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Soviet Troop Trains

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EVALUATION

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26 August 1952

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. Troop trains listed in the records of the Rangsdorf railroad station on 25 July 1952 included: A train of 8 boxcars and 18 flatcars, [redacted] with troops from Trebbin to Finsterwalde; a train of 10 boxcars and 44 flatcars with troops from Forst Zinna to Fuerstenwalde; and a train of 5 boxcars and 42 flatcars with artillery from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Frankfurt/Oder. (1)
2. The following troop trains were listed in the records of the 4th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district between 1 and 3 August:

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<u>Date in August</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
1	24 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Altengrabow	Wildpark	(2)
	16 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Altengrabow	Wildpark	(2)
	8 boxcars and 17 flatcars	Altengrabow	Brandenburg	(2)
	36 boxcars and 10 flatcars	Altengrabow	Wildpark	(2)
	7 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Dallgow- Doberitz	Forst Zinna	(2)

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25X1	2	14 boxcars and 33 flatcars with 152-mm artillery pieces, caterpillar tractors, and trucks	Altengrabow	Wildpark	[Redacted]	(2)
25X1		[Redacted]				
25X1		10 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Neustrelitz	Luckenwalde	[Redacted]	(3)
25X1	3	11 boxcars and 42 flatcars	Neustrelitz	Luckenwalde	[Redacted]	(3)
		19 boxcars with ammunition and 13 crash cars	Loewenberg	Toepchin and Pfaffendorf	[Redacted]	25X1

4. Troop trains listed in the records of the Dobrilugk-Kirchhain railroad station between 26 and 30 July included: 25X1

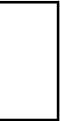
<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Number of Axles</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
26	80	Weimar	Dobrilugk
	58	Falkenberg	Finsterwalde
27	99	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg
28	120	Ohrdruf	Dobrilugk
29	116	Weimar	Oppelhain-Rueckersdorf
	64	Weimar	Dobrilugk
	84	Leipzig	Dobrilugk
			Troops with black epaulets
	66	Magdeburg	Oppelhain-Rueckersdorf
			Troops with black-bordered red epaulets
	90	Ohrdruf	Dobrilugk
			Troops with black-bordered red epaulets
30	49	Weimar	Dobrilugk
	82	Jueterbog	Finsterwalde

[Large Redacted Area]



Only some of the above trains were observed by source. Troops have been repeatedly shipped on regular trains, mostly on freight trains. The loading ramps at the Finsterwalde, Dobrilugk, Oppelrain-Rueckersdorf and Gehren railroad stations were inspected by representatives of the Soviet Army. A lieutenant stated that five divisions should be unloaded in this area. (5)

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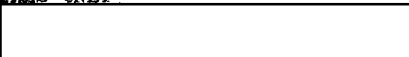


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4. The following troop trains were listed in the records of the Berlin railroad district headquarters between 2 and 6 August:

<u>Date in August</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2	10 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Neustrelitz	Luckenwalde
	2 boxcars, 12 converted boxcars, and 37 flatcars	Altengrabow	Neuruppin
	16 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	24 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow
3	1 boxcar, 12 converted boxcars and 31 flatcars	Rosslau	Wildpark
	1 boxcar, 9 converted boxcars and 27 flatcars	Altengrabow	Neuruppin
	13 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Neuruppin	Altengrabow
4	45 cars	Finsterwalde	Neustrelitz
	33 cars	Cottbus	?
	16 cars	Cottbus	?
5	26 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow
6	15 cars; hospital train	Guben	Beelitz
	6 boxcars and 48 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	12 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Eberswalde	Lieberose

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- 25X1 Comments.
- (1) All troop trains mentioned have been previously observed [redacted] 25X1  
 The train from Trebbin probably carried elements of the unidentified signal  
 25X1 regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army, the other train from Forst Zinna  
 elements of the Army headquarters of this army, and the third train from  
 Jueterbog components of the 32nd AAA Div (US).
- (2) The troop trains with Wildpark, Brandenburg and Forst Zinna as receiving  
 25X1 stations were observed [redacted]  
 [redacted] the vehicles observed on the train  
 25X1 [redacted] belong to the 34th Arty Div (US); this  
 supports the previous assumption that components of this division have  
 25X1 returned to Potsdam.
- (3) The two troop trains from Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde probably carried  
 25X1 artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div. A troop train [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] was previously observed transporting combined artillery unit of the  
 1st Mecz Div to Forst Zinna on 1 August 1952, and therefore it is believed  
 25X1 that, as from February to April 1952, artillery units of the Second Gds Mecz  
 Army will again be retated for firing practices with live ammunition to the  
 Jueterbog troop training grounds.
- (4) [redacted] shuttle-train [redacted] transporting soldiers was 25X1  
 25X1 dispatched from Falkenberg to Jueterbog or Drewitz. [redacted] 25X1
- (5) Another source in the Dobrilugk area had previously reported that six 25X1  
 25X1 troop trains from Weimar and Leipzig allegedly were unloaded in the above  
 area between 26 and 27 July 1952; and two eastbound troop trains leaving  
 Weimar were observed by another source on 26 July 1952. [redacted]  
 A troop train carrying vehicles [redacted] belonging 25X1  
 to the Third Shock Army was observed at the Wittenberg railroad station [redacted] 25X1  
 25X1 [redacted] on 29 July 1952. [redacted] Several troop  
 25X1 trains mentioned in the reference reports are confirmed in the present  
 report. The statement by the Soviet lieutenant on the assembling of five  
 divisions in the Finsterwalde, Dobrilugk, Opperhain-Rueckersdorf and Gehren  
 area is given no credence; he probably referred to components of five  
 divisions which participated in the command-post field exercise.
- (6) The troop trains possibly carried elements of the unidentified artillery  
 25X1 battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div which returned to Neuruppin. A motor  
 25X1 vehicle of this unit was observed at Altengrabow on 24 July 1952. [redacted] 25X1  
 25X1 [redacted] There is no evidence, however, when these elements were  
 moved to Altengrabow. Components of the 12th Gds Tank Div enroute to  
 Altengrabow were observed last on 8 June 1952, and returning from Altengrabow  
 to Neuruppin on 22 June 1952. [redacted] 25X1
- (7) It is fairly definitely believed that these trains carried elements of the  
 unidentified artillery brigade of the 34th Arty Div (US), stationed in the  
 southern sector of the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam, from Wildpark to Altengrabow.  
 25X1 It is noticeable, however, that, compared with  
 25X1 the previous information [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] three troop 25X1  
 25X1 trains [redacted] went from Altengrabow to Wildpark between 25X1  
 31 July and 2 August 1952, and two troop trains [redacted]  
 25X1 on 1 and 2 August 1952. [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] [redacted] 25X1
- (8) The train probably carried a unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, possibly  
 the 312th Gds RL Regt, elements of which were previously at the Lieberose  
 troop training grounds for short-term field practices in mid-June 1952.

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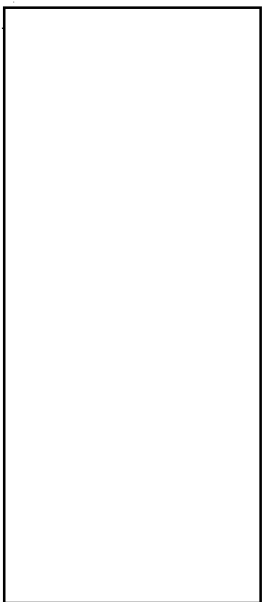
REMARKS



- On 21 July 1952, a troop train with soldiers, 8 to 10 heavy AA guns and about 25 trucks [redacted] passed through Loewenberg toward Fuerstenberg. (1)
- The following troop trains were listed in the records of the 4th Subdistrict Office of the Potsdam railroad district between 22 and 27 July:

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
22	4 boxcars with Volkspolizei	Brandenburg	Pinnow
	9 boxcars and 16 flatcars	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Altengrabow
26	13 boxcars and 20 flatcars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Eberwalde
	9 boxcars and 20 flatcars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Eberwalde
	2 boxcars and 4 flatcars	Wildpark	Jobrilugh-Kirchhain
27	14 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Teuplin
	19 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Teuplin



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25X1 5 gondola cars and Beeskow Wildpark: [redacted]  
 25X1 32 flatcars [redacted]  
 25X1 40 gondola cars Beeskow Wildpark: [redacted]  
 and 4 flatcars [redacted]  
 25X1 44 boxcars with Kuestrin Drewitz  
 soldiers [redacted]  
 25X1 With exception of the train with Volkspolizei on 22 July and shuttle-  
 25X1 train [redacted] on 27 July, all other trains carried troops and motor vehicles. (2)

3. Troop trains identified [redacted] between 29 and 31 July included:

Date in July	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
29	8 boxcars and 22 flatcars	Rathenow	Finsterwalde
30	2 boxcars and 47 flatcars	Koenigsbrueck	Wildpark
31	28 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Dallgow	Forst Zinna

4. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel were observed aboard leave trains in Frankfurt/Oder between 25 and 31 July:

Date in July	To Brest Litovsk	From Brest Litovsk
25	190 and 180	220 and 250
26	170 and 180	230 and 240
27	180 and 160	250 and 220
28	190 and 170	230 and 240
29	180 and 160	240 and 250

(5)

5. The following troop trains were [redacted] observed [redacted] between 20 and 30 July:

Date in July	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
20	15 boxcars, 37 flatcars and 5 SS-type flatcars; [redacted]	Sperenberg	Neubukow
21	22 boxcars, 33 flatcars and 2 SS-type flatcars	Sperenberg	Kroepelin

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25X1	26	36 boxcars, 54 flatcars, 10 SS-type flatcars and 8 gondola cars	Forst Zinna	Templin and Eberswalde	
	27	12 boxcars, 26 flatcars and 4 SS-type flatcars	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Templin	
	28	20 boxcars, 64 flatcars and 26 SS-type flatcars	Forst Zinna	Finsterwalde	
	29	22 boxcars, 14 flatcars and 16 SS-type flatcars	Kummersdorf	Wittenberg	
25X1		17 boxcars, 28 flatcars and 8 SS-type flatcars	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Frankfurt/Oder	
	30	29 boxcars, 49 flatcars and 9 SS-type flatcars	Weisswasser	Frankfurt/Oder	
		7 boxcars, 19 flatcars and 8 SS-type flatcars	Sperenberg	Finsterwalde	

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6. On 29 July, a troop train [redacted] of 8 boxcars with soldiers and 22 flatcars carrying artillery pieces of 75 mm and motor vehicles was observed at the Kuestrin railroad station. The train went to Finsterwalde. (7)

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7. Troop trains [redacted] on 31 July and 1 August included:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
31 July	20 converted boxcars and 65(?) flatcars with vehicles and AA guns	Dallgow	Forst Zinna
1 August	6 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 29 flatcars with troops and vehicles	Dallgow	Altengrabow

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Comments.

- (1) The troop train mentioned in paragraph 1 is identical with either the train on 20 July 1952 or the train on 21 July 1952 mentioned in paragraph 5; the two trains carried components of the 2nd Gds AAA Div to the Wustrow AAA Range. [redacted] present report confirms an unidentified unit of the 2nd Gds AAA Div

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until 21 July 1952. [redacted]

- 25X1 [redacted]
- 25X1 (2) The first to fourth and sixth and seventh troop trains were repeatedly reported [redacted] The train leaving Wildpark on 26 July 1952 probably carried a small unit to the signal command-post exercise in the Finsterwalde area. [redacted] 56th Mtr Trans Regt of the GDFG in Potsdam until 27 July 1952. Shuttle-train [redacted] went from Kuestrin to Jueterbog on 26 July 1952, but Drewitz as dispatching station is reported for the first time. [redacted]
- 25X1 (3) Compare with the same observation [redacted]
- 25X1 (4) The entraining of a combined artillery unit of the 1st Mecz Div at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station was reported [redacted] on 31 July 1952, while [redacted] a troop train of the same division 3 km west-south-west of Luckenwalde on 1 August 1952. It is believed that the above observations are identical with those mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 7. [redacted] the Hq 1st Mecz Div.
- 25X1 (5) The volume of daily leave traffic from and to Brest Litovsk, which was somewhat below the average in mid-June 1952, seems to have increased.
- 25X1 (6) The two troop trains mentioned in paragraph 5 are probably identical with two of the group of trains [redacted] mentioned in paragraph [redacted] 288th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from Frankfurt/Oder until 27 July 1952; [redacted] unidentified AAA regiment of the 63d AAA Div (US) from Eberswalde until 26 July 1952.
- 25X1 (7) [redacted] three troop trains [redacted] were dispatched from Forst Zinna to Finsterwalde on 28 and 29 July 1952. [redacted] The troop train on 30 July 1952 mentioned in paragraph 5 of the present report was previously reported [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] troop train [redacted] mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present report, came from Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] The information of the reference report is given more credence. It is definitely believed, however, that the above train carried a component of the 32nd AAA Div (US).
- 25X1 (8) The troop train from Kammersdorf to Wittenberg mentioned in paragraph 5 was previously identified [redacted] Early on 30 July 1952, a troop train carrying AA guns [redacted] of the Third Gds Mecz Army, which came from the direction of Jueterbog, was unloaded at Wittenberg. It is thus believed that a component of the 62nd AAA Div (US) was transferred to Wittenberg.
- 25X1 (9) The troop train from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Frankfurt/Oder mentioned in paragraph 5 [redacted] confirms an unidentified AAA Regt of the 32nd AAA Div (US) in Frankfurt/Oder until 29 July 1952.
- 25X1 (10) Compare with the same information [redacted]
- [redacted] of the present report [redacted] Hq 1st Mecz Div in Doeberitz until 1 August 1952.

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