PO-2's.

180 to 200 twin-engine monoplanes, low-wing, about two-thirds of which were single-rudder and one-third twin-rudder.

Air activity: None on this date because of very bad weather (storm).  
Camps and Soviet Air Corps <sup>Units</sup> ~~Services~~ <sup>Apparently</sup> Subordinate to the Aspern Field

Aspern: Building at No. 3 Grossensersdorferstrasse, an air corps <sup>unit</sup> service resembling a small staff (numerous arrivals and departures of officers).

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Aspern: 200 meters north of the building at No. 52 Grossensersdorferstrasse there is a POL depot including:  
 stationary  
 5/metal tanks, four meters in height and three meters in diameter  
 A hundred metal drums  
 4 tank trucks.

There are three wooden barracks 15 by 7 meters which house air corps personnel.

Aspern: 200 meters north of the building at No. 27 Grossensersdorferstrasse there are four wooden barracks 15 by 7 meters occupied by air corps personnel.

Grossensersdorf: The "Konrad" camp, located at the northeastern edge of the village directly north of the Essling - Grossensersdorf road, also houses air corps personnel. It is a new barracks, dating from the time of the Wehrmacht, but partly damaged by bombs. The three or four buildings which are intact seem to be able to house a total of 800 to 1000 men.

This camp is supposed to be fully occupied since about mid-March. The men seem to be recruits, as they do a great deal of drilling without arms.

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Goetsendorf

120 to 125 aircraft on the ground, 80 of them single-engine YAK 3's or YAK 9U's, and about 40 twin-engine FE-2's.

Very little air activity because of the very bad weather (storm).

In the Margarethen Convent, on the Moss (2.5 kilometers northeast of the Goetsendoff field): Barracks of a Russian air corps unit the

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strength of which could not be determined; however, the motor pool includes about forty ~~xxxxx~~ ordinary trucks and twenty tank trucks.

Goetsendorf

At present there are 65 twin-engine aircraft on the field (JU 88's?). Opposite, at the other end of the field, there are ~~is~~ 10 to 15 unidentified aircraft.

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