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1. There seemed to be fewer planes than previously at the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield. The hangars were closed. Some trucks were used in the evacuation of air force officers' billets in Zerbst. (1) Aircraft crates or radar sets were not observed at the field. (2) The AA gun emplacement west of the field was reinforced by an additional four guns of about 50 to 70 mm caliber. The eight guns were located in shallow emplacements. (3)
2. There have been a few flights since 2 July 1950. There were seven night take-offs by jet fighters between 11:30 p.m. and 12:46 a.m. the night of 10 July 1950. (4) Very few personnel were seen at the field.

Comments.

- (1) First report that the occupation of the field has been reduced. The two fighter regiments which were believed to be stationed in Zerbst were confirmed by a usually reliable source on 25 July 1950.
- (2) Radar sets have not been observed in Zerbst by other sources.
- (3) First information on the arrival of additional AA guns. To date, four AA guns of 70 to 80 mm caliber have been emplaced at the airfield.
- (4) Night flights by jet planes have been continually confirmed by another usually reliable source.

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