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TOPIC Soviet Military Rail Movements on the Frankfurt/Oder-Brest Litovsk Line

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 23 to 31 March 1950

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 1 May 1950

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The following military rail movements were [REDACTED] on the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) - Poznan (P 53/X 26) - Warsaw - Brest Litovsk (S 53/M 87) line between 23 and 31 March 1950.

- 1. Leaving Frankfurt/Oder 23 March 1950 and arriving Brest Litovsk 27 March 1950:

A train of 50 railroad cars loaded with coal.

- 2. Leaving Brest Litovsk 27 March and arriving Frankfurt/Oder 31 March 1950:

A train of 23 boxcars, occupied by about 200 officers ranking from second lieutenant to captain and about 400 young soldiers without decorations, wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

The train also carried fifteen new, unnumbered, two-axle trucks and fifteen new AT guns of 70 to 80 mm caliber with muzzle brake, about 3.5-meter-long barrels, gun shield, split-trail gun carriage and single pneumatic tires.

The officers and soldiers were dispatched for Justerbog (N 52/E 69) and the trucks and guns to Magdeburg (L 53/Y 67) during the night of 31 March 1950, according to a Frankfurt/Oder railroad employee of the train dispatch office. *

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- 3. While passing through Neu-Bentschen (O 53/W 53), [REDACTED] observed a train enroute to Brest. The train stopped at the station the morning of 31 March 1950. Twelve tanks with five bogie wheels on each side and three-meter-long barrels without muzzle brake could be seen on the train. **

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- 4. [REDACTED] did not observe any other military trains on his round trip. Except at Brest all Polish stations on the

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line had rather small stocks of coal.

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- * Shipment of personnel and material from the Soviet Union. The officers were shipped to the Soviet Zone of Germany under the known replacement program (young bachelor officers from the Soviet Union replacing older, married officers who have served in the Soviet Zone of Germany for several years). The EM were shipped to the Soviet Zone of Germany to fill vacancies.
- ** Evacuation of T34 tanks to the Soviet Union, probably for repair.

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