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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Rail Shipments Through Frankfurt/Oder

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1. Shipments observed in Frankfurt/Oder between 19 and 23 October 1950 included:

| <u>Shipment</u>  | <u>From-To and Date</u>                                      |      |
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| Eleven boxcars, 11 flatcars<br>30 gondola cars and one<br>tank car with troops | Kuestrin to Guben<br>19 October                              | 25X1 |
| Fifty-five boxcars with<br>troops; shuttle-train                               | Kuestrin to Cottbus<br>19 October                            | 25X1 |
| Fifty-seven boxcars with<br>troops:  | From the direction of<br>Cottbus to Eberswalde<br>20 October | 25X1 |
| Seven boxcars, 21 gondola<br>cars, 10 flatcars and 14<br>tank cars with troops | Frankfurt/Oder toward<br>Berlin<br>20 October                | 25X1 |
| One tank car with<br>Diesel oil;   | Brest Litovsk to<br>Dresden-Friedrichstadt<br>20 October     | 25X1 |
| One tank car with<br>motor oil;  | Brest Litovsk to Velten<br>20 October                        | 25X1 |
| One boxcar with military<br>goods and 3 tank cars;                             | Brest Litovsk to Velten<br>20 October                        | 25X1 |
| Seventeen new trucks   | Brest Litovsk to Chem-<br>nitz-Hilbersdorf<br>21 October     | 25X1 |
| Three boxcars with medical<br>instruments                                      | Eberswalde to Fuersten-<br>walde<br>21 October               | 25X1 |

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| <u>Shipment</u>   | <u>From-To and Date</u>  |      |
|---|--|------|
| One boxcar with military goods  | Fuerstenberg to Fuerstenwalde<br>21 October  |      |
| Two boxcars with military goods:<br>[redacted]                        | Brest Litovsk to Muellrose<br>21 October   | 25X1 |
| Two boxcars with military goods:<br>[redacted]                        | Brest Litovsk to Berlin-Rummelsburg<br>21 October  | 25X1 |
| Thirty-eight boxcars and 20 gondola cars with troops                  | Gerdauen via Kuestrin to Frankfurt/Oder, where the troops were unloaded and moved toward Berlin. The empty train left toward Cottbus.<br>22 October. | 25X1 |
| Fifty-three boxcars with troops<br>[redacted]                         | From the direction of Guben to Eberswalde<br>22 October  | 25X1 |
| One tank  | Eberswalde to Fuerstenwalde<br>22 October  |      |
| One boxcar with trousers  | Bischofswerda to Bernau<br>22 October  |      |
| Fifty-five boxcars with troops  | Lieberose toward Werbig<br>23 October  |      |
| One boxcar and 24 flatcars with guns:<br>[redacted]                   | Brest Litovsk to Fuerstenwalde<br>23 October   | 25X1 |
| Two boxcars and 2 gondola cars with undetermined cargo:<br>[redacted] | Brest Litovsk to Dannenwald<br>23 October  | 25X1 |
| [redacted]  |  | 25X1 |

Comments.

- (1) Trains of similar composition were also observed in Kuestrin on 15 October 1950, coming from Gerdauen and proceeding toward Cottbus. [redacted] It is noticeable, however, that these trains were composed of boxcars for troops as well as flatcars and gondola cars suited for the transportation of vehicles and material, flatcars being particularly suited for carrying tanks. Since no reports indicated that the trains carried whole units, it is believed that the boxcars were also utilized in Gerdauen for the transportation of recruits and the flatcars and gondola cars for supply shipments of arms and equipments. Any new units arriving in Germany could be detected [redacted]
- (2) Shipments of recruits on shuttle-trains [redacted] It seems possible that shuttle-trains [redacted] arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany via Guben, since only shuttle-trains [redacted] have been observed at the Kuestrin border crossing point. [redacted]

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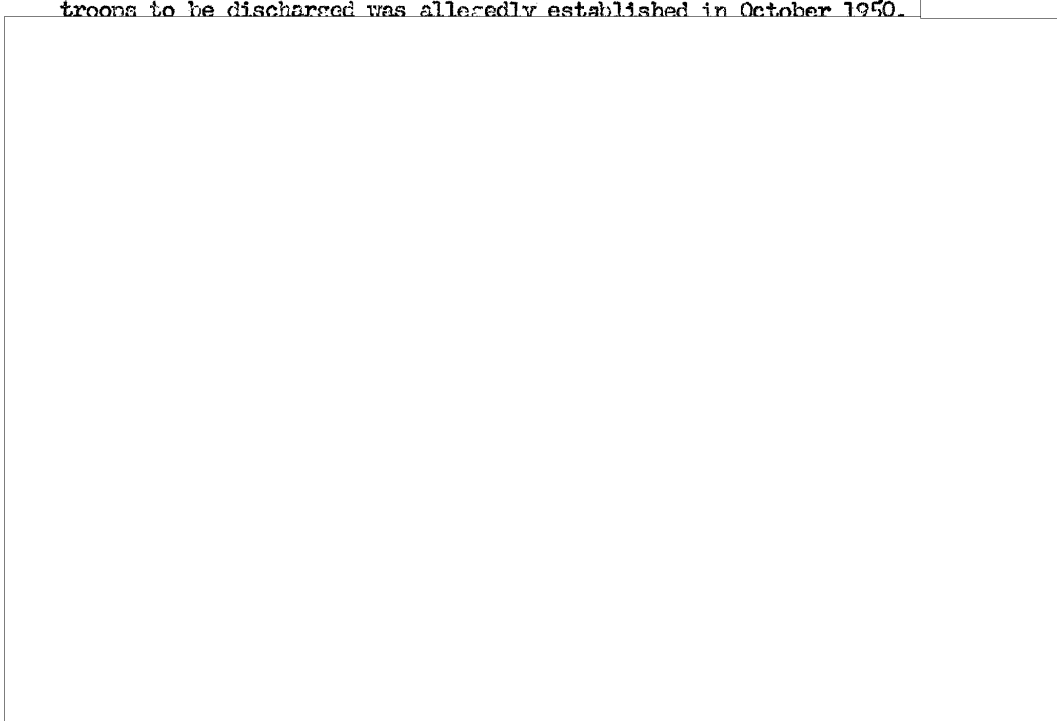
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(3) Probably a train carrying soldiers due for demobilization. The train either proceeded directly to the east from Werbig via Kuestrin or was dispatched from Werbig to Bad Freienwalde, where a processing camp for troops to be discharged was allegedly established in October 1950.

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