

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 21 April 1953

REFERENCES _____

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REMARKS _____

1. Railroad cars with military personnel from Brest Litovsk to Rosengarten crossing the border near Frankfurt/Oder on 3 and 5 March 1953 included: 51 cars on 3 March; and 21 cars on 5 March.
2. Troop trains to Cottbus observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 27 and 28 March included: a train of 8 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with about 200 troops, 15 AA guns and 25 trucks, [redacted] on 27 March; and a train of 12 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with a troop unit, AA guns and 22 trucks, [redacted].
3. On 26 March, a troop train of 9 boxcars with a troop unit and an undetermined number of flatcars with artillery pieces and trucks, [redacted] was observed at the Wusternmark railroad station. The train went to Doeberitz.²
4. Troop trains to Ruegen Island observed at the Stralsund railroad station on 25 March and 2 April included; a train of 30 boxcars and 15 flatcars, including 1 flatcar carrying a JS-1 tank, on 25 March; and a train of 50 boxcars on 2 April.³
5. Troop trains [redacted] on 3 April included: a train of 9 boxcars, 23 flatcars and 5 SS-type flatcars with an air force unit from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Cottbus; and a train of 3 boxcars, 6 flatcars and 3 SS-type flatcars from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Spremberg.⁴
6. The following troop trains passed through the Muellrose railroad station on 28 and 29 March:

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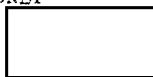
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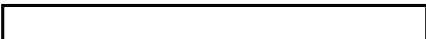


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<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
28	40 flatcars with AA guns and trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	toward Cottbus
	11 boxcars with a troop unit and 15 flatcars with vehicles	Frankfurt/Oder	toward Cottbus
29	10 converted boxcars with a troop unit and 30 flatcars with AA guns and trucks	undetermined	toward Cottbus
	5 flatcars with 2 tanks and 2 trucks, 	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder
	17 flatcars with aircraft parts, radio trucks and tank trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	toward Cottbus
	8 boxcars with a troop unit and 25 flatcars with trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterbog-Altes Lager

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 7. Troop trains included:  between 8 and 10 April

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Combination of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
8	60 axles	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
	14 boxcars and 36 flatcars	Wustermark	Neustrelitz
	51 cars	Dallgow-Doerberitz	Neustrelitz
9	7 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Neustrelitz	Dallgow-Doerberitz
	20 boxcars and 31 flatcars	Dallgow-Doerberitz	Neustrelitz
	22 boxcars and 35 flatcars	Dallgow-Doerberitz	Neustrelitz
10	12 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Loburg	Finow

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8. On 10 April, four tank loading ramps were dispatched from the Dobrilugk-Kirchhain railroad station to Spremberg.⁹

1. Comment. The two troop trains reported in paragraph 2 carried components of the 32nd AAA Div (US). It is definitely believed that the four troop trains reported in paragraph 6 of the present report also include the above trains of the 32nd AAA Div (US). As the troop train went to Jueterbog, these trains probably were also bound for Jueterbog.

2. Comment. The troop train belongs to three trains carrying elements of the 2nd Light Arty Brig (US) which returned to Doeberitz from combat firing practices at Jueterbog.

3. Comment. On 29 March 1953, a northbound troop train with tanks coming from a southerly direction was observed at Bergen on Ruegen Island the unit previously stationed at Bergen had left and another unit had arrived. At present, the occupation of Ruegen Island cannot definitely be determined.

4. Comment. Although it is believed possible that, according to the planned enlargement of the airfield, the two air force regiments stationed at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield will be transferred, it is rather improbable that they move to Cottbus where VFL was confirmed. Thus, the troop train to Cottbus probably carried a component of the 9th Mecz Div which, on 14 March 1953, had left for Jueterbog for field exercises.

5. Comment. elements of the 286th Gds AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div were loaded on this train. On 7 and 8 April 1953 preparations for a final transfer of the units stationed in Wittenberg to the Werder-Markersdorf troop training grounds, probably for summer training. Thus, the troop train possibly was the first train of a troop movement from Wittenberg to Forst Zinna during the next days.

6. Comment. the four troop trains carried elements of the 2nd Light Arty Brig (US) loaded at the Doeberitz railroad station. five trains to have been loaded. As apparently the entire billeting equipment and also uniformed women were loaded, it is believed that the brigade left for summer training. In 1952, the brigade was stationed in a camp in the Speck area west of Neustrelitz during the summer.

7. Comment. The troop train probably carried a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div which returned to Doeberitz after completion of field exercises in the Neustrelitz area.

8. Comment. The train probably carried an air force AAA unit which returned to Finow airfield after completion of combat firing practice at Altengrabow.

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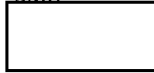
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9.  Comment.  after 10 April 1953, the 30th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mecz Div was to be transferred for summer training, probably to Weisswasser. In 1952, the regiment had moved on 14 April.

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