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- The airfield was south-southeast of Sestroretsk (29°58' E/60°6' N), Leningrad Oblast, northeast of the Lisi-Nos (29°58' E/60°1' N) Peninsula, 1 km east of the railroad line (see annex 1). The field, about 3 km square, gave the overall impression of an

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improvised airfield although some of its installations were improved. It was constructed during the war. Fellow-PWs said that it was improved between 1945 and 1947 and that the entire north section was drained. A runway, 100x600 to 800 meters, of rolled sand was in the northern section of the field.

2. The following buildings were available:
 - a. Fifteen small hangars, each 20x30 meters (workshops and stores)
 - b. Blocks of barracks buildings for an estimated 1,500 men
 - c. Three large three-story villas in which officers(AA and flying personnel) were quartered.
3. The field was occupied by 80 to 90 single-engine fighters with which individual, stunt and formation, occasionally also night flying, was practiced.
4. Eighteen to twenty-year-old women employees of the Vaskova Tool Factory, northwest of the field, were given pilot training in the afternoon after their workhours.
5. The field was in a restricted area and guarded by AA sentries. Light 45-mm AA guns were emplaced at the four corners of the field. Searchlights near the AA gun emplacements illuminated the field at night.
6. A new asphalt approach road, 4½ meters wide, was built.
7. A fuel dump with a railroad connection, which was connected with the field, was west of the main road, southwest of the field.
8. A large radio and transmitting station was south of Lisi-Nos, in a 1½ km square restricted area which was surrounded by a wire fence except for the side along the seashore. AA towers, 12 meters

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high, equipped with 45-mm AA guns, were at the four corners of the off-limits area. The transmitting tower was about 120 meters high and had two tapering steel masts. It was based on a socket joint emplaced in a concrete pedestal and was moored by steel trusses. Several wires, supported by masts, led from the tower across the road and the railroad line to the three small two-story houses beside the railroad line. Red obstacle lamps, eight meters apart, were fitted at the tower from bottom to top. The restricted area was guarded by AA soldiers wearing blue-bordered, red epaulets. Eight 45-mm AA guns were emplaced near the AA quarters north of the radio station.

9. The airfield, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ km square, was 400 meters north-northeast of Lisi-Nos, south-southeast of Tarkhovka ($29^{\circ}58'$ E/ $60^{\circ}4'$ N), east of the railroad line and road.
10. Ten to twenty single-engine aircraft were permanently stationed at the field. Individual parachute jumps from biplanes were regularly seen over the airfield in the summer of 1949 at altitudes of from 150 to 200 meters.
11. An about 200-meter square area, surrounded by a wire fence, was southwest of Olgino ($30^{\circ}8'$ E/ $59^{\circ}59'$ N), between the sea and the coastal road. A radio tower was in this area (see Annex 2) which was called a naval transmitting station by local residents. A wooden house, about 20 meters square, was in the southeast corner of the terrain. The radio tower was based on a concrete pedestal and topped by a square frame which was illuminated by red lamps at night.
12. The airfield, about 1.2×2 km, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ km east of Gorskaya ($30^{\circ}0'$ E/ $60^{\circ}2'$ N), just south of the road to Levashovo ($30^{\circ}13'$ E/ $60^{\circ}6'$ N) was surrounded by woods. It had no cement runway but the subgrade was firm so that it was serviceable even in rainy weather.

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13. Some cantonment buildings, presumably repair shops and quarters, were at the field. More cantonment buildings were in the woods.
14. Co-PWs, former air force soldiers, said that the field was occupied by 100 to 120 aircraft of Yak-3, IL-2 and IL-10 types. The planes were parked in the open along the edge of the woods. Flying was done individually and in formations of up to 100 planes.
15. The field was permanently occupied. The officers were billeted in Gorskaya, Aleksandrovski and Lisi-Nos.

2 annexes (1) Sestroretsk Airfield
(2) Radio Tower Southwest of Olgino

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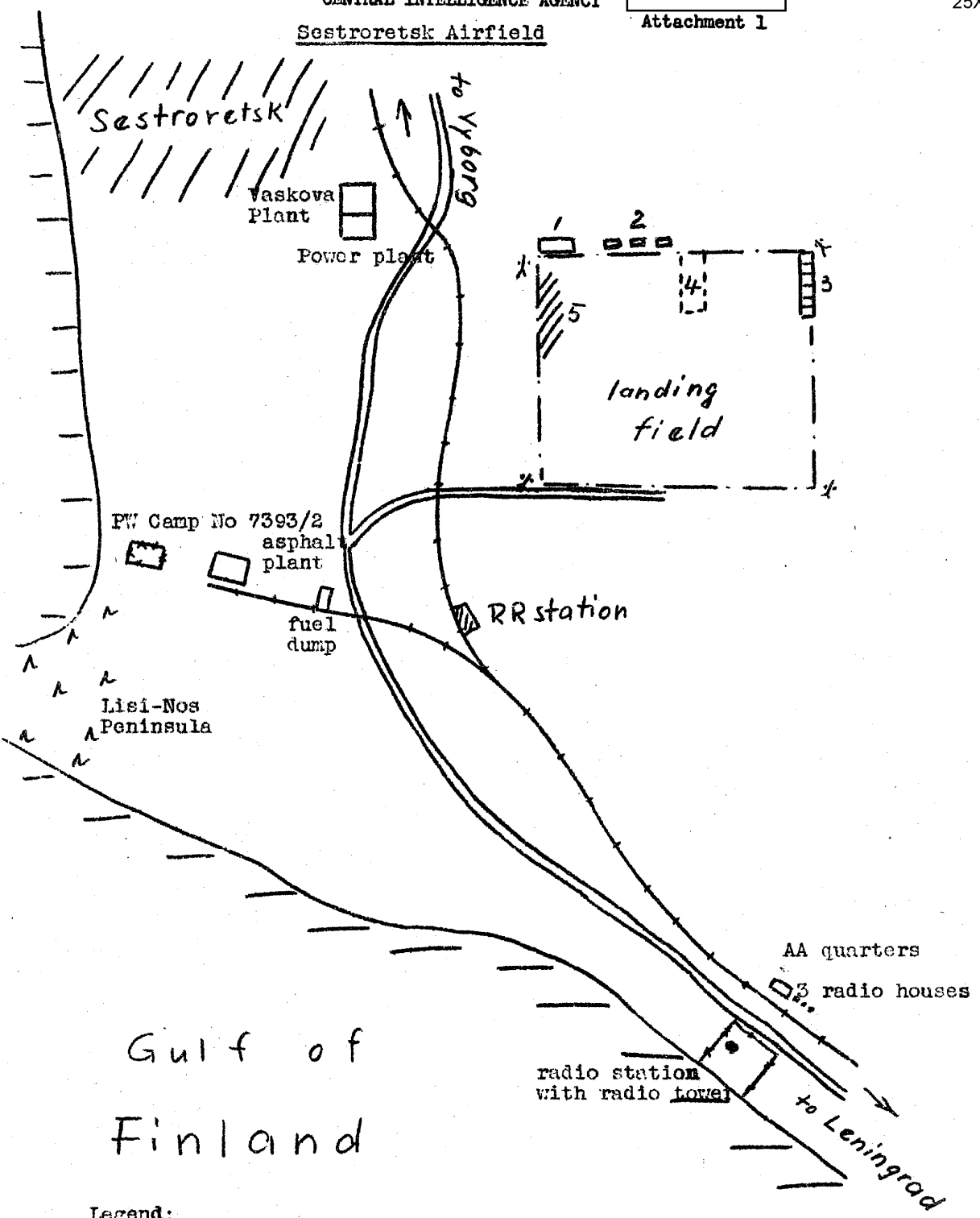
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Attachment 1

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Sestroretsk Airfield



Legend:

- 1 - Barracks building
- 2 - Villas
- 3 - Hangars
- 4 - Runway
- 5 - Aircraft parking site
- 6 - New approach road

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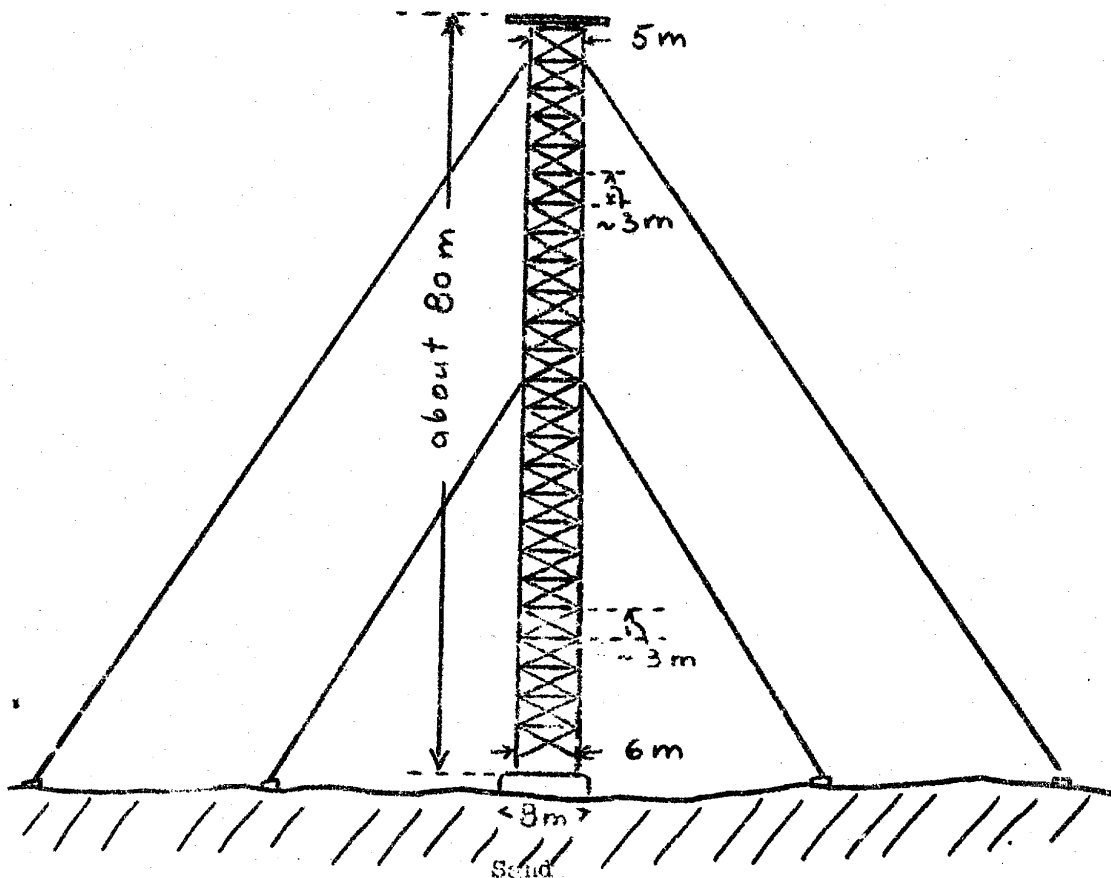
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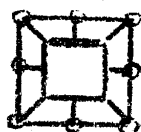
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Radio Tower Southwest of Olcino



Top view



obstacle lights

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