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1. A serious shortage of railroad cars, particularly open cars, was reported by all Reichsbahndirektionen for the month of October 1948. The shipment of important quantities of finished products was delayed, since priority had to be given to the potato and beet harvest. In Berlin, the situation was aggravated by the fact that the by-passing of the western sectors increased the circulation period of cars, and that, under present circumstances, cars destined for the western sectors remain in Berlin stations longer than usual.

2. Reichsbahndirektion Magdeburg

<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Lumber	1,144.5	Stettin
	301.8	Warnemuende
	89	Poland
Cylinders	84.7	Frankfurt/Oder
Pumps	16	Rossow
Chinaware	98	Rostock
	96	Berlin-Rummelsburg
Prefabricated wooden houses and agricultural machines	720	Frankfurt/Oder
Prefabricated wooden houses	311	Frankfurt/Oder
	193	Brest-Litovsk
Construction models	34	Rostock
	6	Stettin
Railroad ties	88	Rava Ruskaya
Footgear	50	Rostock
Crane parts	46	Stettin
Rock salt	1,760	Ust
	1,177	Schoena
	378	Magdeburg-Elbbahnhof
	6,313	Schoenebeck/Elbe
Machine parts, iron	408	Frankfurt/Oder
	1,914	Rossow
Car parts, iron	29	Stettin Harbor

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<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Short-wave therapy apparatus	7	Rostock
Roofing paper	65	Wismar
Table salt	6,746	Schoenebeck & Barby
Fittings	102	Rostock
	4	Rosow
Electrical motors	3	Rostock
Centrifugal pumps	5	Rosow
Iron pipes	43	Stettin
Paper goods	13	Brest-Litovsk
Cardboard	47	Brest-Litovsk
Fluor-spar	1,377	Kuestrin-Kietz
Fibre wood	468	Kuestrin-Kietz
Non-ferrous metals	190	Rostock
Cement	3,400	Stettin
	1,400	Berlin-Osthafen
	3,400	Insterburg
	700	Wismar
	900	Schoenebeck
Soda	823	Frankfurt/Oder

## 3. Goods exported during October 1948:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Scrap iron	3,028	Poland
	752	Russia
Fibre wood	360	Russia
Railroad ties	103	Russia
Magnesium chloride	211	Denmark

Reichsbahndirektion Cottbus

## 4. Goods exported during October 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Czechoslovakia	45	Gravel
	1	Glassware
	69	Tar
Denmark	2	Glass

## 5. Goods imported during October 1948:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Poland (via Horka)	2,617	Hard coal and coke
(via Forst)	5,191	Hard coal and coke
Sweden	3	Cellulose

6. During the same period, nine trains with a total of 420 cars arrived from Poland with German resettlers, while one train of 33 cars proceeded to Poland with Polish repatriates.

Reichsbahndirektion Erfurt

## 7. Reparations deliveries during October 1948:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Potash	12,290	Stettin
	40,937	Wismar
	19,145	Stralsund
	8,812	Berlin-Osthafen
	195	Brest-Litovsk

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<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Glauber salt	6,042	Wismar
Sugar	1,455	Wismar
	2,625	Rostock
	210	Insterburg
	495	Brest-Litovsk
Plaster	1,235	Wismar
Chinaware	599	Wismar
	10	Stralsund
Lumber (including fibre wood, etc.)	108	Wismar
	9,484	Warnemuende
	1,974	Stettin
	4,513	Koenigsberg
	3,575	Rava Ruskaya
Miscellaneous consumers' goods	739	Wismar
Miscellaneous equipment & consumers' goods	1,106	Brest-Litovsk
	1,577	Stettin
	31	Koenigsberg
	2,473	Stralsund
	8	Warnemuende
Glass	90	Fuerstenberg
Cement	3,195	Rostock
	4,170	Berlin-Osthafen
	10,010	Insterburg
Automobiles	560	Stettin
Bicycles & motorcycles	228	Stettin
Machines	1,215	Stettin
	60	Insterburg
Scrap iron	20	Stettin
	16	Rava Ruskaya
Fruit, also furniture	74	Rostock
Spar	503	Insterburg
	250	Koenigsberg
Bricks	1,845	Brest-Litovsk
Cars for narrow-gauge railroads	1,360	Brest-Litovsk
Prefabricated wooden houses	5,918	Brest-Litovsk
Machine parts	943	Brest-Litovsk
Spirits	197	Brest-Litovsk
Earthenware	86	Brest-Litovsk
Railroad ties	20	Rava Ruskaya
Paints	12	Rava Ruskaya
Roofing paper	160	Rava Ruskaya

## 8. Goods exported during October 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Article</u>
Poland	9,248	Potash
	8,288	Scrap iron
	8,995	Coal
	226	Wood
Czechoslovakia	585	Plaster
Denmark	15	Glassware & misc.goods
Sweden	8	Chinaware
Switzerland	56	Glass and chinaware
Yugoslavia	133	Potash
Italy	6	Typewriters
Norway	5	Typewriters

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9. During the month of October, 8,515 prisoners of war returned from the western zones via Gerstungen and Arenshausen to the eastern zone, while 7,276 prisoners of war and 107 children proceeded to the western zones.

Reichsbahndirektion Greifswald

10. Derutra shipments for the month of October consisted of 4,055 cars carrying 63,972 tons of freight to Stettin harbor, containing machine parts, gasoline, tar oil, Buna, cement, potash, scrap iron, lumber, briquettes, automobiles, and other miscellaneous goods. During the same period, Derutra imports amounted to 104 cars, load 1,979 tons, containing crude iron, zinc, and fish from Kolberg.
11. In addition, the RBD Greifswald dispatched during the same period 4,658 cars for the Russian occupation forces, containing requisitioned material, troops, vehicles, reparations goods, fuel, RR ties, lumber, wooden houses, cables, fittings, iron constructions, and other miscellaneous goods for Russia.
12. Good exported during October 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Poland	164	Lumber and timber for mines, and scrap iron
Sweden	23	Machine parts, type-writers, textiles, horses, and miscellaneous goods
Denmark	61	Lumber

Goods imported during October 1948:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Poland	150	Coal, coke, crude iron
Sweden	8	Herring, wooden hangar, and miscellaneous goods
USSR	104	Crude iron, zinc

Reichsbahndirektion Schwerin

13. Reparations shipments during October 1948:

<u>Transshipment Point</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>	
Rostock	522	Briquettes	164	Machines	
	92	Wall plates	83	Paraffin	
	43	Cement	43	Potash	
	42	Sugar	32	Roofing paper	
	21	Cables	31	Electro-carts	
	16	Fittings	21	Raw materials	
	14	Varnish	17	Crane parts	
	13	Rubber goods	15	Iron containers	
	13	Sewing machines	271	Misc.goods	
	Wisnar	2,170	Potash	434	Glauber salt
		63	Sugar	12	Roofing paper
		34	Plaster	29	Potassium
		84	Cement	73	Misc.goods
Warnemuende	30	Paints	92	Roofing paper	
	61	Machines	52	Paraffin	
	12	Sheet brass	14	Beer barrels	
	14	Shoes	15	Carpets	
	36	Sugar	92	Misc.goods	

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## 14. Other goods exported during October 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Denmark	301	Timber
	249	Lumber
	10	Magnesium chloride
	17	Misc. goods
Austria	unspecified (4 trains)	Potatoes
Russia	67	Coal from Upper Silesia
	unspecified (5 trains)	Prefabricated wooden houses
	1 train	Scrap iron
	1 train	Guns
	1 train	Wall plates

## Goods imported during October 1948:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Denmark	12	Coal	114	Potatoes
	24	Fish	16	Charitable donation
	4	Casein	1	Fish scales
	4	Lamps	6	Fruit
Holland	unspecified (6 trains)	Superphosphate	33	Misc. goods

<u>Origin</u> <u>(Transshipment Point)</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Amount in Tons</u>	<u>Article</u>
Rostock	3,882	Pyrites	3,187	Iron
	256	Used paper	1,546	Misc. goods
	945	Potatoes	210	Tanning matter
	250	Cellulose	120	Paving stones
	100	Zinc	50	Casein
Wismar	2,000	Cellulose	6,067	Superphosphate
Warnemuende	4,920	Herring	525	Magnesite
	1,905	Butter	390	Used paper
	70	Asbestos	105	Tobacco
	50	Steel		
Schwerin	1,800	Crushed stones	255	Soap products
	20	Salt	35	Misc. goods
	15	Lumber		
Boizenburg/Elbe	2,683	Coal	454	Crushed stones
	57	Fertilizer lime	32	Iron bars
Doemitz	1,324	Coal	190	Wheat
Wittenberge	2,100	Crushed stones	2,300	Briquettes
Waren	130	Potatoes	103	Soap products

## 15. Goods shipped by boat during October 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Ships</u>	<u>Article</u>
Russia		
via Rostock	11 steamers	Reparations goods
via Warnemuende	2 steamers	Reparations goods
via Wismar	2 steamers	Misc. goods

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<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Ships</u>	<u>Article</u>
<u>Scandinavian countries</u>		
via Wismar	12 steamers 76 sailboats 2 steamers 3 sailboats 1 steamer	Potash Glauber salt Plaster Lumber
Netherlands	2 sailboats	Glauber salt

Reichsbahndirektion Halle

## 16. Good exported during October 1948:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Article</u>
Russia	2	Food	840	Construction material
	37	Lumber	44	Scrap iron
	126	Chemicals	235	Metals & machines
	188	Misc. goods	466	Piece goods
Poland	1	Cattle	444	Gasoline
	10	Lumber	72	Chemicals
	1,981	Scrap iron	87	Misc. goods
Czechoslovakia	1	Salt	1	Gasoline
	5	Lumber	2	Chemicals
			12	Misc. goods
Sweden	8	Scrap iron		
Denmark	4	Lumber	1	Misc. goods
Yugoslavia	14	Misc. goods		
Austria	10	Chemicals	27	Misc. goods
Italy	4	Misc. goods		
Switzerland	1	Chemicals		
Various countries via Stettin	1	Food	1,512	Coal
	60	Lumber	27	Gasoline
	179	Chemicals	41	Scrap iron
	277	Machines & Machine parts	90	Misc. goods
	1	Military goods		

Reichsbahndirektion Berlin

## 17. Shipment to Russia and Poland during October 1948:

- a. by way of Kuestrin-Kietz  
Ordinary traffic 11 cars 130 tons (contents unspecified)
- b. by way of Frankfurt/Oder  
Occupation traffic 1,493 cars 17,916 tons (contents unspecified)  
Ordinary traffic 6,037 cars 72,444 tons (contents unspecified)

## 18. Imports from Russian and Poland during October 1948:

- a. by way of Kuestrin  
Ordinary traffic 60 cars 691 tons (contents unspecified)
- b. by way of Frankfurt/Oder  
Occupation traffic 1,157 cars 12,754 tons (contents unspecified)  
Ordinary traffic 2,336 cars 39,650 tons (contents unspecified)

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