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The following is a summary of Soviet military activities observed prior to 2 January:

- General:** Individual training at posts and firing practice by tank, artillery and anti-aircraft units continued. The rate of arrival of anti-aircraft artillery increased. The shipment of new trucks, which started in early November, continued into the first half of December.
- Training and Troop Movements:** The bulk of the troops which had been absent from Grimma had returned to their posts by 19 December. A train with eleven T-34/85 tanks, two 85 mm AT guns, three trucks and three boxcars with troops went from Gotha toward Erfurt on 13 December. A train composed of 13 converted boxcars, 14 boxcars and four flatcars was dispatched from Potsdam to Chemnitz on 17 December. One boxcar with troops and five 85 mm AA guns, presumably a firing detail of the 32nd AAA division being shipped to Wustrow, was sent from Frankfurt/Oder to Neuruppin on 19 December. Anti-aircraft firing at Rerik involving planes from Puetnitz-Damgarten has been conducted weekly from Monday through Wednesday since mid-December. A train with six T-34/85 tanks going from the direction of Riesa toward Dresden passed Priestewitz on 20 December. Four 152 mm gun howitzers, five caterpillar tractors, two trucks and four boxcars with troops were entrained at the Wildpark railroad station for shipment to Altengrabow on 24 December. The dispatch of four converted boxcars, three boxcars and 18 flatcars from Wildpark to Altengrabow was observed on the same day. Another shipment consisting of four 152 mm gun howitzers, five caterpillar tractors, two field kitchens, one truck trailer and four boxcars was dispatched from Wildpark to Altengrabow on 27 December. Training grounds were under construction in the Briesen-Neubruck area, 15 kilometers east of Fuerstenwalde, on 13 December.
- Arms and Vehicle Shipments:** A shipment with 42 x 85 mm guns was seen enroute toward Berlin via Frankfurt/Oder on 4 December. About 1500 new two-axle and three-axle trucks were dispatched from Brest, via Frankfurt/Oder, to Dresden, Finsterwalde, Justerbog,

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Bernau and other Soviet posts in Germany between 4 and 19 December. About 750 old trucks, ninety percent of which were of American make, were dispatched toward Brest via Frankfurt/Oder. A troop train with 44 boxcars was dispatched from Cottbus to Kovel on 11 December.

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