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1. Two trains occupied by young soldiers were detrained at Weimar, one on 12 and the other on 14 September. Four trains with young, unarmed soldiers were said to have been detrained at Weimar between 1 and 6 September.

2. Several shipments of recruits passed through Luebben, enroute toward Berlin, between 5 and 10 September.

3. On 15 September, 200 to 300 troops and equipment were loaded on 20 boxcars in Wuensdorf, a train consisting of one converted boxcar and 13 boxcars moved from Wuensdorf toward the border on 15 September. 50X1-HUM

4. On 16 September, a train composed of 20 boxcars and 11 passenger cars occupied by troops passed through Frankfurt/Oder, enroute from Eberswalde toward Brest-Litovsk.

5. An express train, assumed to have come from Brest-Litovsk, arrived at Neubrandenburg on 16 September. About 240 troops with blue epaulets detrained from four cars. Six cars proceeded toward Demmin.

6. An express train with about 170 Soviet Air Force officers passed through Stralsund during the night of 16 September. The train came from Damgarten and proceeded toward Frankfurt/Oder.

7. Railroad Subdistrict No. 1 was ordered to move 80 transitworthy converted boxcars to Frankfurt/Oder on 23 September.

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Comment: The order issued by the Soviet Defense Minister on 5 September is expected to result in the dismissal of the personnel of the 1930 and 1931 classes. There will a reduction in strength which cannot be made up by the induction of the 1934 class and the deferred men of the older classes. The above reports are the first indication of the arrival of new troops. Since the number of these arrivals has thus far been small, it is believed that no large scale exchange movement has as yet been started. It is expected that this exchange will start only upon the completion of the fall maneuvers. No shipments of personnel have as yet been registered at the border crossing points.

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