

COUNTRY Eastern Germany REPORT NO. [Redacted]

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

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REMARKS The 3d shipment in paragraph 1 and a summary of paragraph 2 were previously reported [Redacted] 25X1

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1. Troop trains [Redacted] of the Kuetzin-Sietz railroad station between 25X1 22 and 27 July 1952 included:

Date in July	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
22	45 boxcars with soldiers and 13 empty boxcars	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
24	46 boxcars with soldiers	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
25	47 boxcars with soldiers and 6 empty boxcars	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
23	34 flatcars with 210-mm artillery pieces	Berlin	Gerdauen
	28 flatcars with artillery pieces and vehicles	Kroepelin	Kuestrin
	[Redacted] and 15 boxcars with about 300 troops with black-bordered red, red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets.		
27	16 boxcars with soldiers and 23 empty boxcars	Gerdauen	Cottbus

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2. The following troop trains [Redacted] the Berlin railroad district headquarters on 28 and 29 July:

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
28	2 boxcars 11 converted boxcars and 37 flatcars. 3 boxcars and 28 flatcars.	Eberswalde	Loburg
	1 boxcars, 5 converted boxcars and 18 flatcars, 1 converted boxcar and 14 flatcars.	Forst Zinna Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Finsterwalde Lieberose
	12 boxcars and 29 flatcars.	Alt engrabow	Drest Litovsk
	22 cars. 16 cars. 49 cars.	Eberswalde Finsterwalde Kummersdorf Forst Zinna	Altengrabow Bad Saarow Finsterwalde Finsterwalde
	2 boxcars and 13 flatcars. 10 cars.	Frankfurt/Oder	Crawinkel
	34 cars.	Frankfurt/Oder	Koenigsbrueck
29	9 boxcars and 31 flatcars. 9 boxcars and 40 flatcars. 9 boxcars 28 flatcars. 60 cars	Eberswalde Finsterwalde, Forst Zinna Frankfurt/Oder	Loburg Koenenick Jueterbog- Altes Lager Finsterwald Finsterwalde
	19 boxcars and 36 flatcars. 12 boxcars and 29 flatcars. 22 boxcars and 30 flatcars. 17 boxcars and 36 flatcars. 1 converted boxcars and 39 flatcars. 8 boxcars and 23 flatcars. 12 boxcars and 30 flatcars. 1 boxcars, 11 conver- ted boxcars and 26 flatcars with 2 field kitchens. 2 boxcars, 9 converted boxcars and 30 flatcars. 45 cars. 31 flatcars. 15 flatcars.	Eberswalde Eberswalde Kummersdorf Jueterbog- Altes Lager Ohrdruf Rathenow Boetzow Eberswalde Altengrabow Altengrabow Altengrabow Dallgow- Doeberitz Lieberose Frankfurt/Oder Frankfurt/Oder	Loburg Altengrabow Gittenberg Frankfurt/Oder Drest Litovsk Finsterwalde Altengrabow Altengrabow Koenigsbrueck Wildpark

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[redacted] on 29 July a large number of troops were loaded on 36 trains in the Halle railroad district.

2. Troop trains [redacted] the 4th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district at Potsdam between 17 and 22 July included:

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
17	9 boxcars and 18 flatcars	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Alt engrabow	25X1	25X1
19	51 flatcars with motor vehicles and 1 tank car	Templin	Wildpark	25X1	
20	4 boxcars and 2 flatcars	Drewitz	Finsterwalde		(8)
	5 boxcars and 16 flatcars	Drewitz	Wittanberge		(8)
	3 boxcars and 3 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow		
	8 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Altengrabow	Brandenburg-Altstadt		
21	14 boxcars and 40 flatcars	Sperenberg	Neubukow		25X1
22	16 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Kroepelin	Kummersdorf		
	13 boxcars and 31 flatcars	Neubukow	Kummersdorf		
	22 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Sperenberg	Kroepelin		
	54 flatcars and 1 tank car	undetermined	Wildpark		undetermined
	6 boxcars and 10 flatcars	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Altengrabow	25X1	

With the exception of the train on 19 July, all other trains carried troops and motor vehicles.

4. According to [redacted] the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station, a train of 50 boxcars with soldiers coming from Brest Litovsk arrived at Frankfurt/Oder on 20 July. The soldiers who were unarmed and without equipment were unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder. Information on their future military post could not be obtained. (1)

5. The following eastbound troop trains [redacted] the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station between 14 and 17 July: 25X1 25X1

<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>
14	4 boxcars with escorting personnel, ration supply and a field kitchen, and 43 empty converted boxcars.	Magdeburg
	3 boxcars with escorting personnel, ration supply and a field kitchen and 47 empty converted boxcars.	Frankfurt/Oder
16	14 boxcars with escorting personnel, ration supply and a field kitchen and 23 empty converted boxcars.	Kietz
17	1 boxcar with escorting personnel and 29 flatcars, including 28 flatcars, each carrying two artillery pieces probably AT guns, with a barrel length of about 3.5 to 4 and 2.5 to 3 meters. According to a German railroad man, the guns were German AT guns.	Frankfurt/Oder

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- (1) Shuttle-trains mentioned in paragraph 1, and the empty shuttle-trains in paragraph 5 have been previously reported. It is difficult to identify shuttle trains which have been indentified by on the exchange movement of military personnel, which started on about 15 July 1952, However, a conservative estimate indicates, that at least 11 trains with replacements arrived in Eastern Germany via Kuestrin, Frankfurt/Oder and Guben up to 27 July 1952.
- (2) Shipments of 210-mm artillery pieces mentioned in paragraph 1 or of AT guns as described in paragraph 5 are reported for the first time.
- (3) Compare with similar observations on the unloading of a troop train of the 32nd AAA Div at Kuestrin-Kietz.
- (4) These troop trains probably carried units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, possibly AA guns and rocket launchers, to the Altengrabow troop training grounds. was observed on two different days and this is not believed to be the usual practice.
- (5) previously reported that cars had to be made available at the Kammersdorf and Forst Zinna railroad stations on 23 July 1952. Thus it is assumed that together with signal units of the COFG, the First and Third Gds Mecz Army and of the Eight Gds Army, and also signal units of the IV Arty Corps from Rathenow and Frankfurt/Oder are participating in the command-post exercise in the Finsterwalde area. On 28 and 29 July 1952, small elements may have returned from the command-post exercise to their home stations.
- (6) Two troop trains probably carrying components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div were dispatched from Jueterbog to Lieberose on 27 July 1952.
- (7) It may be possible that the troop train from Kammersdorf to Wittenberg carried a unit which was also to participate in the command-post exercise mentioned in Field Comment (5). As early as 20 July 1952, a troop train, probably with a signal unit of the COFG, went to Finsterwalde and Wittenberg.
- (8) Two troop trains have been previously dispatched from Jueterbog to Frankfurt/Oder between 10 and 14 July 1952, including one train probably with a component of the 32nd AAA Div (US). The troop train mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report probably carried another component of the above division.
- (9) Probably a component of the 31st AAA Div which moved to Altengrabow.
- (10) Doeberitz as receiving station indicates that the train carried a component of the 1st Mecz Div.
- (11) Seven of the trooptrains mentioned in paragraph 3 have been previously observed