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- 1. The Rajlovac Airdrome is located approximately seven kilometers from Sarajevo, along the main Sarajevo-Zenica-Slavonski Brod highway. The airdrome is bordered on one side by the railroad track and on the other by the Bosna River. At present, one bomber regiment, two pursuit squadrons, and one squadron of trainees are stationed there, as well as a unit of the non-Commissioned officers' pilot school and an officers' observation school. Colonel Slobodan Ilic is regimental commander and Branko Lazic is political commissar.
- 2. During World War II the airdrome was heavily damaged by the Italians but was later repaired by the Germans, who began the construction of cement runways which were never completed. After the war, the entire installation was repaired and the section adjoining the river was enlarged. Reportedly, the field is now in very good condition. The runway is 1,800 meters long and 900 meters wide, and will accommodate several cement landing strips, the construction of which is reportedly expected to be finished by the end of 1950. Winds are generally constant, so that the general pattern of landings is either from the goniometric station, at the southern end of the field, toward the Bosna River on the northern, or from the Bosna River toward the goniometric station. Currently, the runway can be used by the largest aircraft. The field is guarded by a batallion of troops, who also do auxiliary work of an unspecified nature.
- 3. The airdrome facilities are as follows:
  - a. Three hangars, with a housing capacity of 13 medium and small planes. The two larger hangars, each with a capacity of 16 planes, are quite modern and have attached offices, sleeping quarters, and workshop facilities.
  - b. A goniometric station, built before the war but recently modernized.
  - c. A control tower, equipped with modern instruments.
  - d. One 100,000-liter gasoline tank, equipped with two pumps.

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- e. A large workshop-hangar, where engine repairs are made, and an engine repair workshop, equipped with several turning-lathes, drill-presses, and scrapers, where engines are tested before being used.
- f. A meteorological and radio station, reportedly well-equipped. Two radio antennae adjoin the building.
- g. Two automobile workshop-garages, with adjoining offices and quarters for the enlisted men employed there.
- h. The airdrome command building.
- i. A warehouse in which are stored various parts and materials needed for operations.
- j. A large cement wall for machinegun and cannon target practice.

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