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1. An airfield is located southeast of the small town of Krosno, (R50/24), located in southeast Poland, west of Przemysl. Construction on the airfield was begun before the war by the Poles, and was completed by the Germans, who added several new buildings; toward the end of the war, the airfield was largely destroyed by the Germans, and it was subsequently pillaged by the Russians. In 1948 the Poles began to reconstruct the airfield; progress was at first very slow, with only a few buildings being reconstructed. However, in 1950 and in 1951, reconstruction of the entire airfield was begun.
 2. The dimensions of the field are 4,000 meters from northwest to southeast and 3,500 meters from southwest to northeast. There are four concrete runways; these are very long, in excellent condition, and are about 80 to 100 meters in width. The airfield is hard-surfaced.
 3. Among the first to be reconstructed were the barracks, in order to house large detachments of WOP (Border Security Guard) and KBW (Internal Security Corps) troops, whose presence was required by the unrest which has prevailed and still prevails in the surrounding area. (sic). There are about 1,500 to 1,800 men assigned to these detachments. The airfield is not fenced in, but is guarded by KBW sentries and patrols; there are also warning signs, which forbid entrance to the airfield.
 4. In late 1950, a factory for the production of gliders, part of which was transferred from Rzeszow or Mielec, was built; at the same time, a glider training center was opened. A military aviation school was to be opened there. There is no artillery regiment located at the airfield.
 5. In the summer of 1951, about 20 gliders, built at the airfield, and about 12 planes were observed on the airfield; the latter bore Polish designations, and included some biplanes.
 6. There are two textile factories, a glass factory, a shoe factory, county and municipal UB (Security Police) units, and a municipal militia unit and its headquarters located in Krosno.

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Legend:

1. Airfield
2. Group of buildings destroyed during the war, now reconstructed.
3. Group of buildings destroyed during the war, in process of reconstruction.
4. Asphalt road from Krosno to Kobylany (R50/463); this road is not open to civilian traffic and is used as a taxi way for aircraft.
5. Reconstructed wooden hangars.
6. Several blocks of barracks which have been completely rebuilt and which house the WOP unit and the glider center.
7. Three reconstructed brick hangars.
8. Glider factory.
9. Railroad station.

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Airfield

