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TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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- E-2 1. On [redacted] 1951, there was no flying at Brandenburg-Briest airfield. A radio installation with four masts was located near kilometerstone 2.2 on the Plaue-Briest road, 100 meters west of the road in the extension of the runway. (1) A concrete structure, the larger portion of which was underground, was in the middle of the square of masts. A rotary searchlight, between the radio installation and a canal, started operating at about 10 p.m. On [redacted] at 10:30 p.m., it was observed that the searchlight rotated clock-wise. It flashed about six to eight times at irregular intervals within thirty minutes. The searchlight pointed toward Plaue when on or when being switched off. Two radio masts were seen side by side south of the flight control station on the southern edge of the field. 25X1C
- 2. Troop quarters were located in the woods near the Briest Vorwerk (farmhouse). Twelve soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen there. (2) Air force troops, including officers with their dependents, were quartered in the former Landesanstalt. (3) A total of 43 captains and majors were seen there within one hour. A railroad siding ran west of the Landesanstalt toward the field. Part of the shrubby land between the spur track and the road leading to the field had been cleared and red-white signboards were observed there. 25X1C
- E-2 3. Jet fighters and individual biplanes practiced night flying at the field from [redacted]. During the flying activity, searchlights located in Briest and at Brandenburg-Arado airfield were in operation. 25X1C
- 4. Individual jet fighters with swept-back wings made practice flights between [redacted]. 20 swept-wing jet fighters were parked in one line on the eastern edge of the field. (4) The radio installation with four masts, the AA gun 25X1C

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emplacement and the searchlight were at their previous locations.

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Comments.

- (1) The radio installation, whose location was confirmed by other sources, is an Adcock DF station.
- (2) The crews of the four AA guns, emplaced on the northwestern edge of the landing field, are probably quartered there.
- (3) The personnel of the fighter regiment and ground units are billeted in the Landesanstalt.
- (4) The airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with about 40 MiG-15s.

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