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Soviet Troop Trains

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TOPIC

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REMARKS

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CB- Converted Boxcar
 B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 SSy - Heavy-Duty Flatcar
 RRym - Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. Troop trains [redacted] between 23 and 29 September 1953 included:

| Date in September | Combination of Troop Trains | Tons | From | To |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 23 | 2 B, 15 F | 254 | Aken | Jerichow |
| 24 | 7 CB, 8 B, 43 F | 1,018 | Neubukow | Klotzsche |
| | 7 B, 41 F | 815 | Guestrow | Jerichow |
| | 9 CB, 7 B, 29 F | 964 | Neubukow | Dessau |
| | 7 CB, 6 B, 14 F, 10 RRym | 836 | Kroepelin | " |
| | 17 cars | | Aken | Jerichow |
| 25 | 7 CB, 8 B, 43 F | 1,018 | Neubukow | Dresden |
| | 6 CB, 6 B, 34 F | 874 | " | Klotzsche |
| | 8 CB, 2 B, 27 F | 684 | Schwerin | Genthin |
| | 7 CB, 2 B, 22 F, 4 SSy | 625 | " | " |
| | 7 CB, 5 B, 43 F | 640 | Dresden | Schwerin |
| | 10 CB, 34 F | 776 | Schwerin | Genthin |
| | 6 CB, 2 B, 46 F | 964 | Hagenow | Jerichow |

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| 26 | 9 CB, 25 F | 755 | Schwerin | Genthin |
| | 11 CB, 28 F, 2 B | 833 | " | Jerichow |
| | 6 CB, 4F, 6 RRym | 437 | " | " |
| | 8 CB, 41 F | 855 | Ludwigslust | Jerichow |
| | 11 CB, 2B, 12 RRym 8 F | 1,075 | Schwerin | Genthin |
| | 17 CB, 6 F, 25 RRym | 1,454 | Quedlinburg | Tangerhuetten |
| | 16 B, 21 F, 6 RRym | 942 | Suderode | " |
| | 2 CB, 24 F | | Wittenberg | Haldensleben |
| | 12 B, 25 F, 8 SSy | 769 | Rosslau | " |
| 27 | 9 CB, 23 F, 10 RRym | 1,221 | Schwerin | Jerichow |
| | 15 CB, 33 F, 3 RRym | 878 | Hagenow | Genthin |
| | 14 B, 33 F, 7 RRym | 1,120 | Halle railroad district | Haldensleben |
| | 10 CB, 2 B, 4 F, 22 RRym | 1,114 | Quedlinburg | Tangerhuetten |
| | 4 CB, 20 F, 10 RRym | 1,208 | Schwerin | Jerichow |
| | 16 CB, 4 RRym | 951 | Hagenow | Genthin |
| | 16 CB, 21 F, 12 RRym | 1,182 | Schwerin | " |
| | 10 CB, 31 F | 931 | Brueckfeld | Templin |
| | 2 CB, 7 F, 12 RRym | 1,261 | Haldensleben | Jerichow |
| 28 | 15 B, 24 F | 736 | undetermined | Haldensleben |
| | 11 CB, 13 F, 8 RRym | 853 | Hagenow | Genthin |
| | 10 B, 30 F | 706 | " | " |
| | 9 CB, 24 F, 3 RRym | 887 | Schwerin | " |
| | 17 CB, 2 B, 21 F, 4 RRym | 976 | Aken | Goschwitz |
| 29 | 5 CB, 11 B, 15 F | 837 | Letzlingen | Burg |
| | 5 CB, 3 B, 8 F, 14 RRym | 1,314 | Jaevenitz | " |
| | 12 CB, 4 B, 21 F | 692 | Aken | Halle railroad district |
| | 11 CB, 17 F, 4 SSy | 798 | " | " |

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2. [] a locomotive engineer, handled the following troop trains: on 26 September, a troop train from Schwepnitz to Roederau composed of 3 boxcars and 57 flatcars with about 150 troops, T-34 tanks [] 16 field howitzers, 30 trucks, [] 3 sedans, and 2 motorcycles; and on 1 October, a troop train of 140 axles from Koenigsbrueck to Roederau, loaded with 16 T-34 tanks, [] 4 JS-1 tanks, and 5 trucks, []

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3. [] between 25 September and 4 October, 18 troop trains with troop units and tanks went from Koenigsbrueck to Roederau. ⁹

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4. Troop trains [] between 1 and 7 October included: 50X1-HUM

| <u>Date in October</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | 84 axles | Tangerhuetten | Fuerstenwalde |
| 5 | 120 axles | Altengrabow | Brandenburg |
| 6 | 11 CB, 14 B, 18 F, 5 SSy | Tangerhuetten | " |
| | 16 B, 22 F, 11 SSy | Altengrabow | " |
| | 10 CB, 10 B, 27 F | Tangerhuetten | " |
| 7 | 9 CB, 50 F | " | " |
| 7 | 2 CB, 12 RRym | Mahlwinkel | " |
| | 9 CB, 40 F | " | " |
| | 7 B, 2 F, 12 RRym | Haldensleben | " |
| | 6 CB, 21 B, 18 F | Wolmirstedt | " |

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5. [] on 10 7 October, 260 railroad cars were to be assembled at Gransee for entraining of troops. ¹¹

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6. The following troop trains [] on 8, 9 and 10 October:

| <u>Date in October</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 8 | 12 CB, 19 F, 12 RRym | Neustrelitz | Forst Zinna |
| | 29 B, 8 F, 4 SSy, 4 RRym | Wolmirstedt | Satzkorn |
| | 33 cars | Neustrelitz | Forst Zinna |
| | 1 CB, 10 RRym | Lieberose | Frankfurt/Oder |
| | 1 CB, 11 RRym | " | Fuerstenwalde |
| 9 | 20 B, 27 F | Neustrelitz | Dallgow-Doebritz |
| | 25 B, 28 F | " | " |
| | 11 B, 28 F, 7 RRym | " | " |
| 10 | 8 B, ? F | " | " |
| | 12 B, 4 F, 11 RRym | " | " |

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7. [redacted] the following railroad cars were to 50X1-HUM
be made available on 8 and 10 October: 50X1-HUM

| <u>Date in October</u> | <u>Number of Cars</u> | <u>Assembling Station</u> | <u>Receiving Station</u> | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----|
| 8 | | Velten | Jueterbog- Altes Lager | 15 |
| 10 | 12 CB, 2 B, 66 F | Rathenow | Goeschwitz | 16 |
| | 12 CB, 4 B, 44 F | " | " | 16 |
| | 4 CB, 2 B, 48 F | " | " | 16 |
| | 11 CB, 1 B, 36 F | Jueterbog- Altes Lager | Velten | 15 |
| | 12 CB, 1 B, 47 F | " | Dallgow-Doeberitz | 12 |
| | 11 CB, 2 B, 42 F | " | " | 12 |

1. [redacted] Comment. The troop train [redacted] was previously re50X1-HUM
ported, while the troop train [redacted] is observed for 50X1-HUM
the first time. The latter apparently carried an additional engineer unit of
the GOFG from the Aken area to the Jerichow area to participate in major field
exercises of the Third Shock Army. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] Comment. Only the troop trains [redacted] 50X1-HUM
carrying components of the 4th Gds AAA Div from Neubukow to Klotzsche were
previously reported. As number and type of railroad cars and the train weight
are alike [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] Comment. The entraining and departure of contingents of the 207th Mtz
Rifle Div stationed in Quedlinburg was previously reported [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] Date and receiving stations indicate that these
troops, as expected, participated in field exercises of the Third Shock Army. 50X1-HUM
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4. [redacted] Comment. Troop shipments from the area of the Third Gds Mezz Army to
the southern sector of Letzling Heath during this period are reported for the
first time. These contingents were probably also to participate in the field
exercises of the Third Shock Army, possibly as onlookers. 50X1-HUM
5. [redacted] Comment. The troop train probably carried a tank unit of the 19th Gds Mezz
Div or 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt to the Jueterbog area for participating in
the field exercises of the Third Shock Army. 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] Comment. The troop train probably carried engineer units which had com-
pleted their training on the Elbe River. Another troop train from Aken and four
troop trains from Dessau were dispatched to Thuringia in early October 1953.
[redacted] 50X1-HUM
7. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the two troop trains were loaded with ele-
ments of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and/or headquarters units of the LXXIX 50X1-HUM
Mtz Rifle Corps. On 1 and 2 October 1953, additional troop trains [redacted]
[redacted] went from Letzlingen and Stendal respect- 50X1-HUM
ly to Burg. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
8. [redacted] Comment. All troop trains not commented on in [redacted] Comments 1 through
7 were previously known [redacted] The troop train allegedly
from Dresden to Schwerin on 25 September 1953 has not been identified. 50X1-HUM

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9. Comment. The tank turret [] and vehicle [] indicate that the troop train on 26 September 1953 probably carried elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Wurzen. The field howitzers, however, actually were 76.2-mm field guns. [] the troop train on 1 October 1953 was probably loaded with elements of the 23rd Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div from Oschatz. [] eight troop trains were dispatched from the Koenigsbrueck area to Roederau, Oschatz, Riesa, Meissen and Grossenhain between 1 and 5 October 1953. [] It cannot be definitely interpreted whether troops were carried back to their home stations or hauled to a training area. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
10. []
11. Comment. There are no indications that major troop contingents will be unloaded in the Gransee area at about 7 October 1953. 50X1-HUM
12. Comment. The troop trains from Neustrelitz carried the bulk of the 2nd Light Arty Brig [] back to its home station in Doeberitz; pertinent entrainings were observed at Neustrelitz, and unloadings reported from Doeberitz. Two additional troop trains hauled contingents of the brigade to Jueterbog for a two-day firing practice with live ammunition; one of the trains was observed passing through Satzkorn. 50X1-HUM
13. Comment. This troop train is reported for the first time and carried another component of the 10th Gds Tank Div back to Krampnitz. Between 30 September and 8 October 1953, the rail movement of this division included 26 troop trains to Krampnitz and 7 troop trains to Brandenburg. 50X1-HUM
14. Comment. The two troop trains probably carried tanks of the 7th Gds Mecz Div which returned to their home stations. 50X1-HUM
15. Comment. The assembling of the troop train [] Observations at the Satzkorn railroad station indicated that the train was loaded with an element of the 90th RL Regt [] which, on 10 October 1953, returned to Schoenewalde on the troop train [] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
16. Comment. The Goeschwitz railroad station is located south of Jena. The troop trains from Rathenow to Goeschwitz probably carried contingents of the IV Arty Corps possibly belonging to the 25th RL Brig. In most instances, such movement was indicative of a field exercise in the unloading area. Pertinent observations, however, are not yet available. 50X1-HUM

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