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shuttle-trains with military personnel

between 21 and 30 November 1953.

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Date in November	Number of Cars	From	To
21	54 CB, 1 G	Jueterbog Altes Lager	Greifswald railroad District
22	57 CB, 1 G	Kuestrin	Magdeburg
23	52 CB	Frankfurt Oder	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
	53 CB	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Guben
	55 CB	Kuestrin	Cottbus
24	54 CB	Guben	Jueterbog-Altes Lager Bathow
	56 CB	Frankfurt/Oder	Dresden
	55 CB	"	Wolmar
25	53 CB	Guben	Frankfurt/Oder
26	55 CB	undetermined	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	53 CB	Frankfurt/Oder	Fuerstenberg
	58 CB	Kuestrin	Magdeburg
	53 CB; empty	Neustrelitz	Mustermark
	53 CB; "	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Magdeburg
27	54 CB	Kuestrin	Fuerstenberg
	50 CB	Fuerstenberg	Halbe
28	8 CB	Guben	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	42 CB; empty		
29	42 CB; 1 G	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Guben
30	52 CB	Kuestrin	Cottbus

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2. The following trains were dispatched via the Guben railroad station between 28 November and 5 December:

Date	Number of Cars	From	To
28 November	52 CB, 1 G with military personnel	Cottbus	Kovel
29 "	52 CB, 1 B; empty	Jagodin	Cottbus
2 December	52 CB; empty	Jagodin	Erfurt
5 "	36 CB; empty and 6 B, loaded	Jagodin	Cottbus

3. On 26, 27, and 28 November and 6 December, a train with military personnel was dispatched to the east via Kuestrin.

Comment. The shuttle-trains are commented on as follows:

On 20 November 1953, the train passed with replacements through Kuestrin to the west and, according to the present report, probably went to Justerbog for unloading. Afterwards, the train was redispached to the Graifswald railroad district where, as a reemployment has not been observed, the train possibly was disassembled.

the train was empty and the train carried military personnel during its trip on 22 November 1953, the actual employment has not been determined. however, on 23 November 1953, the train was disassembled at Magdeburg. Thus, the data on the train in paragraph 2 probably are incorrect.

On 12 November 1953, the train arrived in the zone via Kuestrin. Between 12 and 23 November 1953, the train left the zone probably only once again and possibly for Brest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder.

on 22 November 1953, the train went from Cottbus to Jagodin. The present report indicates, however, that this observation was incorrect.

Following its unloading at Welmar on 24 November 1953, the empty train possibly was redispached to Justerbog for loading on 26 November 1953. the train left to the east via Kuestrin on 27 November 1953 and returned on 1 December 1953.

Previous information and the present report indicate that the train hauled military personnel to the west via Kuestrin on 17 November; went to Kovel via Guben about on 20 November; returned via Guben on 25 November to be unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder and Himmelpfort near Fuerstenberg; was redispached empty to Wustermark for cleaning on 26 November; went empty to Justerbog for reloading on 27 November; carried military personnel from Justerbog to Guben on 29 November; and returned, either empty or loaded with military personnel, from the east to Justerbog via Guben on 5 December 1953.

On 27 November 1953, the train was unloaded at Himmelpfort near Fuerstenberg and, probably empty, redispached to the Halle railroad district where the train possibly was disassembled. The other shuttle-trains do not furnish new information. Their employment was previously reported or they are continuing previous operations.

The observations indicate the termination of the replacement program during the first days of December 1953. Analysis of all shuttle-trains shows that

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totals of 70 eastbound trains, including 59 trains confirmed and 11 unconfirmed, with 96,000 discharges and 85 westbound trains, including 76 trains confirmed and 9 unconfirmed, with 117,300 replacements were dispatched. The totals of personnel were computed on the basis of the assumption that each shuttle-train carried an average of 1,380 men. Experience shows that the surplus of about 20,000 men will be equalized by a gradual discharge of the sick, and detaching or transfer of personnel during the next 12 months. Thus, an actual increase of the Soviet forces in East Germany is not expected.

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