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1. Scheduled leave trains departing from Frankfurt/Oder toward Brest-Litovsk were virtually empty in April 1951, whereas the leave trains coming in from Brest-Litovsk were about 80 percent occupied. In addition to the scheduled leave trains, regular passenger train [redacted] was employed as leave train on its runs from Brest-Litovsk to Frankfurt/Oder on 9, 11 and 19 April. *

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2. Twelve empty coaches and 1 kitchen car were dispatched to Brest Litovsk on 7 May; 8 empty coaches on 8 May; and 12 empty coaches on 9 May.

3. Seventy-five officers got off the leave train which arrived in Frankfurt/Oder from Brest Litovsk at 5 p.m. on 10 May, and proceeded to the Hofbauer Kaserne

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* [redacted] Comment. Two pairs of leave trains, [redacted] [redacted] shuttled on the Frankfurt/Oder-Brest Litovsk railroad line from the beginning of November 1950 until 23 January 1951. There was only one pair of leave trains daily between 24 January and 24 February, while the second pair of leave trains was dropped from the schedule on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and, after 25 February 1951, also on Sundays. [redacted]

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. It seems probable that because the divisions were starting to move to the troop training grounds, leave traffic to the U.S.S.R. was curtailed but the trains returning to Frankfurt/Oder still carried personnel returning from furlough. The passenger train [redacted] was probably employed to haul these troops back to the Soviet Zone of Germany. It is possible that some of the trains may have also carried a limited number of young replacements from the U.S.S.R. Compare with observations made in Rathenow in mid-April 1951. See

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