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Soviet military convoys which passed through Eberswalde on 6/7 October 1957. A sketch showing unidentified equipment which was being towed by two-axled trucks; cylindrical sections of concrete piping being carried by four trucks; fuel drums which were being carried by six trucks; a truck with a body that extended over the drivers' cabin,

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SOVIET MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN EBERSWALDE AREA

(6/7 and 17 Oct 57)

1. EBERSWALDE TOWN

6/7 Oct 57

From 22.50 to 01.30 hours, a succession of Soviet motorised military columns drove through EBERSWALDE at approximately 5 - 10 minute intervals in an east-west direction, leaving along the FINOW road. Their place of origin was not known.

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All vehicles were driven with dimmed headlamps [redacted]

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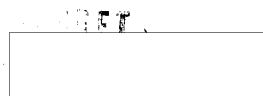
[redacted] The accompanying troops wore steel helmets. [redacted] trailers, mobile equipment and guns were nearly all equipped with pneumatic brakes. The following approximate count and identification of vehicles was made:

- (a) At least 60 heavy mortars with towing ring at the muzzle.
- (b) At least 12 medium sized mortars with barrels pointing rearwards to the line of march.
- (c) At least 35 heavy A/T guns, some with single and some with double wheels. All guns had muzzle brakes.
- (d) At least 20 light field howitzers, single wheels, very short barrel.
- (e) At least 25 A/A guns, 85m.
- (f) At least 25 APC 6 x 6.
- (g) At least 12 armoured reconnaissance vehicles, 2-axled.
- (h) 2 range finders mounted on a 2-axled trailer accompanying the A/A column.
- (i) At least 12 generators on 2-axled trailers.
- (j) At least 50 field kitchens.
- (k) 2 unidentified equipment generally as shown in Sketch no. 1 attached. These were towed [redacted] and were covered with tarpaulins.
- (l) At least 100 ammunition [redacted] with red flags.
- (m) 1 mobile crane with its jib overhanging in front of the driver's cabin.

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(n) [redacted] cylindrical sections of concrete piping of 10 - 15 cms thickness. Each section over-topped the side boards [redacted] by about 80 cms.

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[redacted] See Sketch no. 2 attached.

(o) At least 5 W/T trucks with aerials about 6 ft. high in the rear, the aerials being of the ordinary single vertical type.

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(p) [redacted] wooden baulks about 2m. longer than the [redacted] platform.

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(q) [redacted] fuel drums. Each drum of approximately 200 - 300 litres capacity.

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(r) [redacted]

(s) At lease 30 bowsers of various types flying red flags.

(t) At least 4 ambulance wagons [redacted] carrying a red cross.

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(u) At least 6 buses.

(v) At least 20 jeeps (probably GAZ-15).

(w) 5 or 6 staff cars,

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2. RAIL MOVEMENT

EBERSWALDE RAILWAY STATION

17 Oct 57

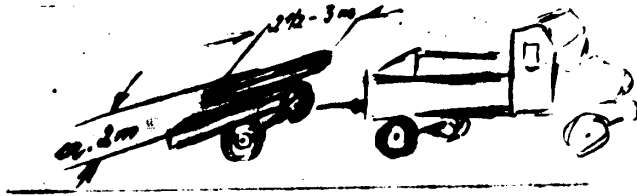
At 08.20 hrs, the following was seen halted at EBERSWALDE having come from the direction of FREIENWALDE for an unknown destination (no off-loading took place at EBERSWALDE.):

Goods train [redacted] and 5 - 6 closed G Wagons. 50X1-HUM

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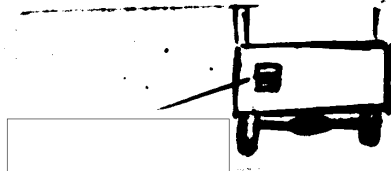
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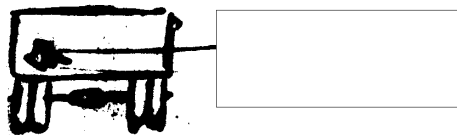


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