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TOPIC Ohlau-Maerzdorf Airfield

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REMARKS

1. About 2 p.m. on 17 July 1951, source observed Ohlau-Maerzdorf (P 51/C 60) airfield from the Breslau-Brieg (P 51/II 89) road. No construction or improvement work was observed in progress at or in the vicinity of the field. The landing field was about 1,500 meters from southeast to northwest and about 1,00 meters from northeast to southwest. The entire field area was covered with grass. It was being plowed by two tractors, operated by Soviet soldiers. A third tractor sowed grass. The field was not provided with a runway or a spur track.
2. Two hangars, about 30x60 meters, with gray coating were located on the eastern edge of the field. The hangars were connected by a concrete taxiway. Several unplastered low brick buildings, each about 10x30 meters, were in the southern section of the field. However, no Soviet soldiers were observed in the vicinity. No other buildings suitable for workshops or storage facilities were observed. The buildings, constructed by the Germans, were destroyed during the war. The eastern entrance to the field was guarded by Soviet Air Force soldiers.
3. Two biplanes were parked near a hangar. Nine additional biplanes were parked and fastened by rope in the southeastern corner of the field. No flying was observed. flying activity was never observed at the field during the preceding months.
4. Three large, old and unplastered buildings were observed on a side street of the Breslau-Ohlau highway at the northwestern perimeter of Ohlau. The buildings, which were formerly used as a school or for administrative purposes, were occupied to capacity by Soviet air force officers and EM. Opposite these buildings were about five small houses which were occupied by Soviet dependents. The street was blocked by a barrier at which Soviet Air Force soldiers were posted. *

25X1 Comment. This report contains the first data on the present status of Ohlau-Maerzdorf Airfield. It indicates that the field has not been improved for a possible occupation by jet planes. However, the improvement of the grass cover and the presence of Soviet Air Force sentries indicate that the field may be reoccupied. Although a fighter regiment was previously believed to be stationed at the field, it must be assumed from the present report that no fighter regiment was stationed there in the summer of 1951. The observation of biplanes and many air force soldiers billeted in Ohlau indicate the occupation of the field by a training unit.

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