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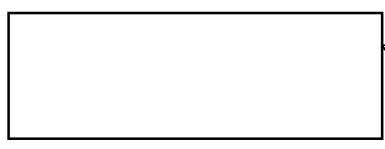
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1. Chelyabinsk (55/09N - 61/25E) civilian airfield was located about six km northwest of the city bridge over the Mias River. * The eastern boundary of the field was about 1.5 km long. A three-story building, about 70 to 80 meters long, was in the northeastern corner of the field. Five or six radio masts, about 20 meters high, were located about 500 meters south of this building. An east-west runway commenced between the building and the masts. The field was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Its gate was guarded by two civilians carrying rifles. 25X1

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2. Observers and aerial gunners were trained at the military airfield [redacted]. The airfield was located on the eastern shore of Lake Smolino, south-southeast of Chelyabinsk. ** The northern boundary of the field, about 1 km long, terminated at the northeastern corner of the lake. The north-south extension of the field was about two km. * target range bordered on the field to the south. The landing field had a grass cover. Neither runways or taxiways were observed. Flying continued even after heavy rainfalls. Two three-story air force officers' billets, about 40 meters long, were located on the northern perimeter of the field, about 400 to 500 meters east of the lake. Four low buildings, about 20 x 15 meters, housing the administration, the airport administration, ration and clothing storage rooms and the kitchen and clubrooms, were east of these billets. Ten to 12 single-story brick buildings, about 40 meters long and quartering the trainees, were located in the northeastern section of the field. A hangar was south of these structures. The aircraft dispersal areas were along the eastern border and in the southeast corner of the field. A tank truck entered the field two or three times a day. The field was occupied by about 20 biplanes and 10 to 12 twin-engine aircraft. Most of the trainees (about 300) were NCOs and junior lieutenants. Aircraft flying individually were observed daily. In the fall of 1949, source observed formations of up to 12 aircraft several times. After taking off in a north-south direction, the aircraft turned toward the east at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters and flew over the target range. Machine gun firing was heard daily from the range. The field was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. The soldiers standing guard at the entrance in the northeast corner and near the aircraft appeared to be trainees.

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* [redacted] Comment. For location of [redacted], see Annex I.

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** [redacted] Comment. For location of the military airfield, see Annex 2. The military airfield described in Paragraph 2 was observed [redacted] the northern perimeter of the airfield prior to October 1949. Flights over the military airfield were observed from the PW camp prior to January 1950.

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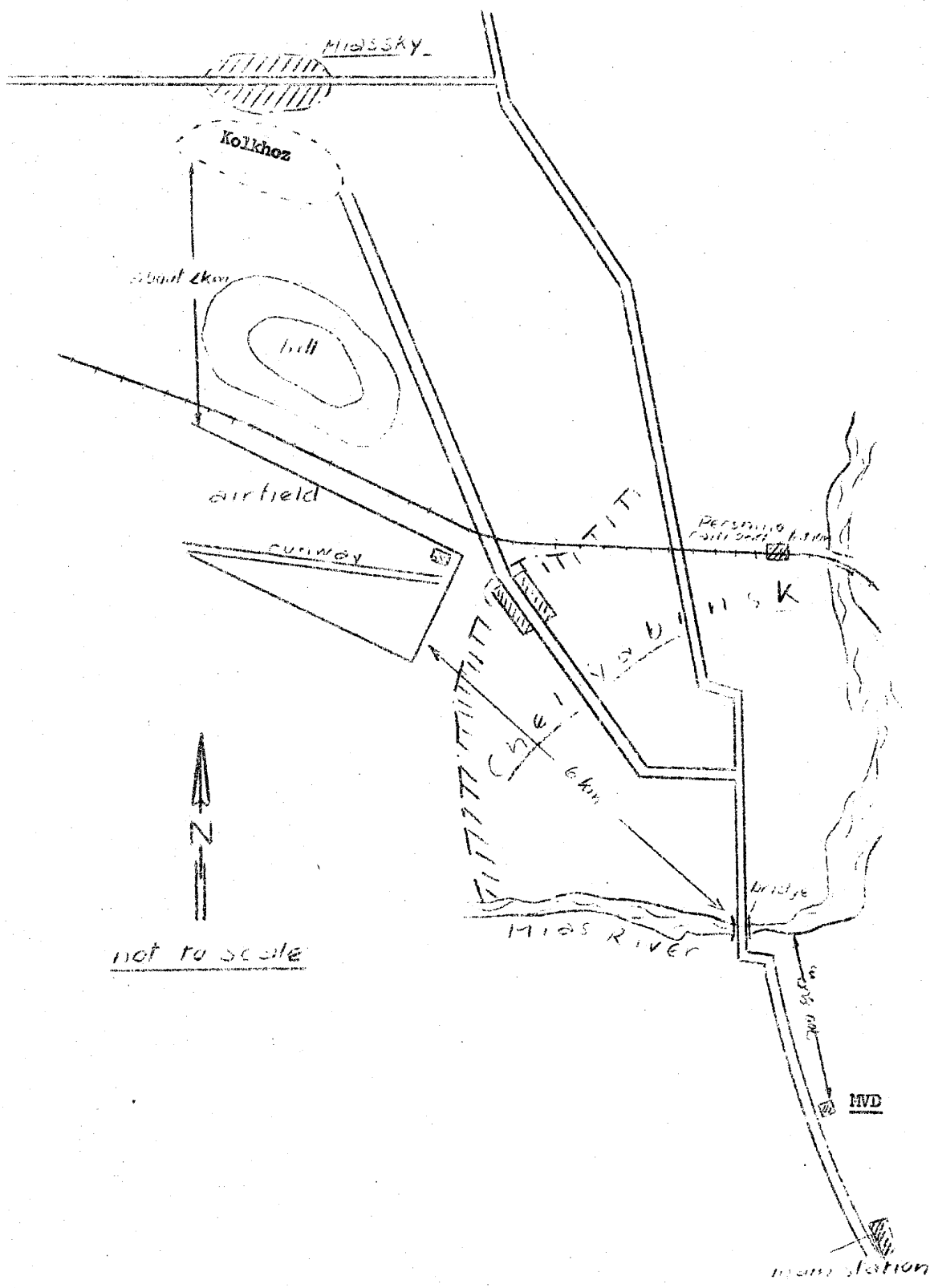
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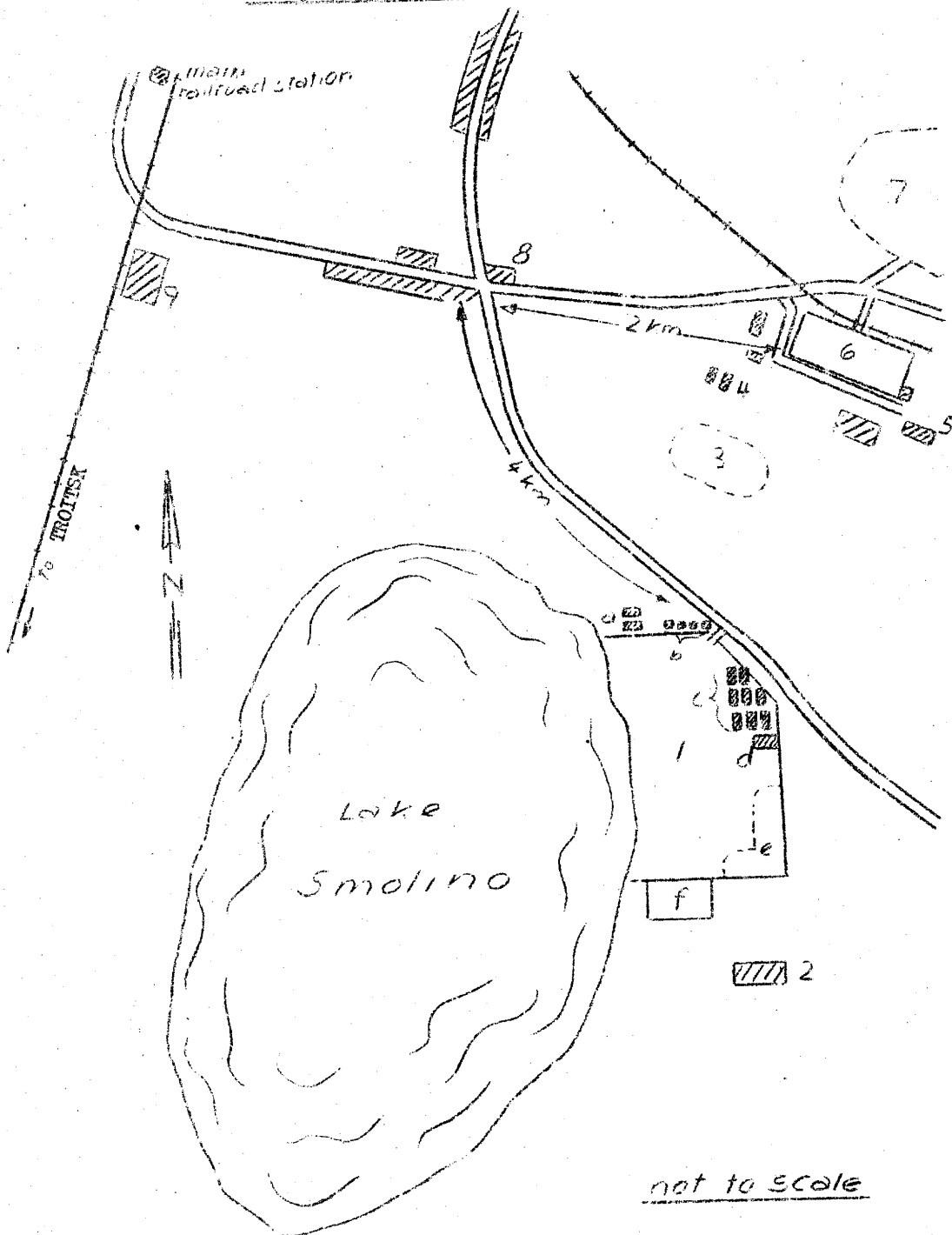
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Legend:

1. Military airfield.
 - a. Officers' billets.
 - b. Administration and airport management.
 - c. 10 to 12 barracks for trainees.
 - d. Hangar.
 - e. Aircraft dispersal areas.
 - f. Warrent range.
2. Factory.
3. Settlement.
4. Tube factory.
5. PT Camp No 7606.
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7. KP - SIS - settlement.
8. Militia.
9. Cement plant.

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