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1. In January 1951, a plan of the ammunition depot at Toepchin (N 53/2 91) was transmitted by the depot commandant to the Berlin regional railroad headquarters in order to have some minor alterations in the depot's track system entered on it. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] The depot area was about 2 km square and was subdivided into two zones. [redacted]

3. Two Soviet units were stationed at the ammunition depot. They allegedly were subordinate to a general in Potsdam who inspected the installation twice a year. One of the units [redacted] was commanded by Major Shavallo (fnu). It numbered about 30 officers and 70 RM. On 1 February, the unit employed 53 German workers, including 39 who handled ammunition. The other unit was commanded by Major Marinovka (fnu), and numbered about 30 officers and 50 RM. On 1 February, only 8 Germans were employed by this unit. All German employees lived outside the installation.

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4. In mid-December 1950, nearly all the officers of the ammunition depot were replaced. One of the officers said that he was to attend a course in Potsdam.

5. On 19 December 1950, about 20 German workers, mostly women, were discharged by the ammunition depot without an explanation. No replacements were hired by 13 January 1951.

6. Work at the depot between 15 January and 10 February 1951 included:

15 to 27 January. Cleaning and crating of 120-mm shells which were about 56 cm long without fuses. The semifixed cartridge had a length of about 30 cm. One box containing 2 shells and 2 cartridges weighed about 70 kg. Packing slips were put in each box. Cleaning and crating of rifle ammunition in a packing shed. An unidentified number of boxes, each containing 1,000 rifle cartridges, and an additional shipment of light mortar shells were loaded in four railroad cars during the night of 26 January. Loading work was usually done at night by Soviet soldiers only.

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28 to 31 January. Cleaning and crating of 120-mm shells which were 56 cm long without fuse. A semifixed cartridge had a length of 30 cm. A box containing 2 shells and 2 cartridges weighed 70 kg.

1 to 10 February. Cleaning, crating and loading of mortar shells which had a maximum diameter of 14 cm and a tail with 12 fins. A box containing two shells weighed 45 kg. Packing slips were put in each box. The daily quota of 135 mortar shells for a group of eight female workers was seldom fulfilled. [Redacted]

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7. Ammunition shipments which arrived at the ammunition depot at Toepchin between 9 December 1950 and 14 February 1951 included:

<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From, Time and Date</u>	
27 boxcars; [Redacted]	Frankfurt/Oder at 3 a.m. on 9 December	[Redacted] 50X1-HUM
26 boxcars; [Redacted]	Frankfurt/Oder; at 3 p.m. on 9 December	[Redacted]
5 boxcars; [Redacted]	Frankfurt/Oder; at 8 a.m. on 15 December	[Redacted]
10 boxcars; [Redacted]	Frankfurt/Oder; at 8 a.m. on 15 December	[Redacted]
2 boxcars	Tretzdorf at 1 p.m. on 1 January	[Redacted] 50X1-HUM
40 boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder; at 11 a.m. on 9 January	[Redacted] (7)
7 boxcars; [Redacted]	Frankfurt/Oder; at 8 p.m. on 10 January	[Redacted] (8)
30 boxcars [Redacted]	Frankfurt/Oder; at noon on 8 February	[Redacted] (9)
10 boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder; at 10:20 a.m. on 14 February	[Redacted]

8. Ammunition shipments which were dispatched by the ammunition depot at Toepchin between 27 January and 22 February included:

<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Destination, Time and Date</u>	
4 boxcars; [Redacted]	Altengrabow; at 6:30 p.m. on 27 January	[Redacted] 50X1-HUM
4 boxcars; [Redacted]	Roederau; at 6:30 p.m. on 27 January	[Redacted] 50X1-HUM
2 boxcars; [Redacted]	Neubrandenburg; at 6:30 p.m. on 27 January	[Redacted]
4 boxcars; [Redacted]	Altenhain; at 6:30 p.m. on 27 January	[Redacted]

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Shipment

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26 boxcars; [redacted]

Altengradow;
at 6:10 p.m. on 31 January

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6 boxcars; [redacted]

Gerwisch;
at 6:10 p.m. on 31 January

6 boxcars; [redacted]

Dannenwalde;
at 6:20 p.m. on 9 February

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5 boxcars; [redacted]

Wildpark;
at 6 p.m. on 10 February

39 boxcars; [redacted]

Altengradow;
at 5:55 p.m. on 15 February

20 boxcars; [redacted]

Unknown;
in the evening on 22 February

[redacted] (11)

Comments.

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(3) Major Marinovka, (fnu), was probably confused with Lieutenant Colonel Marenko, (fnu), who is commanding officer of the guard unit. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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(7) Probably the ammunition shipment of 38 boxcars, [redacted] which, coming from Brest Litovsk [redacted] was seen in Frankfurt/Oder on 6 January 1951. [redacted]

(8) [redacted] the same number of boxcars coming from Brest Litovsk were observed in Frankfurt/Oder on 9 January 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(9) Possibly the shipment of 30 boxcars with ammunition which came from Brest Litovsk and was observed in Frankfurt/Oder on 7 February 1951. [redacted]

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(11) Probably the shipment of 20 boxcars with ammunition which was dispatched from Finow to Toepchin [redacted] on 24 February 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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