

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1C

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1. Between 6 and 20 November 1951, no change of occupation was observed at Zerbst airfield. There was flying by jet fighters and conventional aircraft. Air activity was particularly intensive on 20 November.

25X1C 2. Soviet Captain Zueshuov (fnu), who was billeted at the field [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] supervised the construction performed by Bauunion Dresden. (1) Work was completed in the second half of November. The construction material was loaded on a train at the spur track and sent to Frankfurt/Oder where, [redacted] the construction material was to be used for repairing the road bridge.

25X1 3. [redacted] the flight control station was 90 meters long and 25 meters wide; the first hangar from the east was 40 to 45 meters long and 35 meters wide; the second hangar was 80 to 90 meters long and 30 meters wide; the third hangar was 90 meters long, 25 meters wide, and had a wind socket on its roof, and the fourth hangar was 45 meters long and 40 meters wide.

4. There were two fuel dumps at the field. One dump was north of the second hangar and consisted of about 15 underground containers while the other dump, which consisted of about 12 underground and 7 surface containers, was about 300 meters north of the first dump. (2)

5. Two searchlights each 50 cm in diameter were on both sides of the runway. (3) They were in operation during night flying. The two searchlights north of the runway were not as powerful as those south of the runway. Two or three red lights were observed at each turning apron at the ends of the runway.

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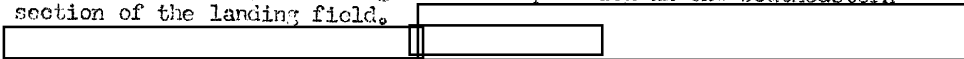
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landings. A rotary searchlight was in operation in the southeastern section of the landing field.



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to the field. An AA gun emplacement apparently consisting of two or three medium-caliber guns was probably located in the southeastern section of the landing field.

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Comments.

- (1) Zueshuov is reported for the first time.
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

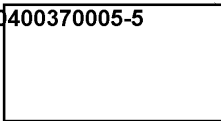


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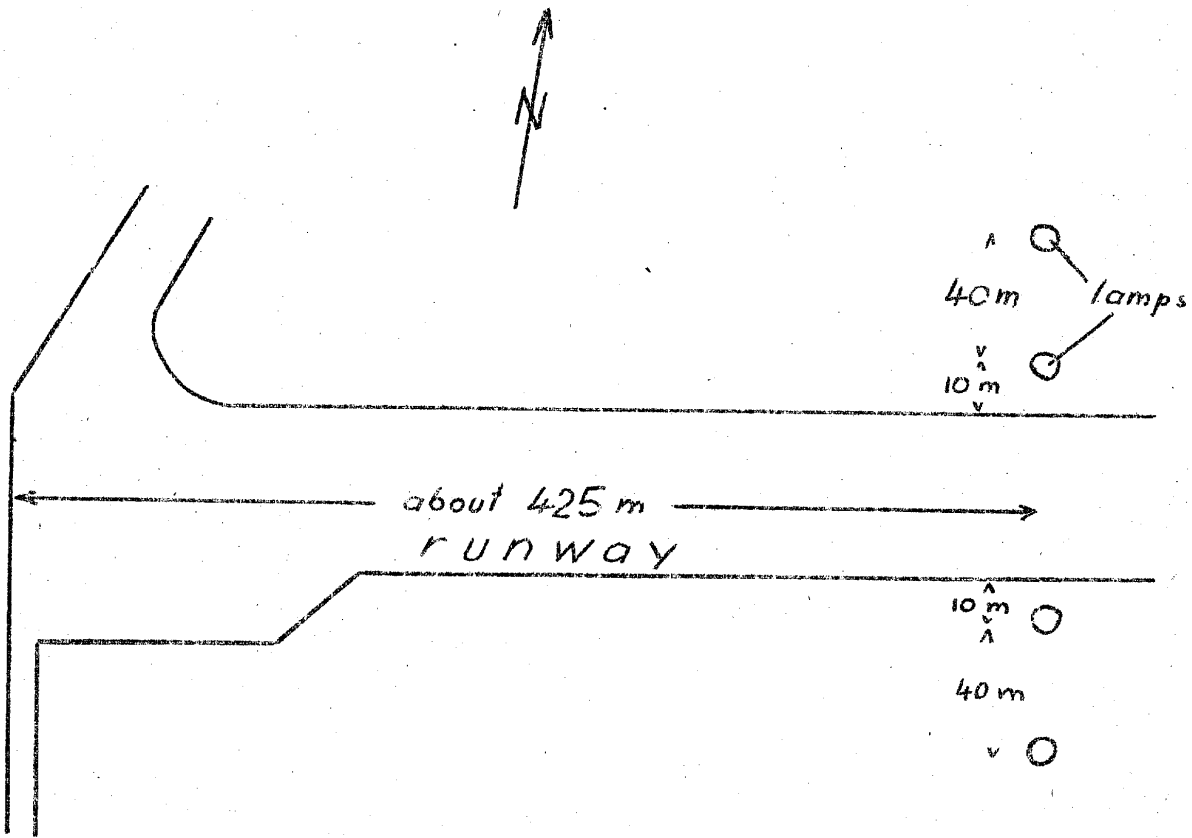
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Annex to



Location Sketch of Searchlights on Both Sides of the Runway
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