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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 26 October 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS The 5th and 6th shipments in paragraph 6 were previously reported [REDACTED]
the 6th shipment in paragraph 10 was previously reported [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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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 from Murzen to Roederau [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] included: a train of 47 boxcars on 24 September; and a train of 32 boxcars, and another train of 22 boxcars on 25 September.
2. On 9 October, the following troop trains were identified [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Composition of Troop Trains	Tons	From	To
11 CB, 2 B, 25 F	910	Altengrabow	Halle rail- road dis- trict
11 CB, 2 B, 42 F	930	"	"
9 CB, 2 B, 34 F	857	Kroepelin	Jena
11 CB, 3 B, 27 F	1,271	Altengrabow	Halle railroad district
9 CB, 2 B, 33 F	837	Neubukow	Jena

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3. [redacted] the following railroad cars were to be made available at Jueterbog-Altes Lager between 10 and 16 October:

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>
10	35 CB, 4 B, 135 F
14	3 CB, 17 B, 5 F
	8 CF, 4 B, 4 F
15	13 B, 1 F
16	2 CB, 5 B, 1 F

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4. [redacted] troop trains from Altengrabow to Wildpark on 12 and 13 October included: a train of 6 converted boxcars, 26 boxcars and 6 flatcars, [redacted] on 12 October; and a train of 5 converted boxcars, 17 boxcars and 37 flatcars, [redacted] and another train of 35 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars and 14 RRym-type flatcars, [redacted] on 13 October.⁴

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5. Troop trains from Jueterbog-Altes Lager [redacted] 10 and 11 October included: a train of 10 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 23 flatcars to Dallgow-Doerberitz,⁵ and another train of 1 boxcar and 11 flatcars to Grossenhain (C-3) on 10 October; and a train of 23 converted boxcars, 31 flatcars and 24 RRym-type flatcars to Dallgow-Doerberitz on 11 October.⁵

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6. [redacted] troop trains [redacted] between 12 and 15 October:

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
12	5 CB, 17 B, 38 F	Altengrabow	Wildpark
	9 CB, 12 B, 14 RRym	"	"
13	21 B, 30 F	Potsdam	"
14	30 B, 21 F	Wildpark	Stendal
	54 B	Magdeburg	Brest shuttle-train
15	54 B	Weimar	Litovsk

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7. The following railroad cars were to be made available on 14 and 15 October:

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
14	1 B, 23 SSy	Gruenau	Fuerstenwalde

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	8 CB, 1 B, 4 F	Jueterbog-Altes	Wildpark
		Lager	
15	1 CL, 6 F	Fuerstenwalde	"



8. [Redacted] prior to 16 October, numerous flatcars were to be assembled by all railroad subdistrict offices of the Berlin railroad district. The cars were to be dispatched to Erfurt.

9. Troop trains [Redacted] between 6 and 11 October included:

Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
6	41 B with soldiers	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterbog
	52 cars with artillery pieces and trucks	Koenigstrueck	Bad Berka
7	31 cars with tanks	Schwepnitz	Wurzen
8	42 cars	"	Muskau
	34 cars with tanks;	"	Meissen
9	46 cars with artillery pieces and trucks	Koenigsbrueck	Wurzen
	52 cars with artillery pieces and trucks	"	Nieder-Oderwit
	34 cars with tanks	Schwepnitz	Meissen
	5 F with five T-34 tanks	"	Cottbus
10	5 F, 2 B, five T-34 tanks	"	"
	28 cars with tanks	"	Fornitz
	31 " " "	"	Eilenburg
11	27 " " "	"	Leipzig



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10. The following troop trains were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station between 5 and 14 October:

Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
5	6 express coaches with about 120 officers wearing blue epaulets	Brest Litovsk	Muellrose
9	10 SSy with 10 JS-3 tanks, including	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder
	10 SSy with 10 JS-3 tanks	"	Frankfurt/Oder
	10 SSy with 10 JS-3 tanks	"	Fuerstenwalde
14	16 SSy, 1 F with 16 JS-3 tanks and 1 radio truck	"	Frankfurt/Oder
	52 B with soldiers	direction of Cottbus	Kuestrin

11. the following leave trains shuttled daily between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk: leaving Frankfurt/Oder, a train at 8:45 a.m., and the Blue Express at 4:10 p.m.; and arriving from Brest Litovsk, a train at 5:31 a.m., and the Blue Express at 10:55 a.m. Daily feeder train left Magdeburg and Berlin at 5:10 a.m., and Schwerin at 5:31 a.m. Prior to 10 October, an additional leave train left Frankfurt/Oder daily at noon, and arrived from Brest Litovsk at 2:37 p.m.. This train, however, was dropped from the schedule. Since about 5 October, the volume of daily leave traffic considerably decreased. EM on leave are not admitted to the Blue Express.

1. Comment. The dispatching of three troop trains from Wurzen on about 25 September 1953 was previously observed twice.

It is assumed that the trains carried elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which participated in field exercises beginning in the Grossenhain-Elsterwerda area on and out 26 September 1953 and extending to the Koenigsbrueck area.

2. Comment. These three troop trains previously reported to have been loaded in the Magdeburg railroad district. They possibly carried elements of the 43d Army Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army or contingents of the IV Arty Corps to field exercises of the Eighth Gds Army.

3. Comment. On 7 October 1953, the troop train went from Neubukow to Rudolstadt.

4. Comment. The troop trains from Altengrabow to Wildpark probably carried components of the 34th Arty Div (US) back to their home station. The troop train was previously reported

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[redacted] The movement of the troop train [redacted] from the Potsdam railroad station to Wildpark, and the unit probably transferred to Stendal on the troop train [redacted] cannot definitely be interpreted.

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5. [redacted] Comment. Troops returning from a two-day firing practice at Jueterbog on 10 October 1953 included: elements of the 2d Light Army Triz (US) to Doeberitz on the troop trains [redacted] and an element of the 90th EL Regt (US) to Veltan on the troop train [redacted]

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6. [redacted] Comment. The shuttle-trains reported in paragraph 6 are the first of this kind with the previously known [redacted] observed in the fall of 1953. The troop train to Kuestrin reported in paragraph 10 possibly was identical with shuttle-train [redacted] Reports from the Cottbus and Berlin railroad districts previously indicated the beginning of the repatriation movement of discharges.

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7. [redacted] Comment. On 14 October 1953, tanks of the 7th Gds Mecz Div probably were to be withdrawn from Berlin-Karlshorst.

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8. [redacted] Comment. The troop train [redacted] probably carried the same unidentified unit back to Potsdam which, on 9 October 1953, moved from Wildpark to Jueterbog on the troop train [redacted]

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9. [redacted] Comment. The flatcars probably were to be used for return shipments of units which had participated in maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army in the Ohrdruf-Jena-Rudolstadt area.

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10. [redacted] Comment. If the 41 boxcars actually carried military personnel, the train possibly was the first shipment of replacements from the USSR observed in the fall of 1953.

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11. [redacted] Comment. Bad Berka is located in the area where the Eighth Gds Army started maneuvers on 10 October 1953. However, the artillery unit loaded at Bad Berka cannot be identified from this information.

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12. [redacted] Comment. Most of the troop trains probably carried components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which returned to their home station in Wurzen, Eilenburg and Leipzig. The troop trains dispatched to Meissen possibly carried contingents of the 9th Tank Div and/or 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div. As the Hornitz railroad station is located between Riesa and Oschatz, the troop train to Hornitz probably carried tanks of the 9th Tank Div back to their home station. The Nieder-Oderwitz railroad station is located north of Zittau; the movement of a Soviet army unit to this area cannot yet be interpreted.

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13. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains were loaded with tanks of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. The three trains on 9 October 1953 were previously observed.

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