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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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

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1. The following is a list of shuttle-trains which [redacted] were dispatched via Kuestrin between 23 October and 14 November 1953 carrying military personnel except as noted:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
23 October	54 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
	55 B; empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
24 "	43 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
	50 B	"	"
	52 B	"	"
25	52 B	"	"
	54 B; empty	Berlin	Gerdauen
	53 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
	58 B; empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
26	52 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder

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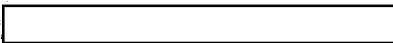
26	October	58 B; empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		50 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		52 B	"	Berlin
27	"	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		50 B	Frankfurt/Oder	"
		54 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
28	"	52 B	"	"
		57 B; empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		57 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		52 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
29	"	53 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		57 B ; empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		57 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
30	"	52 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		48 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		57 B; empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		57 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
31	"	55 B	"	"
		57 B	"	"
		52 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
1	November	47 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		56 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		57 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
2	"	53 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		55 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		57 B	"	"
3	"	53 B	"	"
		57 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
4	"	56 B	"	"
		55 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder

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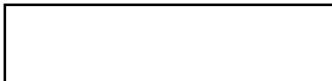
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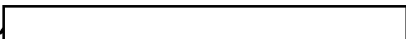
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5	November	52 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		57 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		55 B	"	"
		55 B	"	"
6	"	54 B	"	"
7	"	48 B; empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		52 B	"	"
8	"	53 B	"	"
		52 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		43 B	"	"
9	"	55 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		57 B	Gerdauen	Berlin
		53 B	"	Frankfurt/Oder
10	"	56 B	Gerdauen	"
		57 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		55 B	Berlin	"
		57 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
11	"	57 B	Berlin	Gerdauen
		55 B	"	"
		57 B	Frankfurt/Oder	"
		56 B	Berlin	"
12	"	55 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
		54 B	"	"
13	"	55 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		52 B	"	"
		50 B	"	"
		50 B	"	"
		51 B	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
14	"	53 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
		54 B	"	"

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2. On 9 November, a troop train of 8 boxcars and 14 flatcars with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks went from Weisswasser to Cottbus. <sup>2</sup>

3. Shuttle-trains with military personnel included:

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<u>Date in November</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9	55 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg
10	54 B	Guben	Dresden
	54 B	Meissen	Guben
11	56 B	Weimar	"
	55 B	Magdeburg	Frankfurt/Oder
	55 B	Kuestrin	Jueterbog
12	56 B	Magdeburg	Frankfurt
	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Chemnitz
	56 B	Jueterbog	Kuestrin
	54 B	Meissen	Guben
	55 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Chemnitz
13	54 B	"	Guben
	56 B	Fuerstenberg	"
	55 B	Kuestrin	Meissen
	56 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterbog
14	54 B	Guben	Chemnitz
15	56 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Weimar
16	54 B	Guben	Falkenberg
17	55 B	Guben	Jueterbog

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4. Eastbound shuttle-trains dispatched by order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters between 7 and 13 November included:

Via Kuestrin-Kietz

<u>Date in November</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>
7	54	Dresden railroad district
8	54	Jueterbog-Altes Lager

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12	54	Erfurt railroad district	-
	50	Berlin railroad district	-
	50	Berlin railroad district	-
13	undetermined	Dresden railroad district	-
<u>Via Guben</u>			
12	54	Magdeburg	-
	38	Cottbus railroad district	-
	39	Cottbus railroad district	-

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5. On 17 November, the cars of a train with military personnel which arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Brest Litovsk were redispached to Kummersdorf, Zerbst, Bernburg, and Wildpark respectively.
6. On 14 November, shuttle [Redacted] with military personnel was unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder. On 17 November, shuttle [Redacted] with military personnel was unloaded at Jueterbog-Altes Lager; the train was loaded at the same railroad station during the night of 18 November. 4
7. [Redacted] the following railroad cars were to be made available between 9 and 18 November:

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<u>Date in November</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>
9	21 B	Teltow
10	6 B	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	25 B	Teltow
11	8 B	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
<del>15</del>	15 B	Teltow
12	29 B	"
	9 B, 6 F	"
13	16 B	"
18	16 CB, 58 F	Wuensdorf
	7 B, 3 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager

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8. On 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, and 24 November, 30 winterized converted boxcars each were to be made available at Frankfurt/Oder by the Berlin railroad district headquarters. 5
9. Trains with military personnel observed on 6 and 12 November included:

<u>Date in November</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
6	53 B	Kuestrin	Rathenow-Nord
	10 B	Rathenow	Chemnitz
	10 B	"	Wildpark
	2 B	"	Frankfurt/Oder
12	53 B	Guben	Rathenow Nord

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10. On 7 November, five AA guns, two AA gun carriages, three generators, and boxes of various sizes were unloaded from 5 flatcars and 3 boxcars at the Rathenow railroad station.

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11. Military shipments from Fuerstenwalde observed at the Wittenberge railroad station on 8 and 9 November included: 4 x 76-mm AT guns to Perleberg on 8 November; and 1 boxcar and 3 flatcars with a sound locator and a generator to Schwerin on 9 November.

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12. Troop trains from Strausberg to Wustermark listed in railroad records between 9 and 17 November included:

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<u>Date in November</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>
9	10 CB, 35 B, 7 F
11	7 CB, 30 B, 20 F
17	undetermined

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13. Troop trains loaded at Justerbog-Altes Lager on 11, 12, and 13 November included:

<u>Date in November</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>
11	76 CB, 9 B
12	1 CB, 9 B, 5 RRym
13	22 CB, 4 B

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2.

[Redacted] Comment. The troop train probably carried artillery contingents of the 9th Meoz Div which returned to their home station after termination of combat firing practices at the Weiswasser troop training grounds. Observations, however, on conducting of combat firing practices at Weiswasser are available up to late October 1953 only.

3.

[Redacted] Comment. Trains [Redacted] totalled 21 eastbound trains and 27 westbound trains via Guben. [Redacted] the observations are believed to be generally correct. [Redacted]

4.

[Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] The shuttle-trains reported in paragraph 6 are commented on as follows:

[Redacted] On 8 November 1953, the train with discharges came from Bad Freienwalde and left East Germany via Guben. [Redacted] on 10 November 1953, the same train returned from the east via Kuestrin, was doubted. [Redacted] Comment 6. As the train probably returned to East Germany via Guben, its unloading at Frankfurt/Oder on 14 November 1953 is given credence.

[Redacted] On 11 November 1953, the train was last observed departing from Justerbog toward the east and [Redacted] dispatched via Guben and Frankfurt/Oder. [Redacted] The present information indicates that the train had probably arrived via Frankfurt/Oder and, obviously, had also left East Germany via Frankfurt/Oder on 13 November 1953.

5.

[Redacted] Comment. As the railroad cars were not requested to be transitworthy, the trains probably were employed in interzonal traffic.

6.

[Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] The two trains carried replacement units of the IV Arty Corps to Rathenow from where the soldiers were redispached to other posts of the corps on trains with a small number of cars.

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[Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] headquarters units of the IV Arty Corps at the Zieshen Kaserne in Rathenow.

8.

[Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] In mid-November 1953, an air technical school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army probably transferred from Strausberg to Doeberitz.

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