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1. Arys (Orzysz, A66)

Between May and August 1947, the former German troop training ground at Arys was occupied by airborne units in approximate strength of two brigades. They were equipped with infantry weapons and smoke shell mortars. During field maneuvers, two types of gliders were employed, each accommodating forty to sixty men with full equipment. Landings were practised in all kinds of weather and there was some emphasis on early morning landings.

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Comment: The last report on Arys received by the originating office stated that artillery units were in training during December 1946.)

2. Rangsdorf (Z82)

No air activity has been observed at Rangsdorf since mid-August. No new Soviet Air Force trainees have arrived. Dismantling operations have started on a few barracks and temporary buildings.

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Comment:

[REDACTED] says that although Rangsdorf has been used as a training center for several months - approximately 1,000 students attending ten to fourteen week courses - very little air activity has been seen there since June. This cessation of flying, he adds, has apparently nothing to do with a fuel shortage, since tanks and reserve dumps are kept filled.)

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3. Schönwalde (Z66)

This field, built between 1935-1937 and used as a GAF basic training ground, has approximately 110 buildings, all of which were occupied by the Russians in early September. Air activity has increased. Double road blocks have been set up on adjacent roads and all through traffic halted. A few former German Lufthansa pilots, recently returned from Russia, are acting as flight instructors.

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4. Firstenwalde (V33)

Used up to the present as a scrap metal collection point, this field is now being repaired.

5. Men aged 18 to 60 in Saxony-Anhalt, drafted for labor, were scheduled to leave during the first two weeks of September for the Oder-Warthe area, where they were to repair airfields (unidentified) for a period of six to eight weeks.

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