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1. A military airfield was west of Kutaisi (42°40'E/42°15'N), Georgian SSR, north of the main road leading to the Branderburg Opel Plant. The field had a concrete runway about 1 km long. No large buildings were seen. A repair hangar south of the road apparently belonged to the field.
2. The field was occupied by some biplanes and about 100 "modified IL-2s" (in-line engine, low-wing monoplane, ellipsoidal wings, landing gear retracting outward, cockpit between edges of wings, aircraft cannon or machine gun in each wing, carrying devices for six bombs under each wing).
3. There was heavy day and night flying with individual planes and up to 60 aircraft flying in formations.
4. Transports and commercial planes were regularly seen over the commercial airfield located farther west and south of the main road.
5. An about 1 x 2-km airfield was west of Kutaisi, north of the road to the Opel Plant. There was an 800 runway, parallel to the 2-km side of the field.
6. Only two large fuel containers were seen at the field. Two blocks of multiple-story barracks buildings and an aircraft repair hangar were south of the road.
7. The field was occupied by about 100 single-engine fighters, some three-engine transports and biplanes.
8. There was intensive school flying at the field.

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