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troop trains

on 27 and 28 September 1954:

CB - Converted Boxcar; B - Boxcar; F - Flatcar;

Date in September	Composition of Troop Trains	Dispatching Station
27	6 CB, 2 B, 38 F with medium AT guns	Schwerin
	3 CB, 2 B, 36 F with medium AT guns	Hagenow
28	6 CB, 2 B, 42 F with vehicles	Schwerin
	3 CB, 6 B, 42 F with vehicles	Schwerin
	12 CB, 4 B, 42 F with vehicles	Hagenow

These troop trains were the last trains which belonged to the rail movement from Mecklenburg to the Berlin railroad district via Wittenberge. Prior to 1 October, no return of these trains was observed.

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- Troop trains which went from Neubukow to Rue on 28 September included a train of 6 CB, 4 B, 48 F with 10 x 85-mm AA guns and vehicles, a second train of 19 CB, 4 B, 46 F with 10 x 85-mm AA guns, and four searchlights with generators, and 5 CB with uniformed women; and a third train of 10 CB, 4 B, 46 F with 10 x 85-mm AA guns.<sup>2</sup>

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- On 1 October, a train of 53 CB with soldiers arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Brest Litovsk. The train was unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder. On 2 October, soldiers boarded a train of 30 CB which was dispatched toward Eberswalde. On the evening of 2 October, a troop train of 10 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 6 tanks and 25 repair shop trucks arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Brest Litovsk.<sup>3</sup> On 3 October, a train of 23 CB with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Cottbus. On 4 October, a train of 25 CB with soldiers arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the direction of Guben, and another train of 54 CB with soldiers arrived from Brest Litovsk. The two trains were redispached to Berlin. On 4 October, a train of 63 empty CB was assembled at Frankfurt/Oder. The train was to be made available for transportation of soldiers from Magdeburg.<sup>4</sup>

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- 4. On 27 September, a troop train of 25 D and 46 F with soldiers, tanks and trucks was unloaded at Fuerstenwalde. The train came from Lieberose.<sup>5</sup> On 26 September, a troop train of 10 CB, 1 B, 34 F was dispatched from Fuerstenwalde to Binz.<sup>6</sup>

1. Comment. The five troop trains were probably the last trains which belong to the movement of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps to the corps' fall maneuver. The trains indicate that the maneuver in the Wiesenburg area did not begin before 22 September 1954.

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2. Comment. The troop trains carried units of the 6th Gds AAA Div back to their home station from firing practices which were held at the Wustrow and Range on and after 15 September 1954.

3. Comment. As the loading does not indicate that a troop unit from the USSR arrived at Frankfurt/Oder, the train was probably split up in two sections at the Frankfurt/Oder marshalling yard.

4. Comment. Except for trains which carry recruits directly to the army areas, Frankfurt/Oder will again serve as distributing point of replacements from the USSR in the fall of 1954. It is believed that the recruits are redispached from Frankfurt/Oder either on regular trains or on special trains such as went toward Eberswalde on 2 October and toward Cottbus on 3 October 1954.

5. Comment. The observation indicates that components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned after termination of summer training and the fall maneuver of the division. Similar observations were made at Fuerstenwalde.

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6. Comment. On 21 September 1954, a troop train with elements of the 4th AT Anty-Era was dispatched from Prora toward Stralsund. The present information indicates that these elements participated in the maneuver of the 10th Gds Tk Div which was held in the area east of Cottbus-Beeskow from 22 September to the evening of 25 September 1954.

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