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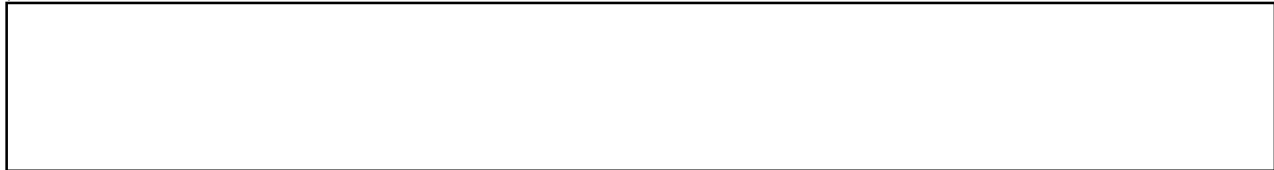
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1. The airfield north of Kralupy (N 51/ F 60) belonged to the Aero Club. There was a hangar with billets for student pilots. The field was occupied by 5 sport planes and about 30 gliders. In late September 1951, about 15 Arado-96s and 20 ME-108s or ME-109s were located there. (1)
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 2. A civilian airfield of the Aero Club was located north of Klecany (O 51/L 79). The field, about 1,000 meters square, had 3 old and 2 new hangars, a clubhouse and a guardhouse. In March 1951, about 30 sport planes of various types were parked at the field. In April 1951, the field was occupied by military aircraft, and work continued on a concrete runway which was started in 1950. (2)
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 3. The airfield located south of **Marianske Lazne (N 50/P 56)**, east of the road to Kutenplan (N 50/P 55), southeast of Flaschenhuette, was utilized by civilian and military aircraft. There was no concrete runway. A large hangar with a tower and a wind sock and some buildings were in the western section of the field. A brick cantonment was in the wooded area west of the field between the road and railroad line. Soldiers said that the cantonment was occupied by 500 to 600 student pilots and 120 to 150 men of an air force guard unit. In late September 1951, the field was occupied by 1 four-engine plane, 2 biplanes, 1 Fieseler Storch, 1 twin-engine plane, 4 ME-109s, and 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines. There was intensive flying over the field and town. From 8 to 12 planes were observed flying at the same time. non-scheduled aircraft often landed at the field; the planes transported Soviet officers who were going on leave to **Marianske Lazne**. (3)
4. On 25 November 1951, no flying was observed at the airfield near **Hradec Kralove** (O 51/G 71) between the Pouchov (O 51/G 71) - Rusek (O 51/G 71) and the Pouchov-Spravcice (O 51/G 71) highways. The field covered an area of about 2,000 meters from east to west and about 1,800 meters from north to south. The landing field was sodded. Grading was being done in the western extension of the field beyond the Pouchov-Spravcice road. Beyond this road, there was a strip of wooded terrain which was being cleared and graded. In the southwestern corner of the field, there were two four-story buildings and, north of them, a two-story barracks which was constructed from lumber and bricks.

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Three hangars with a concrete apron were in the southern section of the field. An area, probably a civilian and glider field, bordered on the military airfield to the northeast. One hangar was located on the civilian airfield. [redacted] air force soldiers wearing blue uniforms with blue cuffs and others who also wore blue uniforms which had golden-bordered pale blue epaulets with one or two golden arrows on them. (4)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) Kralupy airfield was previously used by a glider school. According to a previous report, the field covers an area of about 550 x 1,100 meters. Since the field is probably capable of expansion the reported occupation by a fighter squadron or a trainer unit is believed credible. However, it is possible that the field was only temporarily occupied during an air exercise.
- (2) The information on the construction of a runway at Klecany airfield and the occupation by military aircraft is received for the first time. Since the field is considered capable of expansion, this information is believed credible particularly as it appears that the increased air traffic on the Prague airfields, many of which cannot be enlarged, must be eased.
- (3) According to this report, Mar.Lazne airfield appears to be occupied by a pilot school. The student pilots are probably in the advanced stage of training since it is believed improbable that primary pilot training is conducted only 12 km. from the German border. The information that the field is used by other planes occupied by Russians is considered credible.
- (4) This information confirms the location of Hradec Kralove airfield and contains the first information on a probable expansion to the west. The epaulets observed on some soldiers indicate that the air force war college is still stationed at the field.

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