

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 17 March 1953

DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 26 March 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. [redacted] empty cars to be made available between 7 and 15 March 1953 included: 55 flatcars at Magdeburg; 46 flatcars at Wustermark; 42 flatcars at Justerbog; 37 flatcars at Rathenow; and 24 flatcars at Oranienburg.

2. [redacted] the following cars were to be made available and dispatched to Brest Litovsk; 2 coaches from the SCC reserve; 7 new type converted boxcars; 1 boxcar for kitchen; 8 boxcars; and 21 flatcars. Each converted boxcar was to be provided with 100 kg of briquettes and the kitchen car with 300 kg of briquettes.

3. [redacted] the following flatcars with iron side-racks were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk :

Date in March	Number of Flatcars
7	28
8	26
10	27
12	27
14	27

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4. On 5 March, [redacted] a VP train of 4 converted boxcars with VP personnel and 12 flatcars carrying one tank each. The train was loaded at Guestrow and went to Grossenhain via Elsterwerda.²

5. On 11 March, a troop train of 6 converted boxcars and 16 flatcars carrying 8 T-34 tanks [redacted] and 8 trucks [redacted] was observed at the Wustermark railroad station. The train came from Doeberitz and proceeded toward Neustrelitz.³

6. On 8 March, a VP train of 40 converted boxcars with VP personnel and 20 flatcars carrying 6 boats, 15 pontoons, squared lumber, wooden boards and logs was observed at the Elsterwerda railroad station. The train proceeded toward Leipzig.⁴

Comment. Compare with the statements [redacted] in a previous report.

On 12 March 1953, 14 flatcars carrying tanks were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. They came from the east and were bound for Lieberose. [redacted] It is believed that the empty railroad material reported in the present report will be used for hauling additional heavy material.

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to East Germany in the near future.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. Guestrow as loading station indicates that the VP train carried
25X1A elements of the Panzer Offizier Schule of the KVP in Guestrow-Priemerwald. It
25X1A appears possible that this school will be transferred to Grossenhain, as the
25X1A KVP previously stationed in Grossenhain moved to Oranienburg. [redacted]
25X1A [redacted]. The Zentrale
Panzer Unteroffizier Schule of the KVP is located in Zeithain, northwest of
Grossenhain. The stationing of the Panzer Offizier Schule of the KVP in a post
near to Zeithain may be advantageous with regard to both training and organization.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. This troop train [redacted] carried a tank
25X1A unit of the 1st Mecz Div which moved to Neustrelitz. [redacted]

25X1A [redacted] Comment. The VP train carried an engineer battalion of the KVP. As the
25X1A dispatching and receiving stations are unknown, no definite conclusions can be
drawn as to the purpose of this train. It is possible that the engineer battalion
belongs to one of the planned new Armeegruppen which are known to be stationed in
Dresden, Leipzig and Dessau. However, the engineer battalion may have also been
moved to the Elbe River for field exercises. The dispatching station may be
Kuechensee, Treuenbrietzen or Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg, as engineer
battalions of the KVP are stationed in these places.

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