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 TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 50X1-HUM

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REMARKS _____

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1. Up to 4 October 1953, _____ on and after 1 October, about 30 trains were to be made available every day in the Magdeburg railroad district for transportation of Soviet troops. 1

2. _____ the following troop trains were loaded between 29 September and 9 October: 50X1-HUM

Date	Number of Trains	Loading Station	Receiving Station
September 25	3; totaling 23 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 105 flatcars	Wurzen	undetermined
October 1	2	Dessau	Weimar 3
2	2	"	undetermined
6	2; totaling 4 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 29 flatcars	Grimma	Schwepnitz 3 50X1-HUM
7	1	Dessau	undetermined 3
8	2	Angersdorf	" 5
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3. [redacted] on and after 1 October, about 25 troop trains from Haldensleben were unloaded in the Dessau, Rosslau and Zerbst area. On 1 October, about 12 troop trains with tank units from Thuringia were unloaded at Halle; trucks observed [redacted] 6 50X1-HUM
4. On 3 October, [redacted] the unloading of a troop train with rocket launchers at the Bernau railroad station. 7 50X1-HUM
5. [redacted] railroad cars to be made available between 4 and 10 October included: 8 converted boxcars and 109 flatcars at Bernau; 6 converted boxcars and 16 flatcars at Buch; 3 converted boxcars and 17 flatcars at Wustermark; 4 converted boxcars and 17 flatcars at Zepernick; 9 converted boxcars and 33 flatcars at Hennigsdorf; 6 converted boxcars and 22 flatcars at Schoeneweide; and 1 converted boxcar and 23 flatcars at Halle. 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] on 4, 5 and 6 October, 20 troop trains totalling 87 converted boxcars and 284 flatcars were loaded at Bernau, Buch and Zepernick. The trains left toward Templin, Prenzlau and Zehdenick. 8 50X1-HUM
7. On 5 October, a troop train of 10 express coaches and 6 boxcars with about 150 air force officers and dependents was observed at the Stralsund railroad station. The train came from Damgarten and proceeded toward Frankfurt/Oder. 9 50X1-HUM
8. On 6 October, an AT unit was unloaded at the Prenzlau railroad station. [redacted] 8 50X1-HUM
9. On 9 October, the unloading of a unit with about 20 T-34 tanks and large billeting equipment was observed at the Prenzlau railroad station. [redacted] 10 50X1-HUM
10. Troop trains passing through the Muellrose railroad station on 8 and 9 October included: a train of 1 boxcar and 10 flatcars with soldiers and 10 tanks; and another train of 1 boxcar and 9 flatcars with soldiers and 9 tanks on 8 October; and a train of 1 boxcar and 10 flatcars with soldiers and 10 tanks on 9 October. The trains came from Lieberose and went to Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] 11 50X1-HUM
11. On 9 October, a troop train of 58 axles, including 28 converted boxcars, was dispatched from Berlin-East to Rathenow. 50X1-HUM
12. On 10 October, three troop trains went from Rathenow to Goeschwitz. [redacted] 13 50X1-HUM
13. On 10 October, railroad cars to be made available included: 57 converted boxcars at Jueterbog, and 10 converted boxcars at Pankow. 12 50X1-HUM
1. [redacted] Comment. Between 1 and 4 October 1953, units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, the 10th Gds Tank Div with contingents of the 71st Light Arty Brig [redacted], and the 63rd AAA Div [redacted] were dispatched from the Magdeburg railroad district. The units had participated in the field exercises of the Third Shock Army. The 7th Gds Tank Div departed from Letzling Heath during the same period. 50X1-HUM

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2. Comment. The three troop trains carried elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which moved toward Dresden. 50X1-HUM
3. Comment. Between 1 and 4 October 1953, engineer units left Dessau toward Thuringia on four troop trains, including elements of the 19th Gds Ener Bn of the Eighth Gds Army which went to Weimar on 1 October 1953.
4. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.
5. Comment. The troop trains dispatched from Angersdorf near Halle probably carried components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div while the troop trains from Altenburg were loaded with army artillery units of the Eighth Gds Army. The troops were hauled to field exercises of the Eighth Gds Army which started in the Erfurt - Jena area on about 11 October 1953.
6. Comment. Components of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Haldensleben arrived in the Dessau - Rosslau - Zerbst area, while the troop trains unloaded at Halle carried components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Losaa. 50X1-HUM
7. Comment. The rocket launchers possibly belonged to the 52nd Gds RL Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
8. Comment. on 4, 5 and 6 October 1953, a total of 18 troop trains carried components of the 25th Tank Div from Bernau and Buch back to their home stations. On 6 October 1953, probably elements of the unidentified artillery regiment of the 25th Tank Div were unloaded at Prenzlau. 50X1-HUM
9. Comment. the troop train which went from Dangarten to Brest Litovsk. 50X1-HUM
10. Comment. This troop train was loaded with tanks of the 25th Tank Div. The train probably was observed passing through Hammelspring toward Templin at 2 p.m. on 8 October 1953.
11. Comment. On 8 October 1953, two troop trains carrying tanks of the 84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div with the same dispatching and receiving stations. 50X1-HUM
12. Comment. The dispatching and assembling of converted boxcars probably was connected with the expected repatriation of discharges to the USSR. 50X1-HUM
13. Comment. according to observations at Rathenow, carried contingents of the 25th RL Brig to field exercises of the Eighth Gds Army in Thuringia.

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