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1. On 4 July, 7 x 85 mm. AA guns, 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 22 trucks of the 13th AA Division, coming from Nohra Airfield, and 12 x 85 mm. AA guns, 4 x 37 mm. AA guns, 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 22 trucks coming from the Flak Kaserne, were entrained in Weimar. The train left in the direction of Halle-Leipzig.

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2. On 6 July, two troop trains loaded with 16 x 76.2 mm. AA guns, 4 x 22 mm. AA guns, personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 39 trucks of the 8th Guards Army, passed through Guesten bound toward Sangerhausen.<sup>1</sup>

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3. On 2 July, troop trains carrying about 40 trucks, amphibious vehicles, motorcycles, motor vehicles and personnel of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army passed through Eberswalde toward the North.<sup>2</sup>

4. On 8 July, AAA units and billeting equipment were loaded onto two trains at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The units came from the local airfield.<sup>3</sup>

5. On 9 July, 21 T-34 tanks of the 53rd Guards Tank Regiment of the 6th Guards Tank Division, 10 armored scout cars and motor vehicles of the division were entrained at the Wittenberg freight station for dispatch toward Jueterbog.<sup>4</sup>

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6. Polish and German railroad men reported that the Soviet Blue Express was derailed by Polish partisans near Warsaw on 21 June. After 8 July, the Blue Express was rerouted via Frankfurt/Oder - Kuestrin (Kostrzyn). 25X1X

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a train which was derailed by partisans near the bridge over the Vistula River at Marienburg, was pushed into the river. There were allegedly

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300 fatalities. In Frankfurt/Oder that a Soviet leave train operating between Frankfurt and Brest had been derailed by partisans on 28 June. The relief train sent to the place of accident from Frankfurt/Oder allegedly returned with only 40 survivors. Soviet dependents have been returned by leave trains to Russia since 16 June. On 27 June, three trains with airforce personnel, motor vehicles and equipment were observed passing through Frankfurt/Oder bound for Brest. On 29 June, one such train was observed.<sup>5</sup>

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7. New allocations amounting to 65 million eastmarks for the completion of construction projects in the area of Armeegruppe Nordost (sic) by the Bau Union Nordost have been granted by the East German Ministry of the Interior. Bau Union Kueste and Bau Union Nord will be deactivated.

8. The following numbers of railroad cars were made available at Rummelsburg for loading operations at Werneuchen: 24 June, 14 converted boxcars, 17 boxcars, 20 flatcars, 2 kitchen cars; 25 June, 6 converted boxcars, 19 boxcars, 27 flatcars, 1 kitchen car; 26 June, 10 converted boxcars, 20 boxcars, 12 flatcars, 2 kitchen cars; 29 June, 15 converted boxcars, 14 boxcars, 34 flatcars, 1 kitchen car.<sup>6</sup>

9. The following loaded trains were dispatched from Werneuchen toward Guben: 27 June, 20 converted boxcars, 19 flatcars, 1 gondola car, 2 kitchen cars; 28 June, 15 converted boxcars, 34 flatcars; 29 June, 15 converted boxcars, 22 boxcars, 10 flatcars, 2 kitchen cars. The last two trains were dispatched to Kowel.<sup>6</sup>

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10. On 10 July, only a guard detail was at the Welzow Airfield.<sup>7</sup>

11. The stand-by status at the VPL Cottbus was lifted on 1 July. The unit is no longer restricted to quarters.<sup>8</sup>

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Comments:

1. It is believed that the shipments observed involved AAA units of the 8th Guards Army which returned from training grounds.
2. The shipment possibly involved one engineer unit of the 4th Guards Mechanized which entrained at Templin on 9 June for return to permanent stations.
3. It is believed that the light AAA units of the 63rd AAA Division were moved for firing practices to Jueterbog.

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4. These operations involved elements of the 52nd Guards Tank Regiment which returned to Werder-Markendorf.
5. The rerouting of the Blue Express via Kuestrin after 6 July has already been reported.  25X1A
6. These shipments carried elements of two bomber regiments previously stationed at Werneuchen. Other sources confirm that no IL-28's were stationed at Werneuchen in early July.
7. It is believed that this regiment moved from East Germany together with the regiments at Werneuchen and probably also at Brand.
8. VFL Cottbus was alerted in connection with the unrest in East Germany.

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