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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Rail Shipments 50X1-HUM

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REMARKS

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1. A train carrying 52 new trucks was en route from the U.S.S.R to Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf on 24 June 1950.
2. A train of an undetermined number of freight cars carrying 52 crates containing aircraft parts, and two boxcars occupied by AF personnel was seen on 28 June 1950. The train came from Falkenhagen and was bound for Brest Litovsk. (2)
3. A 50-boxcar troop train carrying 1,500 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets was seen on the Guben-Frankfurt /Oder-Berlin line on 3 July 1950. (3)
4. The rail shipments observed on 5 July 1950 included the following:

<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To</u>
10 RR cars with ammunition	U.S.S.R. to Dammnwalde to
6 RR cars with ammunition	Roederau
10 RR cars with ammunition	to Alten-grabow
5 RR cars with ammunition	to Finow
7 RR cars with ammunition	to Alten-hain
26 tank cars containing gasoline	to Velten

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5. Troops going on furlough in trains from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk were observed at a rate of 150 per day on and after 24 June 1950. The number of troops increased to 500 per day from 2 to 5 July 1950. (4) Troops arriving in Frankfurt/Oder from Brest Litovsk still averaged 1,000 per day during that period. (5)

6. Two hundred soldiers arrived at the Tschentín airfield aboard a train from Frankfurt/Oder the night of 1 July 1950. They wore red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. (6)

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Comments.

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- (1) Supply shipment.
- (2) Possibly parts of wrecked aircraft. The AF personnel presumably went to the U.S.S.R for leave or demobilization.
- (3) Presumably a train with recruits going to the Soviet Zone of Germany, possibly via Forst.
- (4) Possibly soldiers due for demobilization. It is hard to distinguish between personnel going on leave and personnel to be discharged.
- (5) Presumably the daily leave train Ru-42, going from Frankfurt to Brest Litovsk, and Ru-41 running in the other direction. The train has a capacity of about 1,000 men. The soldiers were either recruits or personnel returning from furlough. In the latter case, the unusually large volume of troops returning from furlough may be indicative of a recall ahead of schedule.
- (6) Arrival of recruits.

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