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1. In 1935 and 1936, a military airfield had been constructed by the German Air Force north of Gerdauen (54°22'N/21°13'E), East Prussia, and north of the Kinderhof Estate, immediately east of the Gerdauen-Allenburg (54°29'N/21°12'E) road. The field was not damaged during the war. It bordered woods to the northeast and the Gerdauen-Allenburg road to the southwest. In addition to some buildings at the field, there were nine low wooden buildings, including six on the southwestern edge and three in the southwestern corner of the field which had been constructed for German labor units and were occupied by Soviet Air Force soldiers. In the southeastern corner of the field, there were three hangars with concrete aprons and taxiways to the concrete runway which was about 50 meters wide. The landing field, about 1,000 x 1,500 meters, had a good grass cover. A spur track which branched off from the main railroad line at a point 300 to 400 meters north of Gerdauen railroad station led into the southern section of the field.
2. According to residents from Gerdauen who worked at the field, the airfield was heavily occupied. Source observed intensive flying by biplanes, single-engine, twin-engine aircraft and individual four-engine planes. No jet aircraft were observed. *

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* **Comment.** This is the first report on Gerdauen airfield. For sketch of field, see annex.

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