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25X1X6 1. Finsterwalde (Al5):

- a) Of the approximately 8,000 Russians in Finsterwalds, which now has about 18,000 German inhabitants, 1,000 are infantry troops and some 7,000 are air force personnel.
- b) Infancry troops and officers (some of the latter with dependents) are billeted in the town. All air force EN and some air force officers live in barracks at the former GAF airbase slightly northwest of, and on the road to, Schacksdorf (Al5).
- c) According to a member of the city administration, and also German workers, the air base barracks will soon be completely repaired. When these accommodations are ready, 8,000 additional troops are expected.
- d) Tight security controls exercised by the Russians at Schacksdorf, as well as in Finsterwalde, prevented source from approaching the airfield. Local residents and air field amployees, however, state that runways are in perfect condition, 50-60 Rata aircraft are based there, and there is considerable training activity.
- e) Another field, formerly used for training German glider pilots, Is occupied but not very active. It is located on the road from Dobrilugk (AO5) to Finsterwalde. The field was under guard when observed by source on 4 October. There were five training planes, described as "double-deckers", and two single-motor pursuit aircraft on the field, which contained two or three barracks buildings and one trailer carabooument No.

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f) Source reports hearing violent detonations during his stay in Finsterwalds. These usually occurred between 1800 and 1815 hours. Local inhabitants claim that explosives are being tested at the Königsbruck training grounds and that the sound can be heard within an eighty kilometer radius.

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2. Hennersdorf (AO5):

- a) A former Organization Todt camp now serves as a Soviet ammunition dump. This installation is south of the railroad line between Dobrilugk and Finsterwalde and west of the road from Hennersdorf to Lugau (AO5). It is surrounded by barbed wire and guarded by both soldiers and "policemen" accompanied by dogs. Most of the bomb damage suffered by the barracks has been repaired.
- b) For three weeks preceding 8 November, German workers from Hennersdorf and other surrounding communities were drafted for work in this dump. The work consists of unloading ammunition from cars on the railroad siding and piling it in large storage rooms.
- c) These workers agree, in various statements made to source, that the deliveries consist of 500 and 1,000 pound aircraft bombs with Russian markings. The bombs have not been given protective paint coatings, and welding seams are clearly visible.

Comment: A sketch of the Hennersdorf area is attached. 25X1A6a

3. Kolkwitz-Süd (A47):

- a) A small ammunition dump is located about 200 meters south of the railway station in a small wooded area. A road passes through the woods dividing it into two sections. When observed by source, the northern section was empty; the southern section contained a number of aircraft bombs and a stack of cartridge cases. This area was fenced in and under guard.
- b) Local German civilians told source that the amminition in the northern section was loaded on railroad cars four to six weeks earlier and shipped westward. In source's opinion, the present supply at the dump is too small to be of any importance.

Comment: A sketch of the Kolkwitz-Sud area is attached.



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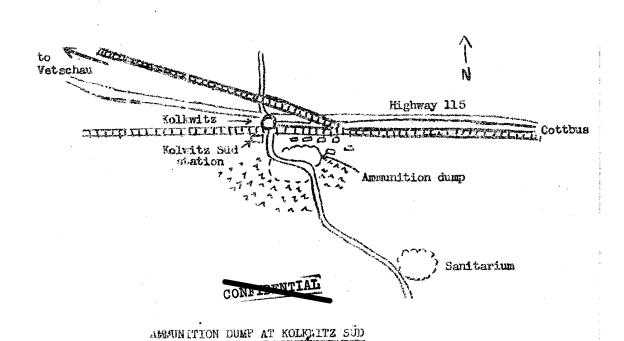
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