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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains		
VALIDATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE		DATE PREPARED	22 November 1954
REFERENCES			25X1
PAGES	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)		25X1
REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information		25X1

CB - converted boxcars B - boxcars F - flatcars

the following troop trains with soldiers passed through the Cottbus railroad station between 6 and 19 October 1954:

Date	Number of Cars	From	To	
6	55 B	Guben	Dresden	
	55 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Erfurt	
7	54 B	"	Torgau	25X1
	55 B	Guben	Falkenberg	
	54 B	Dresden	Guben	25X1
8	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Halle	
	54 B	undetermined	Guben	
	54 B	Chemnitz	"	
9	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Halle	
	55 B	Koenigswusterhausen	Guben	
	54 B	Dresden	"	
	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Erfurt	
	54 B	Weimar	Frankfurt/Oder	
10	55 B	Frankfurt/Oder	undetermined	
	55 B	"	Falkenberg	

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10	22 B	Cottbus	Guben
11	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Leipzig
12	54 B	Guben	Dresden
	12 B	Cottbus	Frankfurt/Oder
	55 B	Wolmar	Guben
13	54 B	Dresden	"
	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Dresden
	55 B	Guben	Chemnitz
14	55 B	"	Koenigswusterhausen
	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Magdeburg
	54 B	"	Leipzig
	54 B	Dresden	Guben
15	20 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus
	34 B	"	Falkenberg
	10 B	Guben	Grossenhain
16	10 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus
17	54 B	"	Falkenberg
18	56 B	"	Magdeburg
	55 B	Guben	Dresden
	54 B	Magdeburg	Frankfurt/Oder
	12 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus
19	54 B	Guben	Dresden
	10 B	"	Luebben
	54 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Leipzig
	54 B	Magdeburg	Guben

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Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
3 F with three JS-3 tanks	Pelitz	Cottbus
3 B	Cottbus	Frankfurt/Oder
26 CB, 10 F with 6 JS 3 tanks and 4 trucks	Pelitz	Wolzow
12 B	Cottbus	Guben

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3. At about 0830 on 21 October, a troop train of 40 cars with about 12 large-caliber AT guns and an undetermined number of trucks with mortars came from the direction of Ohrdruf and went toward Weimar. At 2100, another troop train of 3 CB with soldiers, 3 B with equipment, 12 F with 24 P-34 tanks, [redacted] 6 F with trucks, [redacted] was observed at a railroad station between Erfurt and Weimar. The train was headed toward Weimar. [redacted]

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4. The following troop trains with soldiers passed through the Guben railroad station between 15 and 22 October:

Date in October	Number of Cars	From	To
15	54 B	Guben	Kovel
	54 B	Jagodin	Frankfurt/Oder
16	54 B	"	"
	54 B	"	undetermined
17	54 B	"	Frankfurt/Oder
	54 B	"	Cottbus
18	54 B	"	"
19	53 B	"	"
	54 B	Guben	Kovel
	54 B	Cottbus	"
	54 B	Guben	"
21	54 B	"	"
	54 B	Cottbus	"
22	54 B	"	"

5. The following troop trains with soldiers were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station between 20 and 23 October:

Date in October	Number of Cars	From	To
20	undetermined	Brest Litovsk	Frankfurt/Oder; train was unloaded
	60 B	Frankfurt/Oder	toward Cottbus
	60 B with air force personnel	Brest Litovsk	toward Eberswalde
21	46 B	"	Frankfurt/Oder; train was unloaded
23	60 B	"	"

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23	28 B	Frankfurt/Oder	undetermined
	45 B	"	"

6. Troop trains [redacted] on 17 and 20 October included a train of 14 B with soldiers and 38 B empty, shuttle-train [redacted] which went from Frankfurt/Oder to Brandenburg on 17 October; 3 and another train of 3 B, 8 F with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks which went from Wiesenburg to Dresden on 20 October. 25X1

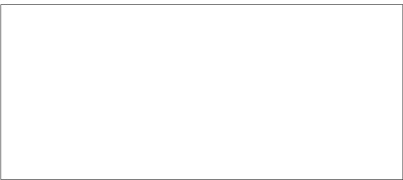
7. Between 11 and 21 October, an eastbound shuttle-train and a westbound shuttle-train both with soldiers were dispatched daily via Kuestrin. On 13 and 18 October, two shuttle-trains were dispatched to the east, while on 14 October, two westbound shuttle-trains were observed. 25X1

8. On 20 October, about 100 soldiers were entrained on four boxcars at the Satz Korn railroad station. The shipment [redacted] was bound for Kursk via Bernau. On 22 October, about 200 soldiers were detrained from nine boxcars at the Satz Korn railroad station. [redacted] 25X1

9. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains from Peitz to Cottbus and Welzow probably belong to the 30th Gds Hv Tk SP Regt of the 9th Meez Div. 25X1

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11. [redacted] Comment. For information on additional trips by shuttle-train [redacted]. 25X1



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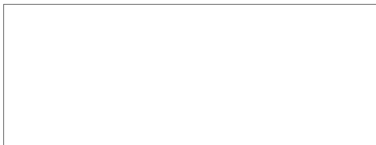


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