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Reichsbahndirektion Magdeburg

1. Derutra shipments during August 1948

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Commodity	No. of Cars	Amount in tons	Station of Origin	Station of Destination
Footgear	5	33	Burg	Wismar
Wooden building materials	6	27	Burg	Frankfurt/Oder
White sugar	105	1,574	Genthin	Wismar
Boards	7	98	Haldensleben	Warnemünde
Paint	3	34	Köthen	Rostock-Hafen
Crane parts	52	8	Köthen	Rosow
Machine parts	1,271	78	Magdeburg-Buckau	Rosow
Machine parts	275	25	Magdeburg-Buckau	Frankfurt/Oder
Fittings	371	31	Magdeburg-Hafen	Rostock-Hafen
Machine parts	226	35	Magdeburg-Hafen	Rosow
Wooden houses	449	60	Magdeburg-Nord	Brest-Litovsk
Spirits	335	19	Magdeburg-Neustadt	Shabücke (sic)
Model houses (Standardhäuser)	28	36	Magdeburg-Neustadt	Brest-Litovsk
Saccharine	2	20	Magdeburg-Südost	Frankfurt/Oder
Varnish	5	55	Magdeburg-Sudenburg	Cottbus
Machine parts	188	24	Magdeburg-Sudenburg	Grambow
Salt	237	11	Marienborn	Parby
Salt	436	970	Marienborn	Bad Schandau
Salt	493	8,674	Marienborn	Schönebeck
	36	576	Marienborn	Schöna

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Amount in tons</u>	<u>Station of Origin</u>	<u>Station of Destination</u>
Paraffin	33	35	Weissandt-Görlitz	Rostock-Hafen
Boards	2	50	Gommern	Rawa Ruska
Boards	6	93	Angern-Rogätz	Warnemünde
Boards	9	175	Mahlwinkel	Warnemünde
Paper goods	10	134	Aschersleben	Brest-Litovsk
Rock salt	32	611	Baalberge	Schönebeck
Rock salt	74	1,135	Baalberge	Barby
Machine parts	6	61	Ballenstedt-Ost	Brest-Litovsk
Boards	9	102	Ballenstedt-Ost	Warnemünde
Rock salt	120	2,221	Bernburg	Schöna-Grenze
Rock salt	23	420	Bernburg	Barby
Rock salt	63	920	Bernburg	Stettin
Machine parts	13	79	Egeln	Stettin
	23	1,245	Güsten	Brest-Litovsk
	23	386	Hettstedt	Rostock
Cement	309	4,944	Nienburg	Fürstenberg/Oder
Cement	201	3,215	Nienburg	Osterburg
Cement	536	2,175	Nienburg	Rostock
Cement	270	4,320	Nienburg	Wismar
Rock salt	326	6,240	Stassfurt	Schönebeck
Rock salt	402	7,674	Stassfurt	Schöna/Grenze
Rock salt	75	1,418	Stassfurt	Barby
Machine parts	19	157	Stassfurt	Rostock
Machine parts	17	226	Stassfurt	Rostock
Machine parts	7	80	Stassfurt	Frankfurt/Oder
Barracks	8	60	Stassfurt	Frankfurt/Oder
Dishes	4	34	Thale	Berlin-Osthafen
Dishes	26	147	Thale	Rostock
Dishes	10	49	Thale	Müllrose
Church bells	5	52	Ilseburg	Linz

## 2. Goods exported during August 1948

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Scrap metal	32	Russia
Scrap metal	2	Poland
Pit props	2	[redacted] 25X1
Rock salt	522	Czechoslovakia
Coke, gravel	4	Poland

## 3. Interzonal trade during August 1948: no figures reported.

Reichsbahndirektion Cottbus

## 4. Goods exported during August 1948

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Pit props	8	[redacted] 25X1
Boards	2	[redacted]
Glassware	2	[redacted]
Tar	52	Czechoslovakia
Scrap metal	5	Czechoslovakia

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5. Goods imported during August 1948

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Hard coal, coke	630	Poland, via Horka
Hard coal, coke	3,107	Poland, via Forst

6. Interzonal trade: no figures reported

Reichsbahndirektion Dresden

7. Import-export during August 1948

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Cement and kaolin, usually sent to the western zones, were delivered to Poland in considerable quantity. Hard coal arrived from Poland; some came by water and was loaded into trains at Dresden-Friedrichshafen station. One hundred cars of calcium and 32 cars of coke were received by the carbide industry from Poland.

8. Interzonal trade during August 1948

Interzonal trade was insignificant; nothing was dispatched via Gutenfürst, one transit carload and two cars of mercury were received via Gutenfürst from the west.

Reichsbahndirektion Erfurt

9. Reparations and Derutra shipments during August 1948: Total 3,519 cars; 49,541 tons.

To Wismar:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Porcelain	45	505
Typewriters	8	51
Glass	25	231
Machines	19	176
Wood	43	631
Chemicals	12	175
Cement	169	2,504
Clocks	3	21
Gypsum	54	825
Miscellaneous	12	134
	<u>390</u>	<u>5,253</u>

To Stralsund:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Machines	3	36

To Warnemünde:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Boards	390	5,576
Glass	2	12
Electrical equipment	3	25
Wood	3	398
	<u>398</u>	<u>5,658</u> *

To Bulgaria:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Typewriters	1	5

To Poland:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Scrap metal	318	4,577
"Umzugsgut"	1	5
Tiles	3	60
	<u>322</u>	<u>4,642</u>

\*Actual total is 6,011

To Rostock:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Machines	38	374
Bicycles	31	375
Electrical equipment	4	60
Cement	108	1,615
Rubber	40	345
Porcelain	1	12
Textiles	5	40
Paint	1	6
Automobiles	74	330
Miscellaneous	19	151
	<u>321</u>	<u>3,308</u>

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To Berlin-Osthafen:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Machines	1	7
Inlaid floors	3	45
Cement	144	2,020
Scrap metal	2	30
	<u>150</u>	<u>2,102</u>

To Fürstenberg:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Cement	115	1,630

To Sassnitz:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Insulators	1	12

To Stettin:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Machines	37	475
Scrap metal	100	1,575
Glauber's salt	52	751
Plumbing supplies	5	43
	<u>194</u>	<u>2,844</u>

To Insterburg:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Cement	300	4,500
Stoneware	5	37
	<u>305</u>	<u>4,537</u>

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	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Glass	2	11

To Czechoslovakia:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Salts	30	450
Gypsum	205	3,788
Glass	1	16
Machines	1	10
Comptometers	1	3
	<u>238</u>	<u>4,267</u>

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Glass	7	70
Automobiles	12	63
Miscellaneous	3	26
	<u>22</u>	<u>159</u>

To Königsberg:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
"Papierholz"	383	6,338
Spar	17	326
Tiles	1	20
	<u>401</u>	<u>6,684</u>

To Rava Ruskaya:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Boards	30	480
Scrap metal	26	452
Railroad ties	10	169
	<u>66</u>	<u>1,102</u>

To Brest-Litovsk:

	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Narrow-gauge rail- road vehicles	86	1,197
Roof tiles	93	1,466
Textiles	3	24
Machines and bridges	65	1,028
Scrap metal	51	836
Composition roofing	1	10
Plumbing supplies	22	155
Spar	43	485
Wooden houses	192	1,900
Furniture	26	150
Glass wool	8	40
	<u>590</u>	<u>7,291</u>

10. Other goods exported during August 1948

a. Potash

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Wisner	4,337	79,648
Stralsund	1,799	34,048
Insterburg	306	5,946
Poland	2,385	38,654
Yugoslavia	31	400
Brest-Litovsk	114	2,329
Fürstenberg	782	14,387
	<u>9,754</u>	<u>175,412</u>

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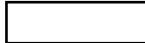
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11. Interzonal trade during August 1948

<u>Border station</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>
Gerstungen-Hönebach	411 cars	176 cars
Ellrich-Walkenried	-	-
Probstzella-Ludwigstadt	6 cars	46 cars
	417 cars	222 cars

Only transit shipments and mail cars were exchanged.

Reichsbahndirektion Greifswald

12. Goods imported during August 1948

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Pig iron	5	USSR
Coal and pig iron	95	Poland

13. Goods exported during August 1948

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Scrap metal, pit props	211	Poland
Oak trunks	9	Czechoslovakia
Boards	17	
Pit props	17	
Occupation traffic*	1,763	Russia

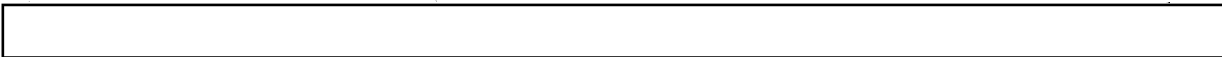
\*Consisting of troops, vehicles, railroad ties, roof tiles, planks and boards, wooden houses, booty, trophies, armatures, scrap metal, etc.



<u>Origin</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Soviet zone	24	Aluminum alloys, machine parts, textiles, cement, kaolin, cement goods, stoneware, porcelain, motor cycles, exhibition goods, and other miscellaneous goods.
Czechoslovakia	159	Chemicals, wire, iron pipes, glass, machines, mineral oil, whetstones, textiles, cement, stoneware, etc.



Hungary	4	Iron pipes, paraffin.
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<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Soviet zone	1	Relief supplies
Czechoslovakia	94	Chemicals, crude steel, fresh fish, rags, powdered milk, fish oil, crude granite, turpentine, wood, etc.

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Hungary 15 Chemicals, crude iron, rags, paper, etc

Reichsbahndirektion Schwerin

16. Goods exported and imported during August 1948

a. Exported by rail

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of trains</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Scrap metal	6	Russia
Wooden houses	1	Russia
Guns and artillery	1	Russia

b. Imported from Denmark via ferry:

<u>Carloads</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
2	Fish
10	Mail
18	Relief supplies
8	Miscellaneous goods

25X1 Exported  by ferry:

<u>Carloads</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
706	Boards
225	Round timber
9	Wood shavings
2	Paper
10	Miscellaneous goods
2	Grass seeds
1	Woven goods

d. Exported by sea:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of ships</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Russia		
via Rostock	10 steamers 1 sailboat	Reparations Reparations
via Wismar	6 steamers	Reparations
via Warnemünde	5 steamers	Cement and miscellaneous goods



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e. Loaded on trains from ships:

<u>Loading point</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Rostock	30,000	Grain
	4,465	Pyrites
	1,305	Bar iron
	195	Nickel
	150	Binding yarn
	105	Tin
	30	Copper
	30	Mercury
	120	Cellulose cotton
	90	Plant preservatives
Wismar	17,683	Grain
Warnemünde	915	Pyrites
Schwerin	2,400	Macadam
	160	Firewood
	150	Detergents
Dömitz	1,354	Macadam
	1,191	Hard coal
	574	Wheat
Boitzenburg	1,082	Coal
	2,276	Macadam
	2,477	Gravel
	202	Lime for manure
Wittenberge	4,040	Macadam
	2,960	Hard coal
	4,400	Briquettes
	23	Miscellaneous goods

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17. Reparations received for reshipment during August 1948

<u>Loading point</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Rostock	716	Cement
	196	Machines
	100	Wall plates
	55	Paraffin
	45	Transformers
	42	Cables
	32	Bicycles
	30	Kettles
	27	Film
	26	Glassware
	20	Household goods
	139	Miscellaneous goods
	1,428	
	Wismar	3,637
130		Glauber's salt
147		Wood
196		Sugar
367		Cement
397		Miscellaneous goods
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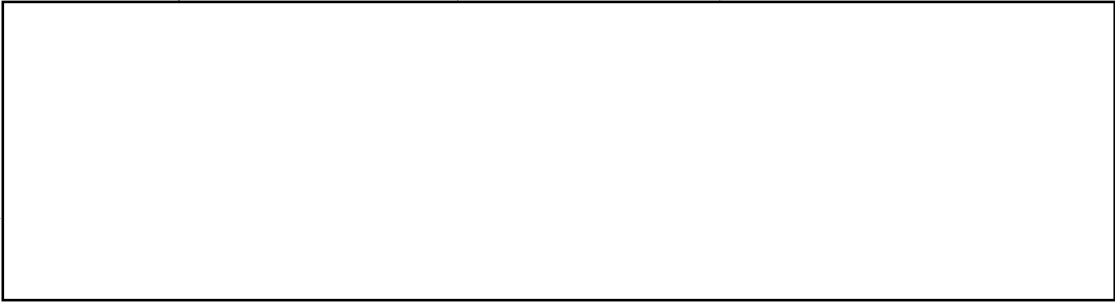
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<u>Loading point</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Warnemünde	435	Cement
	175	Machines
	123	Glass
	121	Electrical equipment
	109	Wall plates
	102	Coal
	398	Miscellaneous goods
	<u>1,461</u>	

Total number of carloads of reparations reshipped: 7,763

18. Interzonal trade during August 1948:



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Reichsbahndirektion Halle

19. Exports during August 1948:

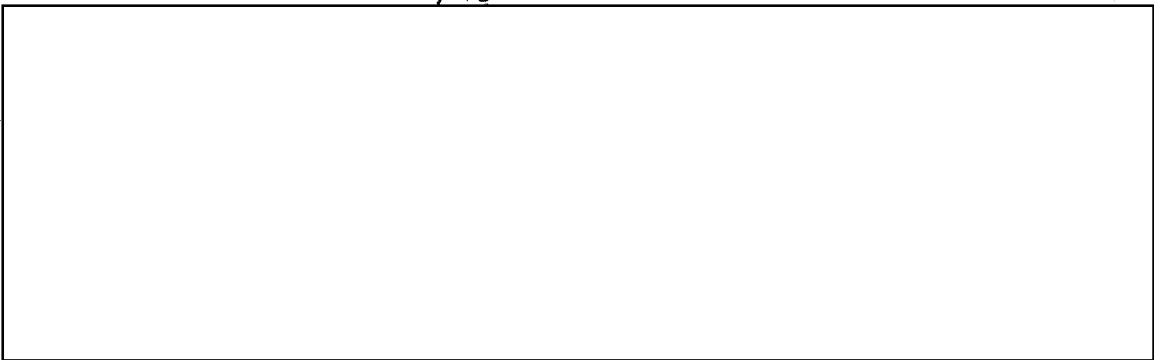
To Russia:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Cars</u>
Fertilizer	2
Food	8
Building material	306
Wood	60
Chemicals	91
Scrap metal	689
Metal	131
Miscellaneous goods	215
Troop transports	671
	<u>2,173</u>

To Poland:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Cars</u>
Wood	7
Fuel	171
Chemicals	9
Scrap metal	729
Metal	1
Miscellaneous goods	60
	<u>977</u>

To Czechoslovakia:



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To various countries via Stettin:

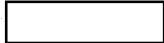
Building materials	29
Fuel	46
Chemicals	135
Scrap metal	377
Metal	131
Miscellaneous goods	7
Troop transports	4
	<u>729 *</u>

\*Actual total is 829

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Rail traffic is at a standstill; truck traffic is reviving.

Reichsbahndirektion Berlin

21. Grain shipment received in Berlin from Russia totaled 1,951 cars with 30,781 tons of Russian wheat. These were received from Wismar and Rostock (25 trains; 1,007 cars; 15,446 tons) and from Brest-Litovsk (22 trains; 944 cars; 15,335 tons).

22. Interzonal and foreign traffic:

a. Interzonal traffic: no figures reported

b. Foreign trade:

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via Küstrin

To Russia and Poland: Küstrin freight office forbidden to report figures.

From Russia and Poland: 420 cars 2,669 tons

via Frankfurt/Oder

To Russia and Poland:  
Ordinary traffic 6,002 cars 72,024 tons  
Occupation traffic 3,175 38,100

From Russia and Poland:  
Ordinary traffic 2,319 cars 39,167 tons  
Occupation traffic 1,664 8,629 tons

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