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report listing

13 shipments which were observed in the Wustermark area during the period of 24 January to 2 February 1958.

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MILITARY/ECONOMICSUNDRY SOVIET RAIL MOVEMENTS IN THE WUSTERMARK AREA(24 Jan - 2 Feb 58)1. 24 Jan 58WUSTERMARK Railway Station

At 0800 hrs the following formed part of a goods train bound for SEDDIN:

5 x 2-axled cistern [redacted] load [redacted] 25X1

2. 24 Jan 58DALLGOW Railway Station

At 1600 hrs the following military transport was loaded and left at 2000 hrs for an unknown destination:

- (i) [redacted] 25X1
 (ii) 40 x flats carrying
 (a) prime movers, mostly YA 12 but some larger than YA 12.
 (b) heavy guns, split trail type, single axle, twin wheels, calibre over 100 mm, and with muzzle brake.

On each YA 12 were 5 escort personnel with machine pistols.

3. 25 Jan 58WUSTERMARK Railway Station

0700 hrs, the following military transport from the direction of STENDAL passed through WUSTERMARK for SATZKORN where it was off-loaded:

- [redacted] 25X1
 (ii) 50 x flats carrying
 (a) LKWs
 (b) tracked prime movers
 (c) heavy guns as described in para 2 (ii) (b) above. The guns were towed away by the prime movers which had accompanied the train.

4. 25 Jan 58

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At 0900 hrs a Soviet Major in the Artillery passed through WUSTERMARK en route from BOTZOW to CRANIENBURG. [redacted]

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5. 27 Jan 58

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WUSTERMARK Cistern [redacted] Cleaning Plant

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At 1100 hrs 3 large and 7 small cistern

[redacted]
16 cistern [redacted] were standing in a siding awaiting despatch.

6. 28 Jan 58

CRANIENBURG Railway Station

At 1000 hrs a goods train which left in the direction of LOWENBERG had as part of its load one AFV with 5 bogey wheels, no turret and no guards.

7. 29 Jan 58

WUSTERMARK Shunting Yard

At 10.15 hrs the following Soviet military train was proceeding in the direction of NAUEN:

- (i) 1 x locomotive 25X1
- (ii) [redacted]
- (iii) 1 x passenger coach for escort party.
- (iv) 15 x flats

Each of the flats carried an AFV completely covered with tarpaulins. The bogey wheels were also covered. Each of the AFVs had a rectangular superstructure about twice the height of the chassis and covering it for almost the whole of its length and width.

Note: Empty goods wagons are frequently put between the locomotive and tarpaulined loads so that the latter are safely clear of sparks from the locomotive which might set fire to the tarpaulins.

8. 29/30 Jan 58

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By night two complete Soviet military trains ran between DOBERTIZ and FORST-ZINNA. [redacted]

9. 30 Jan 58

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WUSTERMARK Railway Station

At 0830 hrs the following cistern [redacted] left in the direction of SEDDIN:

- (i) 7 small cistern [redacted]) all with load
- (ii) 3 large cistern [redacted]

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10. 1/2 Feb 58

[Redacted]

DOBERITZ Railway Station

By night a military transport of 132 axles and a total load of 1100 tons was loaded in DOBERITZ for KLOSTER-ZINNA. The load consisted of:

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A/T guns, [Redacted] sundry equipment and troops.

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There was an exceptionally high percentage of 4 and 5-axled [Redacted] and one with 6 axles.

11. 2 Feb 58

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DOBERITZ Railway Station

At 0900 hrs a military transport with A/T guns [Redacted] attending equipment and troops was loaded and left for KLOSTER-ZINNA.

12. 2 Feb 58

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WUSTERMARK Shunting Yard

Forenoon, 16 x cistern [Redacted] were ready for despatch after cleaning.

13. 2 Feb 58

DOBERITZ Railway Station

At 1500 hrs a further Soviet transport loaded with A/T guns [Redacted] attending equipment and troops loaded at DOBERITZ and left for KLOSTER-ZINNA.

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